

APPLEFORD-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall,
Appleford on Monday 20th October 2011

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

In attendance: Judy Beck (Clerk), Mr Geoff Young (St Edmunds
Football Club)

Apologies: 1

Members of the Public: 0

11/93 Apologies for Absence

Mr Stewart Lilly (County Councillor) had sent apologies.

11/94 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

None.

11/95 Vacancies to the office of Councillor

The two vacancies had been advertised for co-option since the last meeting, and the council resolved to co-opt Mr David Piper at this meeting, and Dr Angela Jones in her absence. Mr Piper signed the acceptance of office, witnessed by the Clerk.

11/96 Public Participation

None.

11/97 Hire of Football Field

Mr Geoff Young attended on behalf of the St Edmunds Football Club to discuss hire of the football pitch next year. The clerk to send written agreement for hire at £1,000 p.a. set for a 3 year period.

11/98 District and County Councillor Reports

The District Councillor had again not submitted any report to the meeting. The council expressed concern about the lack of representation and resolved to complain to the District Council.

11/99 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.

11/100 Matters Arising from the Minutes

- a) Rabbits at the Recreation Ground: the council agreed to increase control measures to a quarterly basis. The councillors agreed to make good the existing rabbit holes around the ground.

- b) Groundworks at the Recreation Ground: quotes were reviewed and a contractor agreed. The council agreed to request full grant funding of £2,800 plus VAT from the Appleford Parish Trust.
- c) Crown lifting of trees: quotes were reviewed and a contractor agreed. The council resolved to request full grant funding of £1,320 plus VAT from the Appleford Parish Trust
- d) Fencing to restrict access to the ground and increase car parking provision: quotes were reviewed and a contractor agreed. The council resolved to search for full grant funding of £9,194 plus VAT for this work. If funding could not be identified elsewhere, the council would request grant funding from the Appleford Parish Trust.
- e) Wooden posts at the car park have been replaced.

11/101 Traffic and Highways

- a) Heavy Goods Vehicles.
Councillors will write individually to any offenders and the clerk will maintain a log of sightings. Cllr Horton will take the issue to the Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG).
- b) Oxfordshire County Council Bus Review
Comments agreed for the council's submission to the review.
- c) Vehicle Activated Signs for Main Road
The council has received funding of £10,000 from Appleford Parish Trust and signs have been ordered from the County Council.

11/102 Dog Waste Bins

The clerk has contacted the District Council but no response received to date.

11/103 Schedule of Council Meetings

The council agreed to move to a bi-monthly meeting schedule.

11/104 Liason Meetings

Cllr Horton had attended the WRG meeting on 12 September, at which the new proposal for an anaerobic digester was presented. The next meeting is 17 January 2012.

11/105 Correspondence

It has been reported to the council that the styles along the footpath to Long Wittenham are badly in need of repair. The clerk to contact the County Council.

The Appleford Women's Institute had written to ask that the council review the outside lighting system at the hall. The council agreed to consider alternative provision so that lighting would be switched on for anyone leaving the hall. The clerk to reply.

11/106 Planning

a) OCC Planning Applications

MW.0129/11	to crush, screen, blend and stock reject building blocks, furnace bottom ash	Hanson Building Products, Sutton Courtenay, Abingdon, OX14 4PW
MW.0079/11	Wood Recycling Facility - repair and recycling of wooden pallets	Hill Farm, Main Road, Appleford, Abingdon, Oxon, OX14 4PJ
MW.0129/10	A Mechanical Biological Treatment (MBT) facility	Sutton Courtenay Landfill Site, Sutton Courtenay

The council resolved to object to this application

- b) SUT/616/59 Planning Permission granted CM Public Holiday Opening at Sutton Courtenay Landfill Site.
- c) Bridge Farm APF-SUT-18215-CM Condition 19 Gravel Extraction Clarification has been received from the County Council to confirm that no changes have been made for restoration of the land after extraction is complete.
- d) South Oxfordshire Core Strategy
Cllr Helby has submitted the council's response and representation will be made at the public meetings on 8 and 10 November in consultation with Long Wittenham Parish Council.

11/107 Finance

a) Payment of Accounts

The following payments were authorised:

<i>Chq</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>VAT</i>	£ total
300001	J Beck	Clerks salary and allowances October		180.88
300002	HMRC	PAYE Jul-Sep 11		111.40
300003	Calico UK	Website hosting 11/12	3.00	18.00
300004	Jim Boyland	Grasscutting Sep 11	66.00	396.00
300005	BDO LLP	External Audit Fees	57.00	342.00
300006	SLCC	Subscription 11/12		72.00
300007	J Beck	Purchase of laptop for parish council use		300.00

- b) The council reviewed the proposed installation of a basketball hoop at the Recreation Ground. The Appleford Parish Trust had previously agreed to grant £2,000 towards this, but it was now apparent that the cost was closer to £6,000. It was agreed that the Parish Trust would be required to fund the full cost if it still wished to install the hoop.
- c) The clerk presented the Auditor's report for the year ended 31 March 2011 and the council agreed and approved the accounts. The Clerk to post the Notice of Conclusion of Audit to the village noticeboard and website.

11/108 Date of Next Council Meeting

The next meeting of the parish council will be held on Thursday 15th December 2011, starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

11/109 Close of Meeting

There being no further business the chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.20 pm

Signed Date