

APPLETON WITH EATON PARISH COUNCIL

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Appleton with Eaton Parish Council (AWE PC)

Conducted Via Zoom

Monday 9th November 2020, 7:15pm

Allison Leigh – Parish Clerk

Minutes

Present: Chair Mark Richards (MR), Vice Chair Liz Gilkes (LG), Councillors Mary Carey (MC), John Adams (JA), Nicki Clarke (NC), Andy Salmon (AS) and Stephen Day (SD) and County Councillor Anda Fitzgerald O'Connor (AFO)

Also present: Allison Leigh, Clerk (AL)

20/117: Apologies for Absence: District Councillor J. Avery

20/118: Declarations of interest: None

20/119: Public questions and statements: No members of the public were in attendance.

20/120: Reports from District and County Councillors: There was no report from Vale of White Horse District Council.

Oxfordshire County Council (OCC)

AFO reported that there had been a planning meeting on the 19th October. There were 3 planning matters discussed, all of which were in AFO's patch. The one mentioned was Swannybrook Farm which had gone through with conditions. AFO noted that it had been controversial due to planning rules not having been followed. There is a new monitoring officer who will be checking on this.

AFO reported there had been a full council meeting the week of the 2nd November.

LG asked AFO if she had any information on the council's financial situation due to Covid-19. AFO reported she did not have an update, but would report back once one is available.

AL asked AFO about the broken drain by Oaksmere as she had e-mailed about quite a lot of flooding on 3rd November by Oaksmere. The council also noted that the damage to the bridge since the accident in the summer has not been repaired and that there is no signage indicating a bend in the road. AFO will follow up on these issues.

The council also reported that there is still a lot of flooding on the corner coming out of the village onto the A420 and that 90% of the drains in the village are blocked.

20/121: Minutes of the last meeting: There were 2 minor edits to the minutes of the Meeting of the 12th October 2020. The council agreed for these minutes to be signed once those edits are made.

20/122: Matters arising from the previous meeting and not appearing elsewhere on the agenda: None.

20/123: Clerk's report: AL reported that she had heard from the Vale regarding the missing dog waste bin by the War Memorial. The council indicated it had been reported as damaged so it was removed. People are advised to use the regular bin in the same area for dog waste.

AL asked the council about the list of information to be kept. The council will respond to AL on her list of items to be kept or discarded by the 16th November at which time AL will destroy any paperwork not required to be kept.

20/124: Website: AL reported that she has been inputting much content into the new site, but that it is very time consuming. She is working to get something for the council to view next week, if possible. From there, she will look to add photos. AL reported she has had some photos from the photo competition. It was noted that once the competition as ended and a winner is chosen, the council can contact the winner and ask if he or she would be willing to take photos of anything else needed for the website.

20/125: Police Update: It was reported that there had been a string of car vandalism in Appleton and other villages early in the morning of the 22nd October. The individuals affected have contacted the police. AL has been in touch with Thames Valley Police regarding contacts. AL will send a shout out with the PCSO and Thames Valley Police contacts.

MR reported he had moved the damaged tennis table from Jubilee Park to the sportsfield for safety reasons. He noted that it may be possible to replace the legs on it and have it be a useable table. He will look into this.

20/126: Speed surveys: The possibility of having OCC conduct speed surveys was discussed. AS reported that data showed the average speed in the 40mph range by Appleton Common. There was also a discussion as to the speed coming out of Oaksmere toward the A420.

The cost of a reduction in speed limit is in the range of £10-12,000 per speed reduction. The council and AFO felt that a reduction of speed limit would not be beneficial to these areas as the average speeds are already below the speed limit and the policing of a lower speed limit would prove difficult.

The council asked AL to write to the residents who had raised an issue of speed by Appleton Common and report that since their discussion with the council, speed equipment has been purchased. The council has placed this equipment by Appleton Common and is pleased to

note that the speed cars are traveling is much less than had been thought. The council discussed that it would look into road markings and will continue to monitor the area with the speed sign.

20/127: School Parking: AS reported he had sent the videos he took of parking during school drop off and pick up to the headteacher of Appleton Primary School. The headteacher suggested that perhaps the pupils could create a banner campaign about parking to educate parents.

It was noted that some parents have an issue with parking at The Plough Inn and the Village Hall due to the lack of crossing areas.

The council asked AL to contact the headteacher about a cost for producing banners. AFO reported she may have some monies available in her Councillors' Priority Fund, but would need a quote. AL will ask the school if they have a vendor they use and see about obtaining quotes. The council thought 2-3 banners might be appropriate and that perhaps one could go outside The Manor House with the owners' permission.

AFO departed the meeting at this stage.

20/128: Planning applications:

New applications

<u>Application number</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Comments</u>
P20/V2565/HH	Tacoma Netherton Road Appleton	Two storey side extension to enlarge the existing dwelling by no greater than 40% of its original volume.	Appleton with Eaton Parish Council has no objections to this planning application.

- **Cumnor Neighbourhood Plan:** The council agreed not to comment on Cumnor's Neighbourhood Plan.

20/129: Finance Report:

Payments authorised

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Cheque number</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>
Staff Costs	Staff Costs	742	628.64	30/11/2020
Allison Leigh	Expenses	743	184.19	9/11/2020
APCC	Donation for cutting of grass near footpaths by the church	744	750.00	9/11/2020

Ady Podbery	Mowing and strimming at Sportsfield	745	157.20	9/11/2020
Appleton Community Shop	Paper and stamps	746	18.22	9/11/2020
Open Spaces Society	Annual Subscription Renewal	747	45.00	9/11/2020

The council resolved to renew the subscription to the Open Spaces Society for a year.

Receipts since the last meeting

There were no receipts.

Bank Reconciliation

<i>Bank balance as of 30/9/2020:</i>	£	59,519.18
<i>Less Unpresented cheques:</i>	£	859.20
<i>Final Reconciled balance as of 30/9/2020:</i>	£	58,659.98

Banking: AL reported that she had been in touch with Lloyds Bank and they reported they do not have an online banking facility available whereby a clerk could have access to the account, but not authority. AL has been in touch with other clerks who have reported using Unity Bank which do offer this. The council resolved to switch the accounts to Unity Bank.

AL will contact Unity Bank regarding next steps.

20/130: Website and Advertiser articles: The council asked for the following to be in the December edition of the Advertiser:

- Covid-19 update
- PSCO information
- Dog bin update

The council asked if the Covid-19 information on helpers could be put in on the noticeboard in the shop and on the noticeboard outside the shop as well as the information on the Appleton Trust.

The council asked AL to follow up on the bus stop signage.

20/131: Publications and correspondence:

- Vale of White Horse off-street parking consultation: The council agreed not to participate in this consultation as it felt there is not a need in the village.
- Englands Lane Consultation: AL reported that OCC had informed her the path will be formally opened after the 13th November 2020 barring any further information. MR met with the landowners recently and they have done everything asked of them by

OCC. The signage indicating the footpath is closed will be removed after the 13th November.

The council thanked NC for her hard work on the document submitted on the Planning of the Future White Paper.

20/132: Matters for report: NC reported that unrecorded rights of way will be lost by 2026 if not registered. She reported that she is aware of someone interested in this project. The council felt this would be useful for the History Group to take on and that it might be a good idea to advertise this in the Advertiser. The council agreed that NC will speak to the interested resident and ask them to be in touch with the History Group about it. From there if the group is happy to proceed, the council would be happy to place information in the Advertiser.

JA asked AL and NC about their query about placing the speed sign in Eaton by The Eight Bells. It was decided to wait until after lockdown. NC will speak to people in the community about the plan.

NC and AL asked for signage to the effect of “drive carefully in our village” to be placed at both ends of the village. JA will hang the signs the weekend of the 14th November.

20/133: Date of the next meeting: The date of the next Parish Council meeting was confirmed as the 14th December 2020.

The meeting closed at 8:30pm.