

APPLETON WITH EATON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Appleton with Eaton Parish Council meeting at the Village Hall, Monday 13th June 2016 at 7.15pm.

Susan Blomerus – Parish Clerk – 23.06.16

MINUTES

Present: Mr John Adams, Mrs Susan Blomerus (parish clerk), Mrs Liz Gilkes, Mr James Mansfield (Chairman), Dr Mark Richards, Mr Tony Sibthorp, Mrs Anna Yalci

Also present: Cllr Hayward, Cllr Melinda Tilley, Mrs Trish Wagstaff

16/45 Apologies for Absence: Mrs Mary Carey

16/46 Declarations of interest: None

16/47 Public questions and statements: Mrs Trish Wagstaff: Land adjoining Netherton Road: Mrs Wagstaff spoke about her concerns regarding planning application P16/V0469/FUL. Mrs Wagstaff will be sending a response to the Vale of White Horse District Council.

16/48 Reports from District and County Councillors:

Vale of white horse:

Local plan: Cllr Hayward started off by talking about the Local Plan. He mentioned that it was good news for the parish council concerning the Inspectors Interim decision regarding the Greenbelt and reminded the parish council that this was an interim announcement and not a final announcement. Mr Hayward cautioned the parish council about Local Plan Part 2 as the Vale of White Horse District Council are looking for 1000 houses and the Call for Sites Consultation has begun. Developers might apply for screening for sites in Appleton and Eaton. These sites will first be assessed to see if the land meets all the requirements, before it is approved. At the moment the Vale of White Horse does not have a 5 year land supply. The potential unmet housing need from Oxford Local Plan is approximately 3000 houses.

County Council: Cllr Tilley talked about Unitary Authorities and asked the parish council's opinion on taking over certain local services. Cllr Tilley also wanted to know the parish councils thoughts on 4 unitary authorities vs 1 single authority. A discussion took place regarding these questions.

16/49 Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the 9th May 2016 meeting were signed as a true record.

16/50 Matters arising from the previous meeting and not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:
None

16/51 Clerks report: None

16/52 Bus services in Appleton: The parish council are planning to bid for one of the Oxfordshire County County's 16 seater mini buses and are working alongside Longworth and Hinton Waldrist Parish Council. The meeting to discuss this will take place on the 27th June 2016.

16/53 Invitation to county council unitary workshop: Mrs Liz Gilkes and Mr Tony Sibthorp will attend the workshop on the 22nd June 2016 in Abingdon and report back to the parish council at the next parish council meeting.

16/54 External Audit of parish accounts: The accounting statement for 2015/16 was approved and signed by the chairman and parish clerk. The clerk will send the information to the external auditor.

16/55 Review of Standing Orders: The standing orders were unanimously agreed.

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16/56 History Group Information board: The History Group will resume work in autumn.

16/57 Probation Service door to door sellers: A concerned resident has informed the parish council that ex-offenders are being sent by the probation office to sell bric-a-brac at very high prices. This is very intimidating to vulnerable residents. Whilst the Parish Council supports the rehabilitation of prisoners the council has a duty of care to the community and do not believe door to door sales of poor quality products to vulnerable residents is acceptable. Therefore it was agreed to draft a letter to the probation office requesting that they don't send sellers to Appleton and Eaton village.

16/58 Mobile library: The Mobile Library Service will cease to operate in Appleton and all of Oxfordshire in September 2016. The final day of service being Friday, 16th September 2016. The county council do offer a Home Library Service –Mrs Liz Gilkes will look into options and how the service can work for the residents of Appleton.

16/59 Changes to the Vale of White Horse district council constitution: Changes for the planning scheme of delegation for parish councils has been received. It was decided to draft a letter stipulating the parish councils concerns and circulate amongst parish councillors.

16/60 Lock Road: Mr Adams has written a letter to A.H. Cornish Ltd and no response has been received to date. A decision was made to draft a letter to A.H. Cornish Ltd outlining that the Parish Council intend to take legal advice on this matter if the council do not hear back from A.H. Cornish before the next parish council meeting, with a firm proposal and time line for the permit scheme to start.

16/61 Planning

- (i) **P16/V0469/FUL** Land adjoining Netherton Road Appleton Abingdon OX13 5QW
- Proposed erection of multi purpose storage barn. (amended by plans received 23/5/2016).
The parish council object on the following reasons:
- Need: There is no need for a building of that size on the land. Our local knowledge informs us that the land is currently cut as a silage crop and not stored the same way as hay. Even if there was a requirement to store hay on this field it could be stored in a building considerably smaller or in a building elsewhere. The applicant has asked for storage space for additional machinery and a tractor however our local knowledge informs us that it will be impossible to store all the equipment required in a building of this size.
 - In addition we are concerned that the application for a barn of this size within greenbelt is a precursor to convert to a domestic property.
 - Scale and bulk of barn in relation to land
 - The activities on this small plot of land would not be in our opinion economically viable and therefore there would be no requirement for the barn.
 - Won't get £250 to graze sheep during the winter.
 - No water supply on field
 - Business plan is flawed and always changing
 - The planning application states the barn is in situ of the original barn but the original barn was a 10 x 12 shed
- It is also worthy of note that the applicant has previous planning applications to erect a barn to house horses.

Planning: Not subject to public consultation

- (i) **P16/V1185/PAR** Cheers Farm, Appleton OX13 5LA Conversion of single storey building in agricultural use to residential use

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Planning decisions

- (i) **P16/V0792/HH** 17 Badswell Lane Appleton Abingdon Erection of single storey rear/side extension and re-covering of existing flat roof.
Planning approved

16/62 Finance

Invoices

322	Clerks Salary and expenses	See attachment
323	Ady Podbery: Gang mowing sportsfield and strimming	Approved £228
324	Appleton Community Shop: Stationary and refreshments for meetings	Approved £34.50
325	Paul Golding: Battery and power cord for parish laptop	Approved £18.87

Invoices previously approved:

320	Appleton Events Fund: Grant received from VOWH DC	£949
321	Table-Tennis-Tables: Purchase of Table tennis table	£569.99

Direct Debits

Southern Electric: Electricity for sportsfield	£65.34
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Income received:

500051 Private Hire of the sportsfield	£60
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16/63 Publications and correspondence:

- Letter received from Appleton resident regarding speeding down Badswell Lane

16/64 Matters for report:

- Speeding down Badswell Lane to go on July's agenda
- The parish council has received a report that the grass verges in Town Furlong has not been cut – The county council will only cut verges and hedges twice a year.
- Mrs Liz Gilkes gave her apologies for the next parish council meeting
- Trees in Appleton: Richard Upton to carry out maintenance work

16/65 Date of the next meeting: The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Monday 11th July 2016 at 7:15 in the village Hall.

Meeting closed at 9