

## APPLETON WITH EATON PARISH COUNCIL

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### Minutes of the Appleton with Eaton Parish Council meeting at the Village Hall, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at 7.15pm.

*Susan Blomerus* – Parish Clerk – 18.07.16

## MINUTES

**Present:** Mr John Adams, Mrs Susan Blomerus (parish clerk), Mrs Mary Carey, Mr James Mansfield (Chairman), Dr Mark Richards, Mrs Anna Yalci

**Also present:** Mrs Sanchia Prickett, Mr Russell Robson, Mrs Claire Salmon, Mrs Rebekah White

**16/66 Apologies for Absence:** Mrs Liz Gilkes, Mr Tony Sibthorp, Cllr Melinda Tilley

**16/67 Declarations of interest:** None

**16/68 Public questions and statements:**

- Lock Road:** *Claire Salmon:* Mrs Salmon was part of the Weir Campaign Team and it took immense work to save the paddle and rymer weir from modernisation. One of the key reasons for all the hard work to restore the existing weir was for the parish and other communities to enjoy it and with the understanding that the Lock Road would be open for the community.  
*Sanchia Prickett:* Is disappointed that the Lock Road is restricted because of a few people's action.
- Neighbourhood Plan:** Mrs Salmon reported that there are two key issues that the steering group need to address. 1 – A project Plan needs to be completed 2 – the Steering Group needs someone with experience with project planning to help draw up the project plan.
- Thames Valley Path:** Mr Robson introduced the parish council to the idea of a ferry crossing in the area of Bablockhythe and Green Lane and suggested making contact with Thames Valley National Trail. The ferry will be a self-propelled ferry and do circular routes. Associated structures of the ferry will need planning permission.

**16/69 Reports from District and County Councillors:** Cllr Melinda Tilley sent a report:

**Park & Ride:** A study which could lead to up to five new park and ride sites being built to serve Oxfordshire has been published. Oxford Transport Strategy proposes a major expansion and reconfiguration of the Park and Ride system to intercept more car trips earlier in their journeys and further away from the city. New proposed sites at Eynsham, Cumnor, Lodge Hill, Sandford and Oxford Airport will be phased over the next 15 years.

**Grass verge cutting 2016:** Financial pressures have forced Oxfordshire County Council to reduce its overall verge mowing in recent years; just one general cut a year is now carried out across the whole of the road network. This includes cutting all visibility splays at junctions and cutting grass verges to a distance 1m back from the kerb.

**16/70 Minutes of the last meeting:** The minutes of 13<sup>th</sup> June 2016 meeting were signed as a true record.

**16/71 Matters arising from the previous meeting and not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:**

None

**16/72 Clerks report:**

**Probation service sellers:** The clerk reported that the Oxford Probation Service has responded to the letter and the sellers are not part of the probation scheme and are a scam. All residents must not buy anything from these sellers and report the incident to Thames Valley Police by dialling 101. The clerk was asked to add a report to The Advertiser, Website, noticeboard and send a 'Shout Out.'

**16/73 Bus service in Appleton:** A letter has been drafted to send to Oxfordshire County Council and has been sent to Hinton Waldrist, Longworth and Fyfield and Tubney Parish Council. The parish council agreed to send the letter to Oxfordshire County Council although feedback has not been received from parish councils. The

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Bus Working Group will look into the volunteer driving scheme to operate in the interim as the bus service ceases on the 20<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

**16/74 Report from Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group:** The Survey subgroup will be drafting a scoping survey to distribute to residents in September; this survey will inform the Steering Group what residents would like the Neighbourhood Plan to achieve.

The Events Subgroup will be designing a scarecrow to enter the Appleton 2016 Scarecrow Competition on behalf of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. The scarecrow will be used to advertise the Neighbourhood Plan after the competition.

**16/75 Report from Unitary Authority Workshop:** report received from Mrs Gilkes and Mr Sibthorp:

1. There was a group discussion at the workshop on the appetite for more local control and influence at parish level, barriers and what communities would like to influence more.
2. Most people were concerned about future funding if parish councils took on more responsibilities and the availability of access to professional advice.
3. There was a suggestion of smaller parish council to work together in a cluster to organise local services such as grass cutting.
4. The government will make a final decision on local proposals sometime in 2019 after full consultations.
5. The Appleton with Eaton Parish Council is still undecided and has a few concerns, and is waiting for the proposal of Vale of White Horse District Council.

**16/76 Mobile library bus:** Mrs Gilkes will investigate further.

**16/77 Changes to the Vale of White Horse district council constitution** – planning scheme of delegation: The parish clerk was asked attend the planning workshop which will take place on the 26<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at the Oxford Abingdon Hotel.

**16/78 Lock Road:** Mr Mansfield updated all villagers present at the meeting of the progress that has been made so far. A letter has been received from A.H. Cornish. It was voted unanimously to respond to A.H. Cornish informing them that the parish council would like to pursue the permit system.

**16/79 Speeding down Badswell Lane:** A letter has been received concerning speeding down Badswell Lane. The parish council are keen to keep traffic furniture at a minimum. The clerk was asked to put a note in The Advertiser and website to remind people to be mindful when driving down Badswell Lane and park on the road, not the pavement.

**16/80 Mrs Brown's retirement:** The parish council will send Mrs Brown a card.

**16/81 Thames Path access:** The parish council intends to pursue the possibility of replacing the chain ferry at Bablockhythe and installing an additional chain ferry at Appleton landing.

**16/82 Annual Parish Meeting:** The clerk will enquire if the village hall is available on the 27<sup>th</sup> April for the Annual Parish Meeting.

### 16/83 Planning

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| <b>(i) P16/V1048/HH</b>             | Appleton House, Netherton Road, Appleton, Abingdon, OX13 5JX   | Proposed new indoor swimming pool with changing rooms, sauna and plant room. Re-submission of application number P13/V1184/HH to extend permission date<br><b>No objections</b>       |
| <b>Planning:</b> Lawful development |  |   |
| <b>(i) P16/V1325/LDP</b>            | Wisteria Cottage 6 Badswell Lane<br>Appleton Abingdon OX13 5JN | Replacement of existing sectional timber shed with a new sectional timber building to be used for garden storage and as a workshop.<br><b>Planning application has been withdrawn</b> |
| <b>Planning decisions</b>           |  |   |
| <b>(i) P16/V0469/FUL</b>            | Land adjoining Netherton Road<br>Appleton Abingdon OX13 5QW    | Proposed erection of multi purpose storage barn. (amended by plans received 23/5/2016).<br><b>Planning application refused</b>  |

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### 16/84 Finance

#### Invoices

<b>326 Clerks Salary and expenses (June)</b>	See attachment
	Approved
<b>327 Ady Podbery:</b> Gang mow sportsfield, strimming of carpark, obstacles and fence line	£228.00
	Approved
<b>328 Oxford Tree Surgeons Ltd:</b> Cutting trees at Tennis Court and Village Hall Car Park	£432
	Approved
<b>329 MP Security Installations:</b> Annual intruder alarm maintenance contact for sportsfield	£105.25
	Approved
<b>330 S.Biltcliffe:</b> Concrete for table tennis table	£28.75
	Approved
<b>331 Clerks Salary and expenses (July)</b>	See attachment
	Approved

#### Direct Debits

ICO: Data protection registration £35

#### Income received:

<b>500051 Hire of Sportsfield:</b> Cumnor Minors	£70
<b>500052 Appleton 250 Club:</b> Donation towards Sportsfield expenses	£200
<b>Hire of Sportsfield:</b> Private hire	£20
<b>Fundraising:</b> Friends of Jubilee Park stall at Summer Fete	£71

### 16/85 Publications and correspondence:

- Letter from Lloyds Bank regarding changes and updates to the business account
- Letter from CAMRA regarding registering The Eight Bells as a community asset
- B.C. Contracts – regarding ditching Green Lane
- Vale of White Horse District Council – letter confirming Area Designation has been approved

### 16/86 Matters for report: None

**16/87 Date of the next meeting:** The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 7:15 in Appleton Village Hall, Committee Room.

Meeting closed at 9:20pm