

APPLETON WITH EATON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Appleton with Eaton Parish Council meeting at the Village Hall, Monday 11th April 2016 at 7.15pm.

Susan Blomerus – Parish Clerk – 20/04/2016

MINUTES

Present: Mr John Adams, Mrs Susan Blomerus (Parish Clerk), Mrs Mary Carey, Mrs Liz Gilkes, Mr James Mansfield, Mr Mark Richards Mr Tony Sibthorp, Mrs Anna Yalci

Also present: Mrs Pam Feast, Mr Alan Feast, Mrs Betty Griffiths, Ms Fiona Mullins

16/1 Apologies for Absence: Cllr Anthony Hayward, Cllr Melinda Tilley

16/2 Declarations of interest: None

16/3 Public questions and statements:

Item 16/8: Neighbourhood Plan Meeting: Ms Mullins presented the parish council with a proposal for the Neighbourhood Plan public meeting which is taking place on Saturday, 16th April 2016.

Item 16/9: Buses in Appleton: Mr Feast mentioned this ongoing problem fuelled by Oxfordshire County Council saying they are going to remove all subsidies. The parish has two months until all bus services are cut. Mr Feast appealed to the parish council to endeavour to save the parish's bus services. Mr Feast suggested possibly sharing a service with other villages' maybe 2 or 3 days a week and approaching other bus service providers to see if they can help. Mr Feast said that having no bus service in the village will cause great difficulty for the elderly and people without transport and will force villagers to move from the village. Mr Feast also stated that the walk to the A420 to catch the Stagecoach 66 bus is not a possibility as it's dark and dangerous at night.

Mrs Griffiths said the change of the bus timetable has possibly been the reason why the bus service is not well used. Mrs Griffiths mentioned that she has reported the Appleton bus stop on the A420 as the bus stop is unmarked and sometimes the bus driver refuses to stop. Mrs Griffiths was informed that there is an A420 Strategy Plan and the intention is to review and improve the bus stops along the A420, although there is no indication of when this will happen.

16/4 Reports from District and County Councillors: Report received from Cllr Hayward

16/5 Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the 14th March 2016 were signed as a true record.

16/6 Matters arising from the previous meeting and not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:
None

16/7 Clerks Report: None

16/8 Neighbourhood Plan Meeting: Parish Councillors were allotted jobs for the meeting. The programme for the meeting was discussed and agreed.

16/9 Buses in Appleton: Mrs Carey was asked to write to Mr Luke Marion from Thames Travel and to the Oxford Bus Company and appeal to create a viable bus service from Appleton to Oxford. Another avenue is to organise a mini bus service traveling to the A420 or Cumnor. The clerk was asked to put a piece in the Advertiser and on the website regarding the bus situation in the village.

16/10 External audit: The parish council agreed with all aspects of the Annual Governance Review. The parish council will keep with the set date of 8th June – 19th July 2016 for the electors to review the parish council accounts.

16/11 Oxford Green Belt Network: The parish council agreed to join the Oxford Green Belt Network.

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16/12 Grow Wild: The parish council decided that the OX13 Youth Club should join with the W.I. to decide where to plant the seeds and bulbs in the village.

16/13 Green Lane Maintenance: The parish council has requested a quote to have the Green Lane ditched properly. The contractor will have a look at Green Lane in a few weeks and give the council any advice that can aid in drying the lane out. To be added to L&R agenda

16/14 Progress on Lock Road permit system

Communication with A.H. Cornish is ongoing.

16/15 Planning

Applications :

(i) P16/V0753/T56	Land at Junction of Oaksmere Road & A420 Tubney Woods Tubney Abingdon OX13 5QU	Replacement of a 15m phase 2 monopole with 15m phase 4 monopole and 1. no additional cabinet. No objections
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Decisions :

(i) P16/V0306/HH	35 Badswell Lane Appleton Abingdon OX13 5JN	Demolition of existing single storey, flat roofed garage and erection of part single storey and part two storey side extension to existing semi-detached house. Planning permission is granted
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16/16 Finance

Invoices for approval

311 Clerks Salary and expenses: February 2016

See attachment
Approved

Receipts

DD	VAT Repayment	£1,854.23
DD	Slade Legal: Refund	£9

16/17 Publications and correspondence

1. Letter BDO regarding the external audit

16/18 Matters for report:

16/19 Date of the next meeting: The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Monday 9th May 2016 at 7:15 in the Appleton village Hall.

Meeting closed at 9:20pm