**Minutes of Appleton with Eaton Parish Council Meeting**

**at the Village Hall,**

**Monday 9th October 2017 at 7.15pm**

Susan Blomerus – Parish Clerk – 16.10.17

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Mr John Adams, Mrs Susan Blomerus (Parish clerk), Mrs Mary Carey, Cllr Anda Fitzgerald-O’Connor (Oxfordshire County Council), Mrs Liz Gilkes, Mr James Mansfield (Chairman), Dr Mark Richards, Mr Tony Sibthorp, Mrs Anna Yalci

1. **Apologies for Absence:** None
2. **Declarations of interest:** None
3. **Public questions and statements:** None
4. **Reports from District and County Councillors**:

Oxfordshire County Council:

Cllr Anda Fitzgerald-O’Connor is part of the Faringdon Traffic Advisory Committee. This committee gives parish councils/people an opportunity to discuss issues and make the police and highways aware.

If the parish council has any traffic problems with regards to the A420 we can pass it to the group.

The parish council informed Cllr Fitzgerald-O’Connor that when parishioners use the 66 bus service travelling on the A420 from Oxford there is no safe place to cross the A420 to get to Appleton. Cllr Fitzgerald-O’Connor said that getting over the problem won’t be easy as there is no easy solution to the problem. There was talk of an underpass but nothing has come into fruition.

Cllr Fitzgerald-O’Connor has spoken to Mr Roy Leach (Oxfordshire County Council) regarding the Oaksmere road leading to the A420 but he has not offered a resolution yet.

Cllr Fitzgerald-O’Connor visited a local waste recycling centre to see if they had experienced extra fly tipping due to the charges implemented in October, to which they haven’t but some people are disgruntled that they have to pay for building waste to be disposed of .

1. **Minutes of the last meeting:** The minutes of the 11th September 2017 parish council meeting were signed as a true record subject to an amendment to 17/118: Requests for donations.
2. **Matters arising from the previous meeting and not appearing elsewhere on the agenda** None
3. **Clerks report:** Nothing raised
4. **Bench stop*:*** A parishioner offered to provide a bench near the brook at Fettiplace Close. The parish council was pleased to accept this offer. The parish council discussed providing an additional bench at the other end of Oaksmere. The parish council agreed to donate £300 for the purchase of the second bench.
5. **LED 30mph speed signs:** Last month the parish council agreed to purchase a camera for £1300. The quote for the speed camera has increased to £2315 as the costs were updated to match what was agreed at the meeting in September. The increase in costs puts it out of the budget; therefore Mr Tony Sibthorp will look into the Oxfordshire County Council Community Fund Grant Scheme for funding.
6. **Open Spaces Society:** The cost of membership is £45 a year. The parish council resolved to become a member of the Open Spaces Society.
7. **Rights of Way workshop:** MrsAnna Yalci offered to attend the workshop on the 19th November.
8. **Storage of aqua sacks:** The parish council have aqua sacks stored in locations in the village to use in the event of flooding. A parishioner is unable to store the sacks therefore the parish council need to find a suitable place to store the sacks. If a suitable place is not found it was suggested to distribute them evenly to parishioners who would benefit using the sacks in the event of a flood.
9. **Planning**

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| **Planning applications** | | | |
| **(i)** | **P17/V2533/HH** | 10 Eaton ABINGDON OX13 5PR | Demolition of existing single storey WC and utility room to the side of the main house. Erection of a new extension, consisting of a dining/family room, WC, a utility room, lobby and a study.  **No objections** |
| **Decisions** | | | |
| **(i)** | **P17/V2069/FUL** | 96 Netherton Road Appleton ABINGDON OX13 5LA | Planning application seeking enlargement to No. 96 Netherton Road (As per householder enlargements already approved under applications P16/V0144/PDH and P16/V0074/HH) and subsequent subdivision into two self-contained two bed dwellings (each with 2no. car parking spaces and private amenity space.)  **Planning application has been refused** |

1. **Finance**
2. **Auditors report and annual return 31/03/2017:** The auditor’s report was reviewed and accepted by the parish council. The notice of conclusion of audit has been displayed on the noticeboard outside the village shop and on the website.
3. **Budget 2018/19:** The budget was discussed briefly and will be discussed in more detail at the next parish council meeting.
4. **Clerk’s salary review:** The parish council resolved that the clerk’s salary be increased by one point.
5. **Payments and receipts**

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| **Invoices** | | | |
| **415** | **Clerks Salary and expenses:** September 2017 | See attachment | |
| **416** | **Ady Podbery**: Gang mow the sportsfield | £336.00 **Approved** | |
| **417** | **Comet Bus Service:** | £300.00 **Approved** | |
| **418** | **Gill Woodley: Cleaning of the sportsfield pavilion** | £10.00 **Approved** | |
| **419** | **BDO LLP:** External audit fees | £240.00 **Approved** | |
| **420** | **Be Free Young Carers:** Donation towards charity (formerly known as South and Vale Carers) | £50.00 **Approved** | |
| **421** | **Appleton Parochial Church Committee:** Donation towards grass cutting and Advertiser costs | £820.00 **Approved** | |
| **Direct Debits** | | | |
| Castle Water: Water supply at the sportsfield pavilion | | | £29.57 |
| **Income received** | | | |
| Donation towards boys football goalposts | | | £1217.81 |
| Fundraising for the playground: Wood Quest and Night Market takings | | | £171.11 |

1. **Publications and correspondence**

* Letter from BDO confirming the completion of the audit for the year ended 31 March 2017
* Letter from Vale of White Horse District Council confirming the successful listing of the Eight Bells as an asset of community value

1. **Matters for report:** None
2. **Date of the next meeting:** The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Monday 13th November 2017 at 7:15 in the village Hall.
3. **Community pub working group:** The working group has visited village community pubs in the vicinity. All these pubs were bought from Green King and the pubs were for sale. The working group has been in touch with Hawthorn Leisure to inform them that the village is interested in buying the pub. The group have applied to Plunkett Foundation for assistance.

One of the criteria for the application to the Plunkett Foundation is that the pub will be able to supply additional services. A number of services were mentioned.

Meeting ended 8:26pm