

Minutes of the Appleton with Eaton Parish Council meeting at the Village Hall, Monday 9th January 2017 at 7.15pm.

Susan Blomerus – Parish Clerk – 23.01.17

MINUTES

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

Also present: Cllr Anthony Hayward

16/192 Apologies for absence: Cllr Melinda Tilley

16/193 Declarations of interest: Dr Mark Richards declared an interest in item number 16/204: Trees in Doctor's Lane as his house backs on to the bridleway.

16/194 Public questions and statements: None

16/195 Reports from District and County Councillors:

District Cllr Anthony Hayward:

- Cllr Hayward confirmed that the Local Plan Part 1 is now in place. There is a 7 year land supply in the Local Plan which will control where and when builds will take place. The Local Plan Part 2 is now under development and it will include the housing needs of Oxford which is 2200 houses and a further 2000 houses which needs to be allocated in Part 2 of the Local Plan. The sites which were promoted to the district council will come under recommendation next week and it will be announced which sites will be accepted to be part of the Local Plan Part 2. Cllr Hayward is confident that the site near Kingston Bagpuize/Fyfield will be accepted and it will provide 600 houses. This land is not in the Green Belt. It was mentioned that Dalton Barracks is closing and would this be an option for housing but Cllr Hayward confirmed that it will only be closing in 2028.
- Cllr Hayward also mentioned that at present builders have to pay a Section 106 levy but this will change to a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). CIL is a levy that the Vale of White Horse can choose to charge on new development in their area. The money raised can be used to fund a wide range of infrastructure to support growth set out in the adopted Local Plan.
- Cllr Hayward said that the budget for the district council is being discussed and this year there will be an approximately £5 per annum increase for each resident.
- Cllr Hayward was asked about potential grants and funding that the district council can offer the parish council. Cllr Hayward confirmed that there are grants that the district council offer that would benefit the community. The parish council will need to make contact with Vale Grants who will give contact details for the West Area Committee. Cllr Hayward mentioned that it will be problematic if the parish council apply for a grant that is for an ongoing expense like the Comet Bus Service.

County Cllr Tilley: Cllr Tilley sent a report:

- Oxfordshire County Council is joining forces with neighbouring councils to create a Regional Adoption Agency for the Thames Valley.
- A new online 'toolkit' has been launched by OCC which provides information and advice for those wanting to take action to safeguard their homes or businesses against the effects of flooding.
- In September OCC launched a county wide campaign for Home Library Service volunteers. This campaign has led to 150 volunteers applications so far. Home Library Service volunteers choose and deliver books to those who are unable to get to a library.

16/196 Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of 12th December 2016 parish council meeting were signed as a true record.

16/197Matters arising from the previous meeting and not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:

Green Lane: Mrs Yalci reported that she organised a group of volunteers to spread more bark and clear the debris out of the channels in December. Due to the ground being very hard with frost the channels could not be dug but Mrs Yalci has arranged to complete the work at the beginning of February.

16/198Clerks report:

- Mrs Mary Carey offered to ring the bank to query the bank charges.
- The clerk is awaiting a response from Sally Truman, Vale of White Horse District Council regarding registering the Appleton Community Shop as an Asset of Community Value.

16/199Comet bus Service: For information only. Mrs Carey is in the process of setting up a Bus User Group. The Monday bus service is not as popular as the Wednesday bus service. There has been a request for a Friday bus service and Mrs Carey is waiting to hear from the Comet Service if this would be possible, if so the Monday bus service will be stopped. The bus user group will have two members each from Appleton, Hinton Waldrist and Longworth Village respectively. The group will look into applying for grants to assist with paying for the service.

16/200Dog fouling: It has been reported to the parish council that the amount of dog mess around the village is on the rise. It was **resolved** that the parish clerk will put a note in The Advertiser.

16/201Eight Bells Pub: The outcome of the review of the Eight Bells Pub is that the pub will now be removed from the List of Assets of Community Value. It was **resolved** that Cllr Hayward will look into the case and report back to the parish clerk. It was **resolved** that the parish council will wait for a response from Sally Truman, Vale of White Horse District Council, before deciding the next course of action.

16/202Bablockhythe chain ferry: For information only. The clerk emailed Mr Mark Winks requesting an update. Mr Winks confirmed that there has been no further progress made and there is no date set for a further meeting. Mr Winks assured the parish clerk that the parish council will be invited to attend any further discussions regarding the ferry.

16/203Flooding risk in Appleton: For information only. The clerk asked the Flood Action Group to formulate a plan to manage the number of cars leaving the campsite using Badswell Lane in the event of flash flooding. Mr Mansfield, Chairman of the Flood Action Group, said that it is not in the remit of the group to formulate this plan. The Flood Action Group will send information about what the group does to the website.

16/204Trees in Doctors Lane: The trees in Doctors Lane need attention. It was **resolved** that Mr Mansfield will arrange to meet with Field Officer, Mr Arthur McEwen-James, so he can inspect the condition of the trees and discuss options.

16/205Planning:

Planning applications:

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| (i) P16/V3203/FUL | 56 Netherton Road
Appleton ABINGDON
OX13 5JZ | Demolition of the existing detached dwelling and outbuildings on site and a replacement scheme of a single detached dwelling with associated detached garage.
No objections |
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16/206Finance

Invoices

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| 364 | Clerks Salary and expenses (December) | See attachment |
| 365 | Ady Podbery: Gang mow the playing field | £87 Approved |
| 366 | Claude Lay Partners: Cutting of hedges along Green Lane/ Appleton Landing | £180 Approved |
| 367 | Tina Mould: black rubber play mats and pegs for playground/ Table tennis table | £60 Approved |

Income received:

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| Westminster Football Club: Hiring of the sportsfield | £375.00 |
| Lantern Making: Proceeds from fundraising event | £118.51 |
| Appleton Quest: Proceeds from sale of crisps and chocolate | £19.21 |

16/207 Publications and correspondence

- Letter received from the Vale of White Horse District Council confirming that the Eight Bells Pub has been removed from the Asset of Community Value register following the review in December.
- Letter received from Thames Water confirming that Thames Water is transferring their non-household retail business to Castle Water

16/208 Matters for report:

- It was reported that the surface of the footpath leading to Besselsleigh Woods makes it very difficult to walk in these wet conditions. The worst part of the footpath is near the kissing gates from Long Close as it has a deep gouge which fills with water where it has become heavily eroded. It was resolved to add to February's agenda.
- It was reported that the Vodafone signal was capricious in the village over the Christmas period. The service is now back to normal due to 4G tower being installed.

16/209 Date of the next meeting: The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Monday 13th February 2017 at 7:15 in the village Hall.

Meeting closed at 8:30pm

Signed.....Date..... (Chairman)