

**APPLETON WITH EATON PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Appleton with Eaton Parish Council (AWE PC)**

**Appleton Village Hall**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 7.15pm.**

*Allison Leigh* – Parish Clerk

## **Minutes**

**Present:** Chairman Mark Richards (MR), Vice Chair Liz Gilkes (LG), Councillors Stephen Day (SD), John Adams (JA), Mary Carey (MC), Nicki Clarke (NC), Andy Salmon (AS) and County Councillor Anda Fitzgerald-O'Connor

**Also present:** Allison Leigh (Clerk)

**19/182: Apologies for Absence:** no apologies, but not in attendance District Councillor Jerry Avery (JA)

**19/183: Declarations of interest:** None

**19/184: Public questions and statements:** No members of the public were in attendance.

**19/185: Reports from District and County Councillors:**

### **Vale of White Horse District Council**

There was no report.

### **Oxfordshire County Council (OCC)**

Budget proposals for 2020/21 were published last week and can be seen on the OCC website, with hard copies being provided in libraries etc.

The proposals contain an “investment budget” to reduce neglect, ill-health and social isolation. The plans include community support for people who have become vulnerable in their community so they can live independently for longer and more help for struggling families to reduce the chances of children having to go into care.

Funding for children and adult social services would increase by £30 million next year, including an extra £8.1 million from the government. This money is needed to support an increase in adult social care need for both older and disabled people, as well as the increasing number of child protection cases, which has grown in line with national trends.

The budget proposals also include investment in infrastructure across the county, such as an extra £50 million for new and existing schools over ten years, with most of the funding coming from housing developers to meet the need for more pupil places in Oxfordshire.

The county council proposes to spend £30 million in 2020/21 from its capital budget on repairs to roads, bridges, drainage and footways across Oxfordshire's towns and villages with major schemes scheduled in Banbury, Abingdon and Witney.

New funding of £3 million per year is proposed to improve local road safety and accessibility, including new pedestrian crossings, improved junctions and better bus stop facilities. These measures are designed to encourage walking and cycling as part of the council's commitment to improving air quality and active lifestyles.

Final draft proposals have been published for Oxford Zero Emission Zone. This has been worked on with Oxford City and Oxfordshire County Council. The key points of the latest proposals are: The introduction of a charging scheme in the Red Zone (a small area of the city centre) between 7am-7pm, with a £10 charge for non-compliant vehicles entering the zone. Discounts for all blue badge holders entering the zone until December 2024. Exemptions for businesses registered in the Red Zone until December 2024, followed by a discount until December 2030. A 90% discount for residents living in the zone until December 2030. Buses and Oxford licensed Hackney Carriages which drive within the planned Zero Emission have already agreed timelines for zero emissions fleets across Oxford and will not be subject to charges.

To find out more about the proposals, including FAQs and have your say to [www.oxford.gov.uk/zez](http://www.oxford.gov.uk/zez)

WASTE RECYCLING - Oxfordshire has been named the best performing county council waste disposal authority in England for the sixth year in a row. In 2018, residents recycled or composted a larger proportion of their household waste than the previous year, while the national average for recycling fell. Nearly 20,000 tonnes of food waste were recycled in 2018-19 – up 6% on the previous year. The district and city councils operate the kerbside collections of household recycling and waste which OCC then disposes of. Overall 59% of household waste was recycled in Oxfordshire last year, compared to 57% the previous year. The national average was on 44.8%, according to the new figures from DEFRA

There have been two extremely sad fatal accidents recently on A420. The road traffic investigation by the police is ongoing.

AL asked about cutting branches on trees overhanging at Jubilee Park. AFO felt it is ok to proceed however asked if OCC could provide an e-mail to the effect that we can proceed. AFO indicated she will ask again. The council agreed that AL will draft another e-mail to the landowner as well as contact Lloyds Tree Services to see if the trees in question are in the Conservation Area.

AFO reported that there will be funding in her Councillor's Priority fund for 2020/2021. AFO suggested she may have approximately £1,000 prior to that. The council will look to apply for funding for speed equipment.

**19/186: Minutes from the meeting of the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019:** The minutes from the meeting of the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019 were signed and approved.

**19/187: Matters arising from the previous meeting and not appearing anywhere else on the agenda:** The council discussed speed signs. AS and JA agreed to meet to discuss and put a proposal together for the council. AL to speak with JA and AS about next steps. LG suggested contacting Mark Francis at OCC regarding placement /poles which AL will do.

It was noted that the council could possibly put a notice in the Advertiser for a speed group once the council has purchased/begun to use the equipment.

**19/188: Thames Path:** There was no update. The council agreed to remove this from the agenda until there is something to report.

**19/189: Clerk's report:** The Clerk's Report was noted. AL reported she had not rung Mike at Abingdon Stone and Marble, but had e-mailed several times. She will ring him.

AL reported she had sent a letter regarding monies owed on the contract for rent/electricity for the bus formerly parked at the sportsfield. There has been no response, so NC will craft a letter to the former owner regarding next steps of collecting payment.

**19/190: Budget review:** The council reviewed the draft budget for 2020/2021. The council agreed on a precept of 5% increase from 2019 2020. AL will update the reserves and make the precept £20,448.

**19/191: VE Day Celebrations:** It was noted that another notice should be placed in the Advertiser regarding VE Day celebrations as well as doing a shout out. The Plough is happy to do something for the occasion as well. The council agreed to have a notice on the noticeboard as well as a suggestion box in the shop, which LG will do.

#### **19/192: Planning applications:**

##### **New applications**

<b><u>Application number</u></b>	<b><u>Address</u></b>	<b><u>Details</u></b>
P19/V3139/LDE	Portree Netherton Road Appleton OX13 5QW	Certificate of lawfulness for use of converted potting shed/greenhouse as a usable office/storage area which was going to be demolished.

##### **Amendments**

<b><u>Application number</u></b>	<b><u>Address</u></b>	<b><u>Details</u></b>
P19/V2503/DIS	Former Parklands School A420 Besselsleigh	Amended highway plans and Biodiversity Enhancement Plan received 2 December 2019.

P19/V0774/DIS,	Former Parklands School Besselsleigh Appleton Oxford	Additional contamination information (plan and email) received 9 December 2019
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### Decisions

<u>Application number</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Decision</u>
P19/V2442/HH	1 The Orchard Badswell Lane Appleton OX13 5LF	Planning permission granted

There was no call to comment on the above.

### 19/193: Finance Report:

#### *Payments authorised*

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Cheque Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>
Allison Leigh	Payment to Sweet Fuels for oil for sportsfield	598	298.99	11/12/19
Roger Gilkes	Payment for Marktek for directional signs to sportsfield	599	73.86	11/12/19
Lloyds Tree Services	Tree works in village	600	498.00	11/12/19
Allison Leigh	Expenses	601	35.70	13/1/2020
Mary Carey	Postage for Plough Appeal	602	9.30	13/1/2020
Staff Costs	January	603	511.52	31/1/2020
Appleton Community Shop	November and December statements: Drinks/nibbles for Village Hall meeting in November and paper	604	105.27	13/1/2020
Staff	Payment of the employer's contribution to National Insurance from 2018/9 which has been paid to HMRC	605	51.48	13/1/2020

#### *Receipts since the last meeting*

<u>From</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>
Appleton Youth Football Club	Payment for use of sportsfield	350.00	2/12/19
Friends of Jubilee Park	Donation	53.50	13/12/19

HMRC Land Registry	Refund for refused land search application	4.00	13/12/19
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*Bank balance as of 31/12/19: £51,907.29*

*Less Unpresented cheques: £1,008.99*

***Reconciled balance as of 31/12/19: £50,898.30***

**19/194: Website and Advertiser articles:** The council agreed for AL to put information regarding VE Day celebrations on the website and in the Advertiser. AL will also do a shout out regarding volunteers for VE Day celebrations. In addition, AL will put a notice in the Advertiser about night safety.

MC reported that the Village Hall Committee has noted the contact information is out of date and that the website could use updating. MC informed them AL is reviewing the update of the website. In the meantime, AL will update the Village Hall page with the correct contact information.

**19/195: Publications and correspondence:** None.

**19/196: Matters for report:** AS reported that there is a road sign coming into Appleton that has been knocked down. NC reported that the Eaton sign has as well. AS reported that the zig zag road signs by Oaksmere need replacing. LG reported there is vegetation growing around the salt bin by Oaksmere. AL will contact Hannah Wood at OCC regarding all of these issues.

**19/197: Date of the next meeting:** The Parish Council confirmed that its meeting will be held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 7:15 in the village Hall.

The meeting was closed at 8:30pm.