

**Minutes of Appleton with Eaton Parish Council meeting  
at the Village Hall, Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 7.15pm.**

*Susan Blomerus* – Parish Clerk – 01.12.16

## MINUTES

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

**16/142 Apologies for absence:** Cllr Tilley

**16/143 Declarations of interest:** Mrs Mary Carey declared an interest in item number 16/157 as she volunteers at the Citizen Advice Bureau.

**16/144 Public questions and statements:**

Mr Mark Winks wished to bring a flood risk issue in Appleton to the attention of the parish council. Mr Winks is concerned that Barefoot Campsite is not following the planning regulation that stipulates that they should not be in operation in flood zone 2 and 3 for longer than 28 days due to flood risks. Mr Winks asked for the parish council's support concerning this issue. He mentioned that over the summer there were isolated flooding issues and flash flooding locally and that Appleton was lucky this summer. To be added to December's agenda.

**16/150:** Mr Winks informed the parish council that he attended a funding meeting for the Bablockhythe Thames Ferry River Crossing. He said that the intention is to open up the rights of way that does not involve going over bridges and roads. The ferry will be bicycle and wheelchair friendly and will not take cars. If successful a boat yard will be erected and a chain ferry will be installed but will need to be manned by a volunteer work force on a rota basis. It is hopeful that the chain ferry will be in operation 7 days a week for a certain period during the year.

**16/145 Reports from District and County Councillors:** Report received from Cllr Tilley

**16/146 Minutes of the last meeting:** The minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016 parish council meeting were signed as a true record.

**16/147 Matters arising from the previous meeting and not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:**

None

**16/148 Clerks report:** None

**16/149 Report from Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group:** The Sustainability Appraisal is being drafted and should be completed by December 2016. The results of the scoping survey has been collated and will be published soon.

**16/150 Bablockhythe Thames Ferry River Crossing:** Mr Winks will request that a parish councillor be invited to the next meeting regarding the crossing. The parish council were aware that reopening the ferry will increase the foot and cycle traffic in Eaton. The clerk will add a note in the Advertiser to inform residents of the plan to reinstate the Bablockhythe ferry crossing and to send their views via email to the parish clerk by the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016. The clerk was asked to find any information on ownership of Bablockhythe before the next parish council meeting.

**16/151 New river crossing at Appleton Wharf:** The parish council agreed in principle that it would be beneficial to have a new river crossing at Appleton Wharf, in the absence of access to Northmoor Lock. The clerk was asked to look into funding options. The clerk will also follow up on the email that was sent to the Thames Path National Trail.

**16/152 Internet banking:** Mrs Mary Carey presented the draft internet banking policy to the parish council. The parish council agreed to move forward with internet banking and to accept the online banking policy.

**16/153 Assets of Community Value:** When the parish council reviewed community assets in 2014 the parish council were asked to delay registering the community shop as a community asset with the agreement that the situation will be reviewed in 6 months. After reviewing the situation again the parish council agreed that

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it is in the best interest of the community to register the shop as an asset of community value. The clerk will write to the owners to inform them about this decision.

**16/154 Comet Service:** This service is proving to be very popular. The bus can carry a maximum of 16 people.

Presently the service is running on an alternate week system. One week the pick is in Appleton, the following week the pickup is in Hinton Waldrist. It was agreed to not restrict the service so any resident can use it. It was also agreed to increase the service to two days per week, Monday and Wednesday's. The parish council agreed to fund the service until information is received from National Association of Local Council solicitors. Mr Mansfield thanked Mrs Mary Carey for all her hard work.

**16/155 Trees in Doctors lane:** The trees down Doctors Lane need attention. Mr Mansfield suggested organising a meeting with all the residents bordering on to the lane to discuss a solution to this issue.

**16/156 The Big Clean Up Project:** The district council wrote to the parish council informing them that they will be spending a few days in December cleaning Appleton and Eaton and wanted to know if there was any areas in particular that the parish council would like cleaned. It was agreed that there isn't any particular area that the parish council can suggest cleaning in Appleton or Eaton. The clerk was asked to thank the district council and inform them of this decision.

**16/157 Citizen Advice Service:** The Citizen Advice Service wrote to the parish council requesting a grant. The parish council agreed to donate £50 to the charity.

**16/158 Sue Ryder – Nettlebed Hospice:** Sue Ryder Charity wrote to the parish council to request a grant. The parish council agreed to not donate as the charity is out of the catchment area.

**16/159 Traffic Monitoring in the village:** The parish council has agreed to go ahead with organising the traffic monitoring for the village. The parish clerk was asked to organise a potential date.

### 16/160 Planning:

#### Planning applications:

(i)	<b>P16/V2613/HH</b>	40 Netherton Road Appleton ABINGDON OX13 5JZ	Garage conversion and extension to form Home office and Granny Annexe <b>No objections</b>
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#### Planning decisions

(i)	<b>P16/V1986/FUL</b>	Former Hills Nurseries Netherton Road Appleton OX13 5QN	Proposed conversion and redevelopment to provide 2 no. five bed dwellings with associated ancillary structure and provision of separate access arrangements.
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### 16/161 Finance

**Budget 2017-18:** The budget was discussed and will be approved at December's meeting.

#### Invoices previously approved:

<b>351</b>	<b>OALC:</b> Minutes and Meeting training for parish clerk	£42.00
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#### Invoices

<b>352</b>	<b>Clerks Salary and expenses (October)</b>	See attachment <b>Approved</b>
<b>353</b>	<b>Ady Podbery:</b> Gang mow field, strimming of carpark	£465.00 <b>Approved</b>
<b>354</b>	<b>Appleton Community Shop:</b> Stationary and sportsfield supplies	£17.58 <b>Approved</b>
<b>355</b>	<b>Yew Tree Contractors:</b> Second half payment for grass cutting at the playground	£960.00 <b>Approved</b>
<b>356</b>	<b>A.H. Cornish:</b> annual rent for the playground	£759.33 <b>Approved</b>
<b>357</b>	<b>The Play Inspection Company:</b> Operational Inspection reports for playground and sportsfield	£90.00 <b>Approved</b>
<b>358</b>	<b>Appleton Community Shop:</b> Stationary and Sportsfield expenses	£20.77 <b>Approved</b>
<b>359</b>	<b>Marilyn Morris:</b> Printing of the Neighbourhood Plan shirt	£29.50 <b>Approved</b>
<b>360</b>	<b>Rigby Taylor:</b> White powder for line marking for the sportsfield	£177.06 <b>Approved</b>

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### **Income received:**

<b>Appleton Cricket Club:</b> Hiring of the sportsfield grounds	£500.00
<b>Cumnor Minor Football Club:</b> Hiring of sportsfield grounds	£160.00

### **16/162 Publications and correspondence**

- Letter from Vale of White Horse District Council informing the parish council that the community nomination of the Eight Bells Pub is under review by the owners
- Letter from Citizens Advice requesting a donation towards the costs of running the service
- Letter from A.H. Cornish informing the parish council that they are happy to move forward with the permit system.

### **16/163 Matters for report:**

- There was a website meeting in October. The parish council would like to thank the website committee for all their work.
- The Leisure and Recreation meeting will take place at 8pm on the 21<sup>st</sup> November. The clerk to inform all committee members.

**16/164 Date of the next meeting:** The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2016 at 7:15 in the village Hall.

***Meeting closed at 9:21pm***