

**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> March 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

**11/29 Apologies for Absence**

None.

**11/30 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.**

None.

**11/31 Public Participation**

No members of the public attended.

**11/32 Minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2011**

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

**11/33 District Councillor's Report**

None.

**11/34 Matters Arising from the Minutes**

- a) Landscaping at the recreation ground. Clearance work has started. Arborcare have been told to return to grind out the roots.
- b) The siting of the Gym equipment has been agreed and the installers instructed to liaise with Cllr Martin.
- c) Recreational allotments. A public meeting will be held on the 21<sup>st</sup> March, to gain villagers' views on each of the three uses for the land so far proposed, namely;  
1) allotments 2) community orchard and meadow, and 3) private rent. Possible grant funding for the fencing and gate has been identified, but this can wait until the use of the land is decided.

**11/35 Matters of Urgency**

- a) Village Hall Management Committee:  
Cllr Richards had cleared away the waste built up outside the village hall since the Village Hall Management Committee had not done so.

The council is also concerned at the ivy growing at the rear of the building into the roof. The clerk to arrange a meeting between the council and the village hall management committee.

- b) Rabbits at the Recreation Ground. The council resolved to take action to eliminate the rabbits.
- c) Waste lorries travelling through the village. Cllr Richards will write to Verdant to complain and Cllr Martin will raise this issue with WRG at the next liaison meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> March.
- d) It was agreed that the Community Roadwatch signs be left in current position for now.
- e) Zipwire and rocker repairs. The chairman has contacted the supplier about the broken zipwire spring and a part is on order. The cockerel rocker has also broken and has been removed from the play area pending a quote for repair.
- f) Village noticeboard. Awaiting price for repair.

#### **11/36 Reports from district and county Councils**

None.

#### **11/37 Correspondence**

Items of correspondence had been circulated during the month and a record kept on file.

#### **11/38 Finance**

The following payments had been made since the last council meeting in February:

<i>Chq</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>VAT</i>	<i>£ total payment</i>
975	Hanson Aggregates	Aggregate for car park resurfacing	37.00	222.00
976	Didcot Plant Hire	Excavator for car park	49.13	342.79
977	Travis Perkins	Posts for car park	21.00	126.00

The following cheques were authorised for payment:

<i>Chq</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>VAT</i>	<i>£ total</i>
978	J Beck	Clerks salary/expenses/ allowance March	0.00	227.75

979	Village Hall Management Committee	Hire of Hall	0.00	25.00
980	Fresh-Air Fitness	Installation of gym equipment at Recreation Ground	3,245.81	21,793.31

**11/39 Planning Applications**

None.

**11/40 Liaison Meetings**

None.

**11/41 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting is the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

**11/42 Close of Meeting**

There being no further business the chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.03pm

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