

Appleford- on- Thames Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting duly convened and held in Appleford on 8th June 2020.

Present: Cllrs P Walker, J McCarthy and A Guinn. Richard Webber

Apologies:

1. Public Participation

None Noted. It was noted that a message of thanks should be given to LG for her time as Chair. AD/CD to sort message of thanks.

1. Declarations of Interests

Cllr A Guinn- Village Hall

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 27th January 2020

Approved without comment

3. Reports from District and County Councillor

Link Road and Roundabout - had representations from both sides of the village who would like the road moved. It is highly likely that it will not be moved. On the latest plans there is a roundabout and the idea is to allow people onto the new road. this is supposed to ease traffic on Culham. Sutton Courtney is worried the road will become a South Abingdon bypass. RW will arrange a meeting with the highways people and will invite Parish Council.

Vale has called for sites for the next local plan - sounds threatening but is not. One site is the new FFC site where they want to build a site called Radcote Green, but this would be in the future. At the moment there are 80 possible sites across VOWH, they expect there will be over 400.

Judy has been doing a great job on Covid-19 support, combined with Emily in Sutton Courtney. RW not aware of a single hardship in Appleford and passes on his thanks to them and the volunteers for all they have done.

Email RW any questions if needed.

4. Planning

Road consultation - JM put in a personal response and another as a councillor. Not a council response.

5. Parish Council Matters:

A. Parish Website/ The Pressings

Very short pressings went out in April to get info out to everybody. Normally the Pressings are bi-monthly, normally timed to advertise the pop-up pub, festive activities etc. Been a lot more difficult to organise with Covid.

It is hoped that restrictions for Covid will loosen.

It was agreed that the Pressings will be postponed until things are back up and running.

Parish website was not updated with Covid information. It appears that people are not looking at the website apart from to book the village hall. It was asked if the Parish Council could use Facebook. There is an Appleford Parish Council page for Facebook. It was agreed that the log in details would be provided to JM.

B. Covid-19 support

Things have settled into a routine now. There is a limitation to what the Parish Council will now need to do. It was agreed that there is nothing further for the Parish Council to be doing.

C. HGVs through the village

This is picking up. As people have been furloughed it has been difficult to contact people.

D. Appleford Rail group

Things are on hold due to Covid.

E. Update on OCC signage

All done. It was agreed that this could be removed from the agenda.

F. Playground repairs

As the playground is currently closed, the pressure washing has not taken place. It was noted that the playground has been accessed even though it has been closed

G. New River crossing/ Relief Road update

As above

H. Basketball hoop

No action has been taken. It was noted that part of the hoop could be put up but the Parish Council was reluctant to encourage use of a hoop while social distancing is in place.

I. Access onto B4016

There is a gate on the site and Crowdace need to confirm that they will not be using this gate as access onto the B4016. Parish Council will write to Crowdace to ask about the gate and make sure they only use the entrance on the Abingdon Road. Action for AD/CD

J. Change of use applied for for semi-detached next to Appletree cottage

Write to VOWH to ask for an update on why case was closed.

K. Private Road signage on Green Lane

The sign had been up since around 2017. The gate has now come down, but the sign remains up. Previous legal advice confirmed that it was unlikely that people would be able to claim the land as private land. The Parish Council agreed that there was nothing further it could do and suggested that the Allotment Association should write to the owner of the bungalow to ask if the sign was theirs and to remove it.

7. Village Hall Update

No update as the Hall is closed

8. Liaison Groups

No update

9. Finance

The Council agreed the following payments:-

Payee	Reason	Number	Amount
Scoop Dotty Dog	Collections (March)	498	£200.00
Scoop Dotty Dog	Collections (Feb)	499	£233.55
Jim Boyland	Grass (March)	500	364.80
OALC	Membership Fees	301	£140.42
Jim Boyland	Litterpick (Feb)	302	54.00
Jim Boyland	Litterpick (Jan)	303	54.00
Mrs A Davies	Clerk Salary	304	315.70
HMRC	Clerk Tax	305	77.80
Jim Boyland	Grass (April)	306	729.60
Jim Boyland	Grass (May)	307	1045.20
Scoop Dotty Dog	Collections (May)	308	160.00
Scoop Dotty Dog	Collections (April)	309	160.00
Jim Boyland	Grass (June)	310	729.60
Scoop Dotty Dog	Collections (June)	311	200.00
Cancelled		312	
Came & Company	Insurance	313	1478.27
Mrs A Davies	Clerk Salary	314	311.20
HMRC	Clerk Tax	315	77.80
Creative Badger	Website Hosting	316	290.00

10. Correspondence

A request has been used for the playing field to be used for dog training classes. It was agreed that this request should not be approved as it is unlikely to work.

11. Items for report

None noted

12. Items for September's Agenda

The idea was discussed of formalising dates for future meetings to ensure transparency.

The timing of the meetings was discussed. The Annual meeting was usually held to coincide with a pop-up pub.

CD will discuss with AD for schedule etc.

Date of Next Meeting :- September 2020