

**Appleton with Eaton Parish Council (AWE PC)
Conducted Via Zoom
Monday 6th April 2020 at 7.15pm.**

Allison Leigh – Parish Clerk

Minutes

Present: Chair Mark Richards (MR), Vice Chair Liz Gilkes (LG), Councillors John Adams (JA), Mary Carey (MC) and Andy Salmon (AS)

Also present: Allison Leigh (Clerk)

20/1: Apologies for Absence: Stephen Day (SD), Nicki Clark (NC), County Councillor Anda Fitzgerald-O'Connor and District Councillor Jerry Avery (J. Avery)

20/2: Declarations of interest: None

20/3: Public questions and statements: Members of the public were invited to join Zoom by contacting the clerk. No members of the public requested to join the meeting.

20/3a: Reports from District and County Councillors:

Vale of White Horse District Council (VoWHDC)

There was no report.

Oxfordshire County Council (OCC)

There was no report.

20/4: Minutes from the meeting of the 9th March 2020 and the Extraordinary meeting of 25th March 2020: The minutes from these meetings were approved and signed.

20/5: Matters arising from the previous meeting and not appearing anywhere else on the agenda: None of which that were absent from the Clerk's Report.

20/6: Clerk's report: The Clerk's Report was noted.

It was discussed that J. Avery had sent an e-mail to the council about an emergency fund for any need identified by groups leading community responses to the Coronavirus pandemic. The council agreed for AL to send a note to J. Avery stating that AWE PC very much appreciates this gesture. The Parish Council agreed that justification for additional funding was not yet met but may in the future and would like to enquire as and when a need arises.

It was noted that AWE PC had made a donation of £500 to the Appleton Trust to assist local families in financial need during the Coronavirus pandemic. Letters have been sent to

parents at school and AL will do a shout out, put this on the website and put this in the May Advertiser.

The council agreed not to respond to the A420 consultation at this time.

AL reported she had not had any response from the Advertiser with regards to anyone interested in quoting for a new website. AL will proceed to get quotes.

20/7: VE Day Celebrations: It was noted that the government has advised that all VE Day celebrations for 8th - 10th May 2020 be postponed. There is a recommended revised weekend of 15th – 16th August 2020. The council will look to postpone to those dates, depending on the Coronavirus pandemic. The council is still happy to donate £500 to the celebrations.

20/8: Annual Parish Meeting: The council resolved to postpone the Annual Parish Meeting until May 2021.

20/9: Annual Parish Council Meeting: The council resolved to postpone the Annual Parish Council meeting until May 2021.

20/10: Planning applications: To discuss the following planning applications:

New applications/amendments: *There were no new planning applications or amendments.*

Decisions

Application number	Address	Decision
P20/V0320/HH	3 Southby Close Appleton Abingdon OX13 5LE	Granted
P20/V0178/HH	Orchard House 42 Netherton Road Appleton Abingdon OX13 5JZ	Granted

The Parish Council were delighted to report that The Planning Inspector has published his decision on the Plough garden planning appeal and has decided to refuse the Appeal to build two houses on the Plough garden. The PC wanted to note their particular thanks to all who worked hard to fight this planning application and Appeal:

- The Pub Working Group
- Toby Blackwell who generously funded the PWG's use of professional advisors.
- The numerous villagers who lodged their objections to this planning application and Appeal as well as to all the previous planning applications.
- The numerous people including shop volunteers who made sure everyone knew about the planning applications, the History Group who gathered in personal histories of the garden, the villager who produced a wonderful photo album and appeal document.

Under the current lockdown, we noted that the Pub is shut but there will be a celebration once it reopens.

20/11: Finance Report:

Payments authorised

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Cheque Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>
OX13 Appleton Youth Organisation	Donation	624	500.00	16/3/2020
APPC	Donation	625	500.00	16/3/2020
Clean Slate	Donation	626	50.00	1/4/2020
Allison Leigh	Expense for upgrade of website's number of shout outs	627	484.58	30/3/2020
Appleton Trust	Donation for Coronavirus	628	500.00	30/3/2020
SSE	Electricity for sportsfield	DD	131.16	3/3/2020
Allison Leigh	Expenses	630	49.22	6/4/2020
Staff Costs	Staff Costs	632	839.12	
The Play Inspection Company	Inspection of playground and sportsfield	633	84.00	6/4/2020
Proludic Limited	Bolt covers	634	39.12	6/4/2020
Tetbury Accounting Limited	Payroll fees	635	240.00	6/4/2020

Receipts since the last meeting

<u>From</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>
Appleton Youth Football Club	Field Fees 2019/20	350.00	13/3/2020
J. M.	Donation to NP Salary	111.80	23/3/2020

Bank balance as of 31/3/2020: £49,817.90

Less Unpresented cheques: £2652.04

Final Reconciled balance for 2019/2020 as of 31/3/2020: £47,165.86

Internal Audit: The council resolved to ask Wanda Todd to do the internal audit with payment being made to her directly rather than a donation to the church in lieu of payment due to regulations on church donations.

20/12: Website and Advertiser articles: The council would like to put information about the following into the May Advertiser:

- The Plough appeal dismissal
- The Appleton Trust Covid-19 grant
- Covid-19 updates

20/13: Publications and correspondence: None

20/14: Matters for report: None

20/15: Date of the next meeting: The Parish Council confirmed that its meeting will be held on Monday 11th May 2020 at 7:15 via Zoom.

The meeting was closed at 7:55 pm.