

APPLEFORD-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall,
Appleford on Monday 5th September 2011

Present: Mark Richards (Chair), Andrew Helby, Paul Horton

In attendance: Judy Beck (Clerk), Stewart Lilly (County Councillor)

Apologies: 0

Members of the Public: 1

11/74 Apologies for Absence

None.

11/75 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

None.

11/76 Vacancy to the office of Councillor

The two vacancies had been advertised since the last meeting, and no requests for election received by the District Council. The council to proceed to advertise the vacancies for co-option.

11/77 Public Participation

One member of the public was in attendance.

11/78 Appointments to Village Committees and Organisations

The council agreed to ask Mrs Sharpe to continue as representative to the Appleford United charity, and to wait until the council vacancies were filled before appointing to the Village Hall Committee.

11/79 Appleford Community Project (ACP)

The Appleford Community Project wishes to stage a Fireworks Event on 4 November 2011, and a Village Fete on 26 May 2012. The council agreed in principle to authorise these events, provided adequate insurance arrangements are put in place by the ACP.

11/80 District and County Councillor Reports

The District Councillor had been invited to submit a written report to the council but none had been received.

County Councillor Stewart Lilly gave an update to the meeting about various matters including: WRG MBT application; winter salt supplies; Big Society Funding; Boundary Commission Review, and the South Oxfordshire Core Strategy.

11/81 Minutes of the meeting held on 5th September 2011

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

11/82 Matters Arising from the Minutes

- a) Rabbits at the Recreation Ground: the exterminator will be booked for October/November.
- b) Mr Flinders had organised the repairs to the play equipment.
- c) Groundworks at the Recreation Ground: awaiting further quotes.
- d) Wooden posts will be cemented in around the car park.
- e) Heavy Goods Vehicles are still coming through the village. Cllr Richards had written to BIFFA to complain. The council agreed to prepare a template letter of complaint for publication on the website for anyone to complete and submit.

11/83 Oxfordshire County Council Bus Review

It was resolved to respond to the review, and the clerk will draft a response for circulation.

11/84 Vehicle Activated Signs for Main Road

The council has requested a grant from the Appleford Parish Trust to fund vehicle activated signs along Main Road, to be installed by Oxfordshire County Council.

11/85 Dog Waste Bins

The clerk to contact the District Council to request a further dog bin by the Church, and a larger bin at the Recreation Ground.

11/86 Recreation Ground

a) The council discussed options to restrict access to the recreation ground and resolved that a height bar was too expensive. Cllr Richards has obtained three quotes for fencing off the ground, but this would be over £9,000. The clerk to investigate options for funding with the County Councillor.

b) The recent Annual Risk Assessment of the Recreation Ground and Play Area was reviewed. The council resolved to keep the rocking horse, and to ask Mr Flinders to take on the regular RoSPA check of the play area.

11/87 Correspondence

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

a) A request had been received from the County Council to consider a change of name for the main bus stop now that the name of the Carpenters Arms has changed. The council agreed the stop would now be named Appleford Centre.

b) The council had received a letter of complaint on behalf of the Gale Estate concerning damage to crops by travellers parked on the Recreational Allotments. It was agreed that no further action was required.

11/88 Liaison meetings

Cllr Horton and Mr Ian Cook will attend the next WRG liaison meeting.

11/89 Planning

a) Planning Application for Mechanical Biological treatment (MBT) plant at Sutton Courtenay waste management site.
Representation to be made to the Oxfordshire County Council planning meeting.

b) Bridge Farm APF-SUT-18215-CM Condition 19 Gravel Extraction
The clerk to seek clarification over what plan is in place for restoration of the land after extraction is complete.

c) South Oxfordshire Core Strategy
Cllr Helby to draft a response from the council for presentation at the 8 November meeting, in consultation with Long Wittenham Parish Council.

11/90 Finance

a) Payment of Accounts

The following payments had been made since the last council meeting on 27th June 2011.

<i>Chq</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>VAT</i>	<i>£ total</i>
999	Jim Boyland	Grasscutting - June	99.00	594.00
1000	J Beck	Clerk's Salary + expenses July		181.48
1001	Jim Boyland	Grasscutting - July	111.00	666.00
1002	J Beck	Clerk's Salary + expenses August		181.48

The following payments were authorised:

<i>Chq</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>VAT</i>	<i>£ total</i>
1003	J Beck	Clerks salary and allowances September 2011		181.48
1004	Arien Signs	Noticeboard	78.00	468.00
1005	CPRE	Membership 2011/12		29.00
1006	J Beck	Expenses		33.11
1007	J Boyland	Grass Cutting & Tree Work - August	112.20	673.20
1008	A Helby	Expenses: Paper for Pressings		14.28

11/91 Date of Next Council Meeting

The next meeting of the parish council will be held on Monday 3rd October 2011, starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

11/92 Close of Meeting

There being no further business the chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.58 pm

Signed Date