

## **Appleford- on- Thames Parish Council**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting duly convened and held in the Village Hall Appleford on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 9.00pm.

**Present:** Cllrs L Guinn ( Chair) , L Beadle , A Guinn and P Walker.

**Apologies :** Cllr S Harris Cllr R Webber (Oxfordshire County Council)

Cllr Gervase Duffield (Vale of White Horse District Council)

**Also Present :**

### **16/1 Public Participation**

None

### **16/2 Election of Chairman and Appointment of Vice Chairman**

Cllr Lucy Guinn was unanimously elected Chairman of the Parish Council for the year 2016/17 and Cllr Sue Harris was appointed Vice Chairman.

### **16/3 Reports from County and District Councillors**

Both Councillors (OCC and VOWH) had attended and reported at the Annual Parish Meeting ( which took place before the Parish Council meeting).

### **16/4 Declarations of Interests**

None.

### **16/5 Minutes of the Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016.**

Agreed.

### **16/6 Planning Applications**

#### **Fullamoor Quarry**

Time for a response from the 4 Parish Council members of Batchport has been extended. The Parish Council agreed to delegate to the Clerk the Parish Council's response to the planning application.

#### **Approvals**

None.

### **16/7 Vale Local plan**

SODC is meeting with smaller councils, including Clifton Hampden.

### **16/8 Science Vale Consultation**

Ongoing.

### **16/9 Additional SODC Housing**

Further developments are awaited.

### **16/10 Liaison with Neighbouring Parishes**

There is now good liaison between Appleford and Clifton Hampden and with Long Wittenham Parish Councils.

### **16/11 First Great Western**

The Appleford Rail group is meeting with Hansons to see if they have any land in their holding suitable for a car park for Appleford station. It was agreed that Lewis beadle should also be involved in view of his established good relationship with FCC/Hansons.

The Parish Council agreed the heads of terms for the SSE cable under the Community orchard, subject to the community orchard group being satisfied with the compensation offered and the route of the cables.

### **16/12 Village Hall**

Cllr A Guinn agreed to discuss the position of Administrator with the Village Hall Committee.

### **16/13 Allotments**

There has been an enquiry about allotments in Appleford. As there are vacancies the Clerk will respond with contact details.

### **16/14 Liaison groups**

Ongoing.

### **16/15 Website Update**

The web site is now completed and the Clerk will send minutes and accounts. The Parish Council has publicised the web site at the Annual parish Meeting and it is hoped that residents will soon realise the improved resource they have available. There is a resident with an interest in wildlife, and the Council suggested it would be interesting to ask for a brief report on local wildlife, which could be published on the web site.

### **16/16 Neighbourhood watch/Speedwatch/Weight Limit issues.**

A Volunteer has been found to co-ordinate the Neighbourhood Watch scheme, and may be prepared to take a lead on the Speedwatch scheme. The Clerk has purchased some

“Community Speedwatch” signs. There are links on the web site to enable residents to report overweight lorries to OCC Trading Standards, and potholes etc to OCC highways.

Cllrs will check the locations of the weight limit through the village.

### **16/17 Resilience Fund**

The defibrillator has arrived. The Clerk will now arrange training in its use. There is also a budget for “first responder” training. The Clerk agreed to circulate the list of agreed items to all Councillors.

### **16/18 Dog Fouling**

The Council has purchased 2 additional dog bins, which were well received by attendees at the Annual parish meeting. The Clerk was asked to purchase additional dog waste and litter bins, and to advise VOWH of the locations of the new bins.

### **16/19 Recreation ground.**

It was reported that St Edmunds Football Club will be relocating to Abingdon, but their U18 team will continue to play at Appleford. The Chairman will confirm to the Clerk the items to be included on a sign in the Recreation ground.

### **16/20 The Pressings**

Cllr Peter Walker is now editing The Pressings, pending a volunteer to take the editorship over on a permanent basis.

### **16/21 River Crossing/ Flood alleviation scheme**

The Clerk was asked to invite OCC officers to attend a meeting of Appleford Parish Council to discuss the proposed route of the new relief road and river crossing. So far as the Hinksey Flood relief scheme is concerned the Clerk is expecting to receive minutes of the meetings, which will be circulated to all Councillors.

### **16/22 Cycle routes**

Cllr Beadle agreed to discuss these with FCC.

### **16/23 Finance**

The Parish Council finances are contained in the report in Appendix 1

The Council agreed the following payments:-

Andrew Helby	(paper for The Pressings)	100218	£100
Jim Boyland Trading ( grass)	(300219)		£240.00

Jim Boyland Trading ( grass)	(300220)	£727.20
Protect signs ( speedwatch)	(300221)	£188.40
Mrs A Davies (salary)	(300222)	£ 325.44
HMRC (clerk tax)	(300223)	£ 72.80
Came and Company	(300224)	£1241.39
Mrs A Davies (APM printing))	(300225)	£17.50

The Council agreed their response to the Corporate Governance statement and authorised the chairman to sign this on their behalf.

The Council agreed their accounts for 2015/16 and authorised the Chairman to sign the Audit return accordingly.

The Council agreed to appoint Alan Lambourne as Internal Auditor for the Parish.

### **16/24 Community plan/Neighbourhood Development Plan**

It was agreed that , in view of the pressure for housing development, the Chairman would speak to other Parish Council chairmen about their experiences, and consider approaching a local resident to lead on this project if the Council decides it should proceed.

### **16/25 Correspondence**

The Parish Council noted correspondence from OCC about their Unitary Authority bid, and correspondence from the Leader of VOWH about the bids being developed by the Oxfordshire District Councils.

### **16/26 Playing Field/Council property.**

The Parish Council are hopeful that the Village Trust will shortly re surface the Village Hall car park. It was agreed that new litter bins would be installed there once the work was complete. The Clerk was asked to investigate ownership of the “Horse field”.

### **16/27 Items for report**

Bradstock’s trust are looking to raise awareness of Edmund Bradstock and , at the same time, improve signage in the village .

### **16/28 items for May’s Agenda**

First Great Western (Rail group)

Cycle routes

New road/bridge proposals

Village Hall

Speeding/Speedwatch/ road safety

Defibrillator/First aid training//Resilience Fund equipment

**16/29 Date of Next Meeting**

21<sup>st</sup> July at 7.00pm.

Parish  
Council  
Meeting

19 May 2016

Payments processed since last meeting £0.00

01-Apr-16

Receipts processed since previous report £7,287.92

18-Apr-16 HMRC  
07-Apr-16 VOWH

£1,809.46  
£5,478.46

Statement  
dated

30 April 2016

Bank Reconciliation

Savings Account  
Current account

£2,000.00  
£17,805.91

Items not yet cleared:

Receipts HMRC  
VOWH

£1,809.46  
£5,478.46

Payments 0

£0.00

Net Total

£27,093.83