

## APPLEFORD-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall,  
Appleford on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2011

**Present:** Alan Sharp (Chair), Audrey Sharp, Chris Martin,  
Mark Richards  
**In attendance:** Judy Beck (Clerk),  
**Apologies:** Stewart Lilly (County Councillor)  
**Members of the Public:** 0

### **11/14 Apologies for Absence**

None.

### **11/15 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.**

None.

### **11/16 Public Participation**

No members of the public attended.

### **11/17 Minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

The minutes were approved as a correct record of the meeting, and the Chairman signed accordingly.

### **11/18 District Councillor's Report**

None.

### **11/19 Matters Arising from the Minutes and Matters of Urgency**

- a) Landscaping at the recreation ground. Clearance work has started.
- b) Recreational allotments. The council agreed to hold a public meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> March, to gain villagers' views on each of the three uses for the land so far proposed;
  - 1) allotments
  - 2) community orchard and meadow, and
  - 3) private rent.
- c) Vacancy to the office of councillor. It was agreed that the vacancy would remain unfilled until the elections in May.

### **11/20 Pressings**

The next edition will be published at the beginning of March. Cllr Richards will write an introduction and other articles on behalf of the council. The council will print out copies instead of asking WRG to providing printing facilities. The clerk will ask Mrs Jones if villagers will still distribute hard copies around the village.

### **11/21 County Councillor's Report**

Cllr Lilly had sent his apologies but had provided an update to the chairman on matters of interest including; Milton Bridge works will run until July; the County Council budget will be set on 15 February; the level crossing at Appleford.

**11/22 Recreation Ground**

- a) Football and Cricket: the chairman had contacted Mr Thomas, who still wants to base a cricket team at Appleford. St Edmunds Football Club had written to express their interest in continuing to play at Appleford, and their concerns about proposed changes to the pitch. The council agreed to ask Mr Thomas to put forward a written proposal for a cricket pitch, with detailed requirements for matches. The chairman will reply to St Edmunds to reassure them.
- b) Car Park resurfacing. The clerk to order the aggregate, some wooden posts, and hire equipment ready for resurfacing work on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March. The council will ask for volunteers to help.
- c) Gym equipment/clearance work. Arborcare is still working on the ground clearance but should be completed soon. The clerk will order the gym equipment for end of March. Cllrs Richards and Martin will draw up a detailed plan for installation.

**11/23 Correspondence**

A letter had been received regarding the state of the litter bins at the recreation ground. The council had previously requested that the village hall management committee clear the bins outside the hall but nothing had been done as yet. The council will review at the next meeting.

**11/24 Finance**

## a) Payments

The following payments were authorised:

<i>Chq</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>£ detail</i>	<i>£ total</i>
970	Spanglefish	Website Upgrade VAT Total	20.79 4.16	24.95
971	J Beck	Laser printer and toner		79.96
972	Oxfordshire County Council	Salt/grit bin VAT Total	160.00 32.00	192.00
973	J Beck	Clerks salary and allowances Feb 2011  TOTAL PAYABLE	218.48	218.48
974	Chris Martin	Expenses for repair of village noticeboard		93.50

**11/25 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

None.

**11/26 LIAISON MEETINGS**

Cllr Martin had attended a meeting at WRG – nothing to report.

**11/27 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be the parish council meeting on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March, starting at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

**11/28 Close of Meeting**

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.14 pm.

Signed ..... Date .....