**Minutes of Appleton with Eaton Parish Council meeting of the Parish Council Appleton Village Hall, Monday 8th January 2018 at 7.15pm**

Susan Blomerus – Parish Clerk – 09.01.18

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Mr John Adams,Mrs Susan Blomerus (Parish Clerk), Mrs Mary Carey, Dr Mark Richards (Chairman), Mr Tony Sibthorp, Mrs Anna Yalci

**Also present:** MrNareej Hargun (Leisure Services for South and Vale District Council)

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Mrs Liz Gilkes, Cllr Anda Fitzgerald-O’Connor
2. **Declarations of interest:** None
3. **Public questions and statements:** Mr Nareej Hargun, Leisure Services for South and Vale District Council, informed the parish council that there will be a free taster event this Friday in Appleton village hall for over 60’s. The aim of the event is to get a sustainable activity in the village for over 60’s to improve health benefits and keep them active. The taster event will be free and further events will be at a cost. If successful this will be a weekly event.
4. **Reports from District and County Councillors:** No reports received
5. **Minutes of the last meeting:** The minutes of the 11th December 2017 parish council meeting was signed as a true record.
6. **Matters arising from the previous meeting and not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:** None
7. **Clerks report:** No comments
8. **Co-option of a new parish councillor:** Mr Darren Vinton applied for the position as a parish councillor. It was agreed to co-opt Mr Vinton as the new parish councillor. The clerk will send him a letter.
9. **Neighbourhood Plan:** Mrs Salmon and Mrs Dymock, Neighbourhood Plan committee members, presented the draft Neighbourhood Plan (NP) to the parish council for approval. The parish councillors confirmed that they have all read the draft NP. It was resolved to approve the draft NP.

**ACTION:** The consultation statement needs to be completed before the meeting with Bluestone on Friday, 12th January.

1. **Thames Path Working Group:** A committee has been formed and their first meeting will be on Wednesday, 10th January. The purpose of the meeting will be to look at the historic maps and plan out what needs to be done.

It was mentioned that there is a sign that says ‘no entry’ across the weir bridge. Mrs Salmon will look at her records to confirm if she has it in writing that the National Rivers Authority are happy for the weir bridge to be used as a crossing and pass it on to Mrs Anna Yalci.

1. **The Plough planning application:** Mrs Mary Carey clarified that when the pub working group was first set up it was following on from the desire at the last extraordinary parish council meeting (March 2017) that the Plough Inn could be a community pub. The pub working group explored how the community pub will be run and visited community pubs to see how they worked. Since 18th December 2017 the focus has changed and now the group is looking at the planning application proposal for The Plough Inn.

It stands in good stead that the pub is registered as an asset of community value. The Vale of White Horse District council does state that the conditions only protect the asset in light of the asset being sold. Having an asset listed as an asset of community value is not a material consideration for the planning decision.

It was suggested doing an informal survey of people who would normally use The Plough but are now using other establishments.

CAMRA has offered to look through the parish council’s response.

Format of the public meeting:

Dr Richards reminded the parish council that the decision will be made at the meeting on Saturday, 13th January. The object of the meeting is to find out what the community would like. It was decided that Dr Richards will give a brief introduction at the beginning of the meeting. Mrs Mary Carey will speak on behalf of the pub working group to give a brief update on how the group started and what research that has been done to date. It was noted that it will be important to inform the public that Hawthorn Leisure Ltd have been approached and, at present, are not interested in selling the pub. The parish council will then listen to comments from the community. The meeting will then be closed to the public and the parish council will make a decision.

If the consensus is to object Mrs Carey can raise the option to seek expert advice.

It was agreed to not invite the developers or the planning officer.

**ACTION:** Mrs Carey to obtain an estimate of fees for a planning professional. Mrs Carey will draft a list of material planning considerations to help the community respond to the planning application. Copies of the list will be left at the community shop.

1. **London Oxford Airport Consultation:** Mr Julian Morris drafted a summary of the proposed changes to the Air Traffic Control. The overall conclusion was that there might be a slight increase of air traffic. It was resolved that the parish council will not respond to the consultation.

**ACTION**: The clerk will write to Mr Julian Morris to thank him for drafting the summary.

1. **Finance**

**Payments and receipts**

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| **Invoices** |
| **439** | **Clerks Salary and expenses:** December 2017 | See attachment **Approved**  |
| **440** | **Ady Podbery:** Gang mow the sportsfield | £89.40 **Approved** |
| **441** | **Appleton Community Shop:** Stationary |  £8.11 **Approved**  |
| **442** | **Gillian Woodley:** Cleaning of the sportsfield pavilion |  £10.00 **Approved** |
| **Direct Debits** |
| **Castle Water:** Monthly charge for water at the sportsfield pavilion | £29.57 |
| **Southern Electric:** Electricity at the Appleton Sportsfield pavilion | £64.59 |
| **Income received** |
| The Appleton Trust: Donation received towards the running expenses of the playground | £600.00 |

1. **Publications and correspondence**
2. Letter from Appleton Trust offering a donation to help with the running expenses of Jubilee Playground.
3. **Matters for report:** Nothing to report
4. **Date of the next meeting:** The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Monday 12th February 2017 at 7:15 in the village Hall.

Meeting closed: 8:45pm