

APPLEFORD-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall,
Appleford on Monday 3rd May 2011

Present: Alan Sharp (Chair), Chris Martin,
Mark Richards

In attendance: Judy Beck (Clerk),

Apologies: Stewart Lilly (County Councillor)

Members of the Public: 0

11/43 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Audrey Sharp.

11/44 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

None.

11/45 Public Participation

Six members of the public attended. The village newsletter, The Pressings, was discussed. There was support for maintaining the church content and not to restrict it. Options for publishing the newsletter and distribution of hard copy were discussed.

11/46 Update on the election

Only two nominations had been received for the five vacancies, and Cllrs Martin and Richards had been duly appointed. The council cannot meet until the quorum of 3 councillors can be called. A further election will be called by the District Council.

11/47 District and County Councillor Reports

None.

11/48 Minutes of the meeting held on 7th March 2011

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

11/49 Matters Arising from the Minutes

- a) The clearance work at the recreation ground. The council agreed the Parish Trust could grant the money to the parish council to pay for this work.
- b) Recreational allotments (level crossing common land). Cllr Richards confirmed that Network Rail will address any issues with the trees along the crossing and railway line.
- c) Measures had been taken to eliminate the rabbits at the recreation ground.
- d) Verdant lorries are still coming through village and Cllr Richards will write to complain.

- e) Repairs to the Aerial runway. Still awaiting delivery of part for repair.
- f) Village Noticeboard. The old board is beyond repair and the council authorised the purchase of a replacement of the same size and type.
- g) Gym equipment is now in situ and the Clerk will add to the insurance policy.

11/50 Village Hall and Recreation Ground

- a) The Village Hall Management Committee Minutes were noted.
- b) There was no further development for the proposed cricket club at Appleford.

11/51 Finance

- a) The council's Standing Orders and Finance Regulations were reviewed and no changes made.
- b) The council's Risk Register was reviewed and updated.
- c) Payment of Accounts

The following payments had been made since the last council meeting on 7th February 2011.

Chq	Payee	For	VAT	£ total
981	Village Hall Management Committee	Hire of Hall		25.00
982	P Ilbery	Pest control (rabbits) at recreation ground		280.00
983	OALC	Subscription 2011-12	22.18	135.07
984	Fresh-air Fitness	Replacement cheque for 980 (cancelled): installation of gym equipment	3,709.50	22,257.00
985	J Beck	Clerks Salary/expenses April		218.48

The following payments were authorised:

Chq	Payee	For	VAT	£ total
986	J Beck	Clerks salary and allowances May 2011		
		TOTAL PAYABLE		218.48
987	Arbocare Ltd	Clearance at Recreation Ground VAT	323.75	

		TOTAL PAYABLE	2173.75
988	ORCC	Subscription 11/12	30.00

Appleford Community Project Account

<i>Chq</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>VAT</i>	<i>£ total</i>
011	Playdale	Aerial Runway spring VAT	6.02	
		TOTAL PAYABLE		36.13

- d) The council agreed to re-appoint Mr Roger Symes as internal auditor.
- e) The council reviewed and agreed the year end summary of accounts.

11/52 Planning

Ref 11/00933/CM: Waste Recycling Group Appleford Sidings Appleford Didcot Oxfordshire OX14 4PW. Details Pursuant to Condition 73 of Planning Permission SUT/616/59-CM.

11/53 Liaison meetings

Cllr Martin had attended the latest WRG meeting.

11/54 Correspondence

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

11/55 Date of next council meeting

The next meeting cannot be held before a quorum of 3 councillors is appointed.

11/56 Close of Meeting

There being no further business the chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.56 pm

Signed Date