

Appleford- on- Thames Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting duly convened and held in the Village Hall Appleford on Monday January 2018 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs L Guinn, P Walker, A Guinn, and S Harris.

Also Present : Cllr R Webber (OCC)

Apologies : Cllr G Duffield (VOWH)

17/94 Public Participation

None.

17/95 Councillor's report

Cllr Webber reported that OCC have been given £150M over 5 years from the Government to fund the Oxfordshire Growth deal, another £50 from the National Infrastructure Commission and another £60M from affordable housing , with a commitment to provide an additional 100,000 affordable homes within this timescale. This should fund the new bridge over the Thames, and a relief road to the Golden Balls roundabout. However there was some concern as Oxfordshire currently has a thriving economy and finding it difficult to fill vacancies.

There have been 2 contentious development proposals at Sutton Courtney. The appeal into refusal of development at Hobby Horse lane starts on 23rd January, and will consider floding risk and hydrology.

17/96 Declarations of Interests

Cllrs L Guinn, A Guinn and P Walker declared personal interests as members of the Village Hall Committee.

17/97 Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th November 2017.

Agreed as drawn.

17/98 Planning Applications

None.

17/99 Approvals

None.

17/100 Vale/SODC Local plan

Significant housing development is now planned for Culham.

17/101 Didcot Garden Town

The Clerk was asked to chase this for more information about the first meeting of the Governance Forum, as there was concern that the proponents are not engaging sufficiently locally.

17/102 Gravel Application

The application at Fullamoor Quarry Clifton Hampden was refused by the OCC Planning Committee on 27th November.

17/103 Defibrillator/First Aid training

The Clerk was asked to purchase a lockable cabinet for the defibrillator, which would enable it to be installed in the old telephone box on the Knap.

It was agreed that the availability of First Aid training would be re publicised in March 2018.

17/104 Village Hall

Lettings are going well with most evenings booked.

The Chairman will contact local architects to bring forward proposals to develop the hall, in time for an application to be made to the GarfieldWeston Anniversary Fund in June 2018. Councillors agreed to visit Village Halls in Steventon and Harwell to see how they had been improved.

A baby changing facility will be installed in the disabled toilet.

It was agreed that the tables and seats outside the Village Hall were available for use by hirers of the Hall.

Some maintenance work is required on the Hall; the Parish Council will advertise for volunteers to help with this.

17/105 Appleford Rail group

Ongoing.

17/106 Website

Development work is required to make booking the Village Hall easier. The Chairman agreed to contact the web site administrator.

17/107 The Pressings

Parish Council meetings have now changed to Mondays, in part to facilitate Parish Council information being available for the Pressings, and in part to give publicity to the Village pop

up pub. It was agreed that spare hard copies would be left in the Church, and a soft copy would be emailed to Cllr Webber and the Vicar.

17/108 Liaison groups

Cllr Harris reported that she had not been able to attend the Hansons/FCC group as she had other commitments. The Clerk was asked to advise FCC accordingly. Cllr Harris will shortly be attending the Power Station group, and will make enquiries about the availability of Community Funding.

17/109 Recreation ground.

The Clerk was asked to re circulate the Play Inspection report.

The Council has received a request from Masons Fairs to hold a fair on the Recreation ground. Cllr A Guinn will liaise with the fair to see whether this request can be accommodated.

17/110 Green Lane

The Chairman will contact the resident by letter to arrange a meeting to discuss access along Green Lane, on which the Parish Council's solicitor has given advice.

17/111 Oxford to Cambridge Expressway

Ongoing.

17/112 The Knapp

The Clerk was asked to request the Council's grass contractor to cut and clear the grass on The Knapp, and then cut around the edge of the road once a month.

17/113 Trees

It was agreed that the Parish Council should obtain a survey of the trees under its control, with advice as to priority for tree works.

17/114 Finance

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

The Council agreed the following payments:-

Payee	reason	Number	amount
VOWH	Dog bin	300391	80.38
Mrs A Davies	CI salary	300392	311.38
HMRC	tax	300393	74.40
VOWH	TENS applications	300394	42.00
Hobbs	printing	300395	68.80

After discussion the Parish Council agreed to request a precept of £14200 from Vale Of White Horse District Council for the year 2018/19. This will be an increase of £11.28 per annum for a Band D property.

17/115 Correspondence

The Council agreed that it would participate in the Big Spring Clean between 2nd and 4th March.

The Council agreed to complete the Deed of Easement relating to work at the Community Orchard, and authorised two councillors to sign the same.

17/116 Items for report

The Parish Council noted that , following the resignation of Lewis Beadle, the Village needed to appoint another Footpath Warden. The Clerk was asked to write to the resident who was interested in the Millennium Common to see if she was interested.

The Clerk was asked to order a replacement bolt for the outdoor fitness equipment.

The Clerk was asked to report flooding in Main Street to OCC, once Councillors have sent pictures to her.

17/117 items for March's Agenda

Croudace

Village Hall

Garden Town

Clerk to be advised of other item by 12th February 2018.

17/118 Date of Next Meeting :- Monday 5th March 2018 at 7.00pm.

Appleford Parish Council	Monthly Financial Report
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Parish Council Meeting	24 January 2018
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Payments processed since last meeting	£6,419.98
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16-Nov-17	VOWH	300379	£80.38
16-Nov-17	Jim boyland	300380	£946.60
16-Nov-17	Jim boyland	300381	£484.80
16-Nov-17	Calico uk	300382	£36.00
16-Nov-17	Mrs A Davies	300383	£324.88
16-Nov-17	HMRC	300384	£74.40
16-Nov-17	Play inspection co	300385	£78.00
16-Nov-17	BDO	300386	£240.00
16-Nov-17	Appleford PCC	300387	£548.00
16-Nov-17	P Walker	300388	£91.38
16-Nov-17	Hobbs/Walker	300390	£64.80
+ 2 more			£3,450.74

Receipts processed since previous report	£2,083.15
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19-Jan-18	HMRC		£2,083.15
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Bank Reconciliation	Statement dated 31 December 2017
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Savings Account	£2,000.00
Current account	£6,901.65

Items not yet cleared:

Receipts	HMRC		£0.00
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Payments	community first oxon		£30.00
	Community First Oxon		£30.00
	HMLR		£80.00
	OCC		£130.00
	VOWH		£42.00
	Appleford PCC		£548.00

Net Total	£8,041.65
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