

**APPLETON WITH EATON PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Appleton with Eaton Parish Council (AWE PC)**

**Conducted Via Zoom**

**Monday 12th April 2021, 7:15pm**

*Allison Leigh* – Parish Clerk

## **Minutes**

**Present:** Vice Chairman Mary Carey (MC), Councillors John Adams (JA), Andy Salmon (AS), Councillor Stephen Day (SD) and Nicki Clarke (NC), District Councillor Jerry Avery (J. Avery) and County Councillor Anda Fitzgerald O'Connor (AFO)

**Also present:** Allison Leigh, Clerk (AL)

The council held a minute's silence to remember the life of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

**21/1: Apologies for Absence:** Chairman Liz Gilkes (LG)

**21/2: Declarations of interest:** None.

**21/3: Public questions and statements:** Two members of the public were in attendance – one to listen to the meeting and Felicity Dick to report on her plans for a Green Group in the village. District Councillor Paul Barrow was in attendance to discuss biodiversity. He reported the Vale of White Horse District Council is holding a Nature Forum on 24<sup>th</sup> May.

AS noted that if areas are turned over to nature, these areas still need to be maintained. The question arose as to whether or not these areas can be walked on.

**21/4: Reports from District and County Councillors:**

### **Oxfordshire County Council (OCC)**

AFO reported she will not be standing again for County Councillor. The council thanked her for her supportive service to the Parish Council.

AFO reported she will still be involved with her charities.

AL asked AFO if she could try and get in touch with the footpaths officer as the council has tried several times to no avail. AFO said she would and had been trying as well.

AS asked if AFO could check into the drains being cleared before she leaves office.

### **Vale of White Horse District Council (VoWHDC)**

J. Avery sent the following report:

## **1. Lioncourt Strategic Land - Application to build 660 houses on LEKB (Land East of Kingston Bagpuize)**

Further to my last wrt to this matter, I fully expect Lioncourt to appeal and resubmit its application but have no details at the moment.

## **Government White Paper - Planning - 2020**

Further to my last wrt to this issue I fully expect the government white paper to be the basis for draft legislation that will effectively erode local democracy and by making it more difficult for local people to raise objections to proposed developments and hence make it easier for developers to obtain planning permission.

## **2. The Oxford - Cambridge ARC**

This is a matter that is likely to concern and plague us to some considerable degree in the near future because the government is to establish a growth board with a view to resurrecting the proposal to create a growth zone across 5 counties (Oxfordshire, Bucks, Northants, Beds and Cambridgeshire). Why the government should be so keen on this proposal is unclear; inter alia, it ignores the so-called "levelling-up" option (promoting development) wrt the north of the UK. Of course, were it to go ahead it would mean building about 1 million new homes across all 5 counties. Alarmingly, when you tie this proposal to what is contained in the white paper (see above), it is clear that future legislation could well make it much more difficult for local residents to object to proposed developments near to them.

## **3. Local Issues**

I have provided the parishes in Thames Ward with a small measure of financial support to ensure that the Comet Bus Service can continue to serve the vulnerable in the community. I was originally given £2000 to help PCs out and have so far handed over £1750. I would, of course, welcome a request for further funding up to £250.

MC asked if Lioncourt will appeal or put in a new application. J. Avery reported that they may appeal or may wait for the government's white paper to come out as they have 6 months to appeal. MC reported that AWE PC had sent in a detailed response to the white paper.

Felicity Dick (FD) joined the meeting at this stage as she is interested in creating a wider biodiversity initiative village in the village. Paul Barrow mentioned again the Vale's biodiversity meeting in May. FD noted that she has been working with others in the village interested in biodiversity. She will attend the forum in May and look to form a Steering Group.

**21/5: Minutes of the last meeting:** The minutes of the Meeting of the 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021 were approved and signed as a true record.

**21/6: Matters arising from the previous meetings and not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:** None

**21/7: Clerk's report:** The Clerk's Report was acknowledged and there were no comments on it.

**21/8: Website:** AL reported that the website is nearly complete and she is hopeful for it to go live in May.

**21/9: In-person meetings after 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021:** The council discussed the end of legislation allowing virtual meetings after the 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021. The council resolved to hold the May meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> May virtually and will then review the date for the June meeting at that time.

**21/10: Parking:**

- **Green Lane outside the playground:** It was reported that several residents have sent reports and photos of vehicles parked illegally by the playground. There are signs there, but they are difficult to read. AS noted that better signs are needed and agreed to create some verbiage for new signs and circulate it.

The council also would like a piece on this to be placed in the May advertiser.

- **School parking:** The council discussed the production of banners at the school and will contact the school. AL noted that she had seen stand-up signs at Cumnor that seemed quite good and will contact the school about these.

**21/11: Damage to the sportsfield:** JA reported there had been some damage to the sportsfield and it is known who caused the damage. The damage has been repaired by local residents. The council discussed purchasing CCTV. NC noted that there is a code with which the council would need to comply. AL and NC will discuss this. AL will look into costs for CCTV. CCTV will go on the May agenda.

**21/12: Vale of White Horse call for sites:** It was noted that the Call for Sites for the Vale of White Horse and South Oxfordshire District Council's Joint Local Plan 2041 is now on the Vale's website. MC reported she has e-mailed the Vale about several inaccuracies. The council noted it needs to be alert to the Joint Local Plan process.

**21/13: Social Media:** AL reported she had been on a crisis communication course where instructor noted that there is an expectation for organisations such as parish councils to have be on some kind of social media. There was a discussion as to what type/platform might be best were AWE PC to consider this.

The council resolved to get the new website up and running and then look to discuss again. The council will also look at what other parishes do.

## 21/14: Planning applications:

### New applications

<u>Application number</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Comment</u>
P21/V0318/HH and P21/V0319/LB	Pond Farm Netherton Road Appleton OX13 5JX	Erection of open two bay garage plus glass roofed potting shed	It was agreed that we would object to this application. MC provided AL with an objection to submit, but the application was withdrawn after the meeting.
P21/V0686/HH	61 Netherton Road Appleton OX13 5LA	Single storey rear extension	Appleton with Eaton has no comments on this planning application.
P21/V0597/DIS	Tubney Manor Farm Oaksmere House Appleton	Discharge of conditions 3 - external flues and vents & 5 - boundary details on application P17/V0656/FUL. Full Planning Application and Listed Building Consent for the conversion of modern barn to residential use (Class C3) in association with existing residential property, provision of single storey link to adjacent barn and associated works	The council had no comments on this.

### Planning Decisions

<u>Application number</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Vale of White Horse District Council Response</u>
P20/V3279/LDP	Tacoma Netherton Road Appleton	Construction of two storey rear extension and construction of box dormer to rear roof slope to enable loft conversion	Certificate of Lawful Use or Development on 8th March 2021
P21/V0096/HH	86 Eaton Road Appleton	Alterations and construction of a new upper floor to 86 Eaton Road including internal modernisation,	Permission granted

		opening up of internal rooms, and improvements to the exterior of the building including replacement of windows.	
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## 21/15: Finance:

- **Finance Report:**

### *Payments authorised*

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Cheque number</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>
Staff Costs	Staff Costs	Online payment	587.15	30/4/2021
Allison Leigh	Expenses	Online payment	46.95	12/4/2021
SLCC	Membership (40% share)	Online payment	71.20	12/4/2021
The Safe Shop	Fire proof filing cabinet	Online payment	1,007.94	12/4/2021
Appleton Community Shop	Paper	Online payment	9.50	12/4/2020
HMRC	PAYE	Online payment	183.28	12/4/2021
Tetbury Accounting Limited	Payroll accountant	Online payment	240.00	12/4/2021
AWBS	Bark and sand for park	Online payment	292.20	18/3/2021
Moore	External audit 2019 2020	Online payment	240.00	25/3/2021
AH Cornish (Appleton) Ltd	Rent for land at Jubilee Park	Online payment	843.33	25/3/2021
Defib Warehouse	Defibrillator and cabinet for the sportsfield	Online payment	1554.00	23/3/2021
SSE	Electricity at the sportsfield	Direct Debit	90.81	29/3/2021
Unity Bank	Service Charge	Direct Debit	18.00	31/3/2021

### *Receipts since the last meeting*

<u>From</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>
SSE Wayleaves	Wayleaves	13.92	9/4/2021
Vale of White Horse District Council	1 <sup>st</sup> half precept	8,250.00	8/4/2021

### **Bank Reconciliation**

<i>Bank balance as of 31/3/2021</i>	£	48,530.34
<i>Less Unpresented cheques:</i>	£	0.00
<b><i>Financial year end Reconciled balance as of 31/3/2021:</i></b>	<b>£</b>	<b>48,530.24</b>

- **Castle Water direct debit:** The council resolved to continue the Castle Water direct debit now that the PC's bank has changed.

**21/16: Website and Advertiser:** The council would like the following in the Advertiser:

- Parking
- Joint Local Plan 2041 Call for Sites information and link to website

**21/17: Publications and correspondence:** The correspondence received since the last meeting was discussed. The council received an annual subscription invitation from the Oxford Green Belt. The annual cost is £15. The council resolved to subscribe for 2021 2022.

**21/18: Matters for report:** The council discussed the opening of The Plough Inn and it was noted that they weren't ready to open as of yet.

**21/19: Date of the next meeting:** The date of the next meeting will be Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> May at 7:15pm held via Zoom. This will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

The meeting closed at 9:10pm.