

APPLETON WITH EATON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Appleton with Eaton Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting at the Village Hall, Monday, 21st November 2016 at 7.15pm.

Susan Blomerus – Parish Clerk – 01.12.16

MINUTES

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

Also present: Members of public in attendance.

16/165 Apologies for absence: Mr Richard Dick, Mrs Felicity Dick

16/166 Declarations of interest: None

16/167 Public questions and statements:

Mr Mansfield opened the meeting by reading advice received from the National Association of Local Councils solicitors to all those present at the meeting. The advice was that the parish council could not be involved with the permit system that A.H. Cornish has proposed.

Item number 16/168: Lock Road Permit System

Mr Mansfield read correspondence received from Mr and Mrs Dick

Mr Mark Winks mentioned that he is very sad that the local community can't access the weir without having to pay. He had pushed hard for the Environmental Agency to improve the Lock Road when it was resurfaced in the hope that it would allow the villagers better access to the Lock.

Mr Ed Parker said that the lock is an asset enjoyed by the whole community. He does not agree with the charge for a permit and believed it should be at a sensible level.

Mrs Claire Salmon said that she was part of the Weir Campaign and the team worked hard to save the weir for the community and the country. Mrs Salmon accepts that it is a private road and the community need to adhere to conditions but it brings great sadness to the community that the road is closed and that we will be charged to use it. Mrs Salmon said that the community shop does benefit from the campers from Barefoot Campsite but Badswell Lane does experience an increase in traffic down the lane.

Mr David Gow said that the community is in this position because a small minority who abused the situation. AH Cornish would like to allow access on the lock road. The proposed fee for a permit includes the cost of installing pedestrian gates, and the remainder will be donated to three charities. The fee will not form part of AH Cornish's income. A.H. Cornish is happy for people to use Lock Road if they respect the terms they have proposed. Each applicant will receive a lanyard and a combination for the lock on the gate. The permit system would be self-policing. A. H. Cornish is happy to work with a group from the community to find a working solution.

Item number 16/169: Green Lane hedge

Mrs Mary Blake added that walkers sometime remove debris from the ditch as they aware that the ditch is important and installing fencing along the ditch will prevent people from being able to access debris.

Mrs Angi Levell-Collins, Footpath Officer, Informed the parish council that she has been approached by members of the community regarding another footpath which comes out by Besselsleigh School (closed in summer) which is guarded by security dogs. Mrs Level-Collins had a meeting with the security company and has been assured that it is safe to use the footpath.

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16/168 Lock Road Permit System: The parish council received advice from the National Association of Local Councils that the parish council cannot be involved in any permit system that A.H. Cornish is proposing.

16/169 Green Lane Hedge: The parish council received a request to either erect a fence or close the gaps in Green Lane where people are walking onto AH Cornish land. The parish council does not believe this work falls within the remit of the parish. The clerk will inform A.H. Cornish of this decision.

16/170 Donation to Parish Council from the Lock Road permit system: The parish council agreed, following legal advice, that a donation from the proceeds of the Lock Road permit system can't be accepted. The clerk will inform A.H. Cornish.

16/171 Matters for report:

- Mrs Mary Carey informed all residents present that the Comet system will now operate two days a week.
- Mrs Griffiths thanked the parish council for efforts to organise the Comet bus service.

16/172 Date of the next meeting: The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Monday 12th December 2017 at 7:15 in the village Hall.

The meeting ended at 7:56pm