

APPLETON WITH EATON PARISH COUNCIL

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Appleton with Eaton Parish Council (AWE PC)

Held in the Village Hall

Monday 12th July 2021, 8:00pm

Allison Leigh – Parish Clerk

Minutes

Present: Chairman Liz Gilkes (LG), Vice Chairman Mary Carey (MC), Councillors Stephen Day (SD), John Adams (JA), Andy Salmon (AS), Teresa Bennett (TB) and Sue Sternberg (SS), District Councillor Jerry Avery (J. Avery) and Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (SG) member Annewen Rowe (AR)

Also present: Allison Leigh, Clerk (AL)

21/82: Apologies for Absence: None

21/83: Declarations of interest: None

21/84: Public questions and statements: No members of the public were in attendance

21/85: Reports from District and County Councillors:

Vale of White Horse District Council (VoWHDC)

J. Avery sent the following report:

Strategic Issues

1. It is evidently very clear that in a by-election in Chesham & Amersham, Buckinghamshire - which has been a rock-solid Conservative seat for decades - Lib Dem Sarah Green overturned a 16,000 majority to become the area's new MP with an 8,000-vote majority.

One of the key issues in the campaign was the government's proposed planning reforms contained in the White Paper which, were they to become law, would erode local democracy significantly by preventing local people from having a real say with respect to planning applications affecting their areas. Inevitably, so far as Thames Ward is concerned, we are just a small piece in the Oxford - Cambridge ARC plan which, if carried through, would mean creating a swathe of development across 5 counties - Berks, Oxon, Bucks, Northants and Cambs - and see the building of some 1 million homes by 2050.

Of course, as your District Councillor I will keep a very close eye on all future large-scale planning applications submitted and do my best to defend the interests of Thames Ward.

2. Local Issues

I have been invited by Bethia Thomas who is the newly-elected County Councillor for part of Thames Ward, to sit on a committee that is seeking to significantly improve road safety in our part of the Vale as well as elsewhere. I have accepted her invitation to serve and I am keen to see progress with respect to addressing all aspects of road safety affecting our area. If such progress can be made in Oxford (e.g. the reduction of the speed limit from 40 mph to 30 mph on Cumnor Hill) I cannot see why we cannot do likewise. There are just too many cases of bad driving on the network of minor roads in Thames Ward and this has to be stopped to the extent possible.

3. Originally at the start of the pandemic I was given to £2000 to assist PCs in providing support to vulnerable people. I have now handed over the remaining £250 of that sum and it has gone to support the Comet bus service.

Oxfordshire County Council (OCC)

No report was received.

21/86: Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 21st June 2021 were approved and signed as a true record.

21/87: Matters arising from the previous meetings and not appearing elsewhere on the agenda: There were no matters arising.

21/88: Clerk's report: The Clerk's Report was acknowledged. AL reported that some records have been brought to the Oxfordshire History Centre for storage. AL has a log of what has been brought there.

21/89: Footpaths: It was reported that the footpath from Appleton to Besselsleigh had become impassable during the winter months due to very muddy conditions. AL reported she has been trying to reach the footpaths officer for months with no luck and has now spoken to J. Ash about this to see if a meeting can be set up to review this footpath.

The council asked AL check with Highways/ OCC footpaths to clear the Green Lane bridleway between the war memorial and Badswell Lane / Jubilee park of undergrowth and nettles encroaching the footpath.

The council asked AL to follow up on the DMMO for the footpath between Appleton and Northmoor Lock.

21/90: Neighbourhood Plan: AR reported that the council had received a fact checking version of the Examiner's Report that the VoWHDC has asked us to review for any error/spelling errors. A small group of the SG made some comments in tracked changes to the document which was circulated to the council. The resolved to send the comments

presented on the fact-checking version of the Examiner’s Report to the Vale of White Horse District Council.

21/91: Thank you to Appleton Community Shop: The council discussed a thank you from the Parish Council to Appleton Community Shop for its support to the village during the Covid-19 pandemic. One option mentioned was a replacement picnic table for outside of the shop with a plaque on it. AR will ask the shop if this is something they would welcome.

The council asked for this to be on the September agenda.

21/92: Planning applications:

New applications

<u>Application number</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Parish Council Response</u>
P21/V1669/LB	19 Eaton OX13 5PR	I. The replacement of decayed windows from 1988 with new double-glazed windows to match the existing style. II. Installation of two new conservation rooflights. III. Replacement of the decayed south door, with a new door in an historically appropriate style. IV. Replacement of decayed timber lintols, one dates from 1988 the other is a concealed non-decorative lintol V. Repointing works to open joints using lime putty mortar. Potential strengthening of stonework with heli-bars and one area of localised rebuilding in accordance with structural engineer's report. VI. Installation of a conservation perimeter drain to alleviate internal damp issues. VII. Removal of an existing concrete screed floor and replacement with a limecrete floor, underfloor heating and stone or quarry tiled floor finish. VIII. Replacement of failing cement flashings to the roofs with lead stepped flashings. IX. Replacement of the existing steel gutters and downpipes with new larger cast iron goods. X. Renewal of the heating, electrical and lighting system. XI.	Appleton with Eaton Parish Council has no comments on this planning application.

		Removal/relocation of modern internal partitions.	
P21/V1845/LDP	High Trees Netherton Road Appleton	Certificate of Lawful Development: A comprehensive refurbishment to of the main house, including a rear and kitchen extension plus replacement porch and carport. Note: There is no call for comments.	There was no call to comment on this planning application.

Planning Decisions

<u>Application number</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Vale of White Horse District Council Response</u>
P21/V0964/HH	22 Eaton Village Eaton OX13 5PR	Removal of existing conservatory and erection of single storey flat roof rear extension comprising of utility/cloakroom, study and snug.	Permission granted
P21/V0951/HH	64 Netherton Road Appleton OX13 5JZ	Proposed side single storey extension with pitched roof for new study & entrance area.	Permission granted
P21/V0842/LB	3 Eaton Road Appleton OX13	Proposed demolition of part of the group of buildings known as the "Granary" at 3 Eaton Road.	Permission granted
P21/V1117/FUL	Netherton Road Field Between 38 Netherton Road and South Lawn Netherton Road Appleton	Provision of access and gate to agricultural field	Permission granted
P21/V1191/HH	88 Eaton Road Appleton	Rear extension to contain living space on the ground floor and a bedroom on the first floor.	Permission granted

Planning Amendments

<u>Application number</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Parish Council Response</u>
P21/V1523/FUL	Tacoma Netherton Road Appleton	As amended plans to show revised layout and details of internal floorspace received 6 July 2021	Whilst the Parish Council notes the change in the planning application from 4 x 2 bedroom flats to 1 x 2 bedroom and 3 x 1

			bedrooms, we believe that this change is insufficient to alter our initial concerns as stated in our original objection which we submit again in respect of this amended application
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21/93: Finance:

- **Finance Report:**

Payments Authorised

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Cheque number</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>
AWBS	Bark and Sand	Online payment	322.80	8/6/2021
Staff costs	Staff costs – July	Online payment	573.91	31/7/2021
Staff costs	Staff costs - August	Online payment	574.11	31/8/2021
Allison Leigh	Clerk expenses	Online payment	26.00	12/7/2021
3 Villages Comet Bus Group	Donation	Online payment	250.00	12/7/2021
Oxfordshire South and Vale Citizens Advice Bureau (OSVCAB)	Donation	Online payment	200.00	12/7/2021
Enrych	Donation	Online payment	25.00	12/7/2021
Clean Slate	Donation	Online payment	25.00	12/7/2021
Dark White Digital	Website hosting and WordPress updates	Online payment	30.00	12/7/2021
BGG	Grass cutting of Jubilee Park 6/6/21 and 22/6/21	Online payment	144.00	12/7/2021
Appleton Community Shop	Paper	Online payment	4.55	12/7/2021
Ady Podbery	Mow of sportsfield (4/6 and 18/6), Strimming 18/6 and mow of outfield 25/6	Online payment	314.40	12/7/2021

Receipts since the last meeting

<u>From</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>
AXA Insurance	Insurance Claim for Tennis Table	625.00	16/6/2021

Bank Reconciliation

Bank balance as of 30/06/2021	£	49,730.39
Less Unpresented cheques:	£	0.00
Financial year end Reconciled balance as of 30/06/2021:	£	49,730.39

- **Budget against spend:** The council reviewed the budget against spend to 30th June 2021. There were no comments.
- **Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA) Training:** AL reported that it is in her contract that she will work towards a CiLCA qualification. AL will present more costs/information on this at the September meeting discuss CiLCA training.
- The council resolved for SS to be the additional signatory on the bank account leaving JA to focus on the L&R Committee and TB to focus on the War Memorial.

21/94: Website and Advertiser: The council asked for the following to be placed in the August advertiser:

- Inform readers that there is a calendar on the website now
- Ask for paths and pavements to be kept clear
- Guidance on bonfires

21/95: Publications and correspondence: The council reviewed the correspondence received since the June meeting.

21/96: Matters for report:

AR reported that a verge by 4 – 6 Netherton Road had been taken out by a heavy vehicle. She noted that 5 water meters are vulnerable and the drain is non-functional. She reported that OCC had come out quickly initially, placing cones to protect the water meter. However there has been no follow up from OCC since.

TB reported she will monitor the flowers at the War Memorial. The council asked AL to follow up with TB regarding bark at the War Memorial.

The council discussed the possible cleaning of the War Memorial and AL will look into costs for this.

21/97: Date of the next meeting: The date of the next Parish Council meeting was confirmed as the 13th September 2021 at 7:15pm and will take place in the Village Hall.

MC sent her apologies for the September meeting.