

APPLETON WITH EATON PARISH COUNCIL

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Appleton with Eaton Parish Council (AWE PC)

Conducted Via Zoom

Monday 11th January 2021, 7:15pm

Allison Leigh – Parish Clerk

Minutes

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

Also present: Allison Leigh, Clerk (AL)

20/154: Apologies for Absence: None

20/155: Declarations of interest: None

20/156: Public questions and statements: No members of the public were in attendance.

20/157: Reports from District and County Councillors

Oxfordshire County Council (OCC)

- **Flooding, blocked drains and bridge repair:** AFO reported that she had e-mailed Mark Francis regarding this and is waiting to hear back.

AFO reported that OCC has been very involved with the Covid response and vaccination centres. She reported that the budget will be discussed at the next OCC meeting.

AFO left the meeting at this point.

Vale of White Horse District Council

Strategic Issues

1. **Proposed legislation on the future of planning has been described as a 'developers' charter' and as an 'attack on local democracy'.**

The Government has stated in its white paper on planning reforms, which is currently under consultation, aims to simplify and accelerate the planning process. However, if we look at the proposals more closely, it means more deregulation and disregard for the views of local residents. It ignores the very obvious facts that since 2009, that on 40% of sites country-wide with planning permission there has been no building work carried out, and that

councils approved 90% of all planning applications. Further to that, the white paper makes it clear that it effectively seeks to remove the rights of local residents to object to applications for developments close to them; to make matters worse it proposes that owners be allowed to add storeys to existing properties and that developers be granted automatic rights to build on land identified as "for growth."

Alarming, the white paper contains a proposal to replace Section 106 payments for infrastructure with a national levy. The RIBA (The Royal Institute for British Architects) calls the proposals "shameful and which will do almost nothing to guarantee delivery of affordable, well-designed and sustainable homes." The RIBA added that the proposals could lead to the next generation of slum housing. Finally, it is worth noting that the proposed reforms are opposed by the all-party LGA (Local Party Association).

For my part I am concerned about development proposals in relation to an area closer to home and only just outside Thames Ward. As you are all aware, Lioncourt is to submit a revised application to build some 700+ homes just to the east of Kingston Bagpuize; the original application was turned down because it failed to meet conditions wrt infrastructure needs and air quality issues. The new application contains no provision in relation to these matters. Evidently, were the application, as it stands, to be successful the detrimental effects on the surrounding area, to risk stating the obvious, would be considerable.

2. The Oxford Cambridge ARC

This is a matter that is still on the table but one that I am watching very closely.

Local Issues

1. Support for residents

I have provided the parishes in Thames Ward with financial support to ensure that the Comet Bus Service can continue to serve the vulnerable in the community. I was originally given £2000 to help PCs out and have so far handed over £1750. I would, of course, welcome a request for further funding up to £250.

J. Avery noted he is on the Planning Committee and told the council he is happy to raise anything at meetings if needed.

J. Avery noted he has been in discussion on the pollution in the Thames and discussion has been had as to a working party to check pollution. J. Avery will report more information on a working party once he has it.

20/158: Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the Meeting of the 14th December 2020 and the Extraordinary Meeting of the 22nd December 2020 were approved as a true record.

20/159: Matters arising from the previous meetings and not appearing elsewhere on the agenda: The council asked AS to check if Appleton Trust could benefit from the monies left in J. Avery’s Covid fund. He will check and come back to the council.

20/160: Clerk’s Report: There were no comments on the Clerk’s Report.

20/161: Finance:

- **Finance Report:**

Payments authorised

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Cheque number</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>
Staff Costs	Staff Costs	752	746.52	31/1/2020
Allison Leigh	Expenses	753	122.98	11/1/2021
The Play Inspection Company	Inspection of Jubilee Park	754	114.00	11/1/2021
Dark White Digital	Part 1 or payment for new website	755	472.50	11/1/2021
BGG	Hedge cut at Jubilee Park	756	300.00	11/1/2021
Mr P J Borlace	Pete Borlace website work	757	595.00	11/1/2020

Receipts since the last meeting

There were no receipts.

Bank Reconciliation

<i>Bank balance as of 31/11/2020:</i>	£	54,298.69
<i>Less Unpresented cheques:</i>	£	36.00
<i>Final Reconciled balance as of 31/11/2020:</i>	£	54,262.69

- **2021/2022 Budget:** The council reviewed the proposed budget for 2021/2022. AL noted that the proposed precept is approximately 20% less than last year as there

is less expenditure expected in 2021/2022. The council is happy to have this reduction, especially during the Covid pandemic. The council acknowledged there may be an increase in 2022/2023, but it is happy to provide a savings for 2021/2022.

The council agreed on a budget and a precept of £16,500. AL will submit this to the Vale of White Horse District Council.

20/162: Website: AL reported she hadn't proceeded further with the website since she was on holiday. She will e-mail MR, LG and MC by the end of the week of the 11th January as to an update. LG noted that perhaps Dark White Digital might be able to assist with some of the work for additional monies.

20/163: Lock Road opening on Christmas Day and Boxing Day: The Parish Council noted that it was very thankful to AH Cornish for the Lock Road being opened on Christmas Day and Boxing Day. The council asked AL to send a thank you note to AH Cornish.

20/164: Planning applications:

New applications

There are no new planning applications.

Planning Decisions

<u>Application number</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Vale of White Horse District Council Decision</u>
P20/V2565/HH	Tacoma Netherton Road Appleton OX13 5QW	Two storey side extension to enlarge the existing dwelling by no greater than 40% of its original volume	Permission granted
P20/V2802/LB	22 Badswell Lane Appleton Abingdon OX13 5JN	Dismantle timber porch, and reassemble, replacing rotten timbers where necessary. Re-plastering underside and front face in lime, reinstating pargetting details lost since the original listing. Remove crumbling lime render and cement render patches from front of house, re-point in lime and render in lime, recreating original pargetted details.	Permission granted

		Finished with a lime wash to match current colour.	
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20/165: Website/Advertiser:

The council asked AL to do a shout out noting that for those garden waste customers of the Vale of White Horse District Council, the service is suspended at the moment.

The council asked AL to put the following in the February Advertiser:

- Covid information
- See agenda item 20/166

20/166: Publications and correspondence:

- AL reported an e-mail had come in at the end of the day on the 11th January from AH Cornish requesting copies of the minutes from 1970 – 1995. AL has e-mailed him to say she will look into this. AL will ascertain where the minutes are and then be in touch with OALC as to the best way to share these with a resident. AL will subsequently be in touch with AH Cornish as to next steps.
- AL reported an e-mail had come in from AH Cornish about the Definitive Map Modification Order, but had come in right before the meeting. AL will review this and then be in touch with the council as to next steps.
- MC noted that a response to the application for The Plough Inn to be listed as an Asset of Community Value came back from the Vale of White Horse District Council in December and the application has been successful. MC thanked LG, AL and Annwen Rowe for their assistance on the application as well as all those who had given evidence. MC will write a piece regarding this for the February edition of the Advertiser.
- The Parish Council received a request for donation from the Friends of Appleton School for £570 to be used for pastoral resources, maths resources and reading books. The council resolved to donate £570 to the Friends of Appleton School.

20/167: Matters for report: There were no matters for report.

20/168: Date of the next meeting: The date of the next Parish Council meeting was confirmed as the 8th February 2021.

The meeting concluded at 8:15pm.