

APPLETON WITH EATON PARISH COUNCIL

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**Appleton with Eaton Parish Council (AWE PC) Meeting
held in the Village Hall
Monday 11th October 2021, 7:15pm**

Allison Leigh – Parish Clerk

Minutes

Present: Chairman Liz Gilkes (LG), Vice Chairman Mary Carey (MC), Councillors John Adams (JA), Teresa Bennett (TB), Andy Salmon (AS), Sue Sternberg (SS), District Councillor Jerry Avery (J. Avery) and Clerk, Allison Leigh (AL)

21/123: Apologies for Absence: Councillor Stephen Day (SD)

21/124: Declarations of interest: None

21/125: Public questions and statements: No members of the public were present.

21/126: Reports from District and County Councillors

- **List of Priorities for Oxfordshire County Councillor:** Councillor Juliette Ash was not in attendance and did not send a report. Therefore, the List of Priorities was not discussed.

Vale of White Horse District Council (VoWHDC)

Planning Permission

Further to the key points listed below, although all the proposals listed are still in the White Paper with regard to the granting of planning permission, the government is clearly reconsidering its position with regard to the whole question of granting such permission.

This Council still remains concerned that the following proposals in the existing White Paper:

- Reduce or remove the right of residents to object to applications near them and erode local democracy.
- Include proposals for automatic rights to build in 'growth' areas, and increased permitted development rights, risking unregulated growth and unsustainable communities.
- Include a zoning approach that contains insufficient detail to reassure local planning authorities that the proposals are workable.
- Remove section 106 payments for infrastructure and replace it with a national levy.
- Do not adequately explain the important role planning has to play in addressing climate change or how planning will play its part in delivering net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

- Fail to give confidence that existing biodiversity areas including SSSIs and our historic environment will have adequate protection in the new system.
- Contain no comments on the future or importance of strategic planning in the White Paper. The Vale of White Horse together with the other 5 Oxfordshire authorities has already invested significant resources in the Oxfordshire Plan 2050 which is not yet at the examination stage. Strategic planning will also be required for plans for the Oxford-Cambridge Arc.
- Promote the use of the standard method to establish housing requirements that will place pressure on our District to deliver significantly more homes in the future than is the case at present. This could have serious consequences for the rural environment that attracts residents here in the first place.
- Whilst the duty to cooperate as a concept could be improved, it should not be removed without an appropriate alternative in place.
- Do not recognise that the current system has been successful in enabling affordable housing to be provided on site as part of new housing developments. Any reforms should not encourage the development of gated communities.
- Evidently, the whole question of regulating the granting of planning permission is central to what happens in the ward and that, for example, is reflected in the very hard work done by Appleton with Eaton PC over the last 5 years in developing its NP (Neighbourhood Plan) which was ratified at the District Council meeting held on 06 October 2021. Of course, concern has been expressed that the government White Paper proposals and those in respect of the Oxford - Cambridge Arc do raise serious questions as to how much effect local views and objections will have in the future.

Road Safety Issues

This is very much an ongoing concern for all parishes within Thames Ward and one that I am seeking to address with the help of two County Councillors. The assistance of both is required because the ward lies across the boundaries of two county council divisions and so far, Juliette Ashe (Kingston & Cumnor Division) has offered funding to Fyfield & Tubney PC to help with the purchase of two SIDs (Speed Indication Devices). Juliette has six of the Thames Ward parishes within her division, namely, Appleton with Eaton, Fyfield & Tubney, Hinton Waldrist, Longworth, Pusey and Besselsleigh. The remaining two parishes of Buckland and Littleworth lie in the Faringdon Division and hence I have already approached the County Councillor concerned, Bethia Thomas, and she is clearly very keen to help. Road safety is a vitally important matter and I am also very committed to seeing improvements made across the ward as soon as possible.

The issue of speed in the village was discussed. The possibility of a second speed camera was discussed. LG asked if AL would put speed on the November agenda.

21/127: Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 13th September 2021 were agreed and signed as a true record.

21/128: Matters arising from the previous meetings and not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:

AL noted that she had not responded to the Oxford Cambridge Arc consultation as it required more detailed information more appropriate for a councillor to fill in. SS offered to fill in the application and AL will forward her the link.

21/129: Clerk's report: AL rang OGG Stonemasonry about the cleaning of the War Memorial and is waiting to hear back. SS suggested the possibility of a grant for this which AL will look into once quotes have been received and the council decide what it would like done to the memorial.

AL reported that the installation of the new play equipment is due to take place in January. JA will speak to Rick Hopgood about removing the old equipment.

21/130: Climate Change: The council noted that it would like Climate Change to be a standing item on Parish Council agendas.

The council discussed the possibility of a tree being planted by the Parish Council and the possibility of residents being encouraged to plant trees.

The issues of flooding and future climate change related issues were discussed.

The council asked if possibly Becky Morris would be willing to write an article in the Advertiser periodically on climate change and what residents can do to help. MC will follow up with her.

Some ideas discussed were:

- Repair Café SS will look at doing this - possibly in the early Spring 2022.
- AL noted she spoke to someone from a heating/electricity standing at the VoWHDC. She will contact this person to see if they'd be willing to come to the Village Hall and assist residents with queries.
- Recycle day

21/131: Footpaths: LG reported that Richard Dick had cut the sides down Green Lane, laid more chippings and laid a pipe to assist with drainage. AL had reported she has asked OCC several times about this, but not had a reply as to if/when they would come. The council thanks Richard Dick for his work on this.

The council asked AL to put in a complaint to OCC about the lack of communication from the footpaths officer as the council has been trying to arrange an appointment for him to come out since February 2021. No one from OCC has come back to the clerk as to an update/reason for lack of response.

The council would still like OCC to come out to review the state of the footpaths and their future upkeep.

21/132: The Pond:

- Purchase of new waders: The council agreed to purchase up to 4 pairs of new waders. AL will contact John Page about sizes.
- Disposal of bulrushes: The council asked AL to find out the ownership of the pond from Land Registry and report to the council. From there the council will discuss the next course of action.

21/133: Document Retention Policy: AL prepared a Document Retention Policy for the council delineating what would be kept and for what duration based on legal information from the National Association of Local Councils. The council resolved to adopt this policy which AL will put on the website.

21/134: Platinum Jubilee: The council discussed possible plans for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. One idea was a lunch/cricket match/garden games day on Sunday, xx June 2022 at the sportsfield. The council asked if this could go on the Leisure and Recreation Committee meeting for November.

LG asked AL to draft/circulate for review an e-mail to village organisations for any plans they are working on.

21/135: Thank you to Appleton Community Shop: AL noted she had placed the order for the picnic table per the September meeting pending the payment being agreed. The payment has been agreed, so the delivery of the table should be in 7-10 working days.

AS offered to produce a plaque on the picnic table for Appleton Community Shop to thank them from the Parish Council for their support to the village during the Covid-19 pandemic. He will write up/circulate some suggested verbiage. The council also discussed doing a presentation of the table

21/136: Planning applications: To discuss the following planning applications:

New applications

<u>Application number</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>AWE PC Comments</u>
P21/V2716/FUL	Netherton Road Field (Between 38 Netherton Road and South La Netherton Road Appleton	Removal of condition 6 (Closure of Existing Access) on planning application P21/V1117/FUL. Within one month of the completion of the new vehicular access, the	Appleton with Eaton Parish Council has no comments on this planning application.

		existing vehicular access on Badswell Lane shall be permanently stopped up in accordance with a detailed scheme which shall first have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. (Provision of access and gate to agricultural field)	
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Planning Decisions

<u>Application number</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Vale of White Horse District Council Response</u>
P21/V1648/LDP	110 Eaton Road Appleton	Re-opening of pre-existing gateway and driveway to reduce street parking. Form brick gate posts with wooden gates.	Permission refused
P21/V1523/FUL	Tacoma Netherton Road	Conversion of existing dwelling to provide 1No 2 Bed flats and 3No 1 Bed flats, with private and shared amenity spaces, off street parking and provision of enclosed bin and bike stores	Permission refused
P21/V1288/LB and P21/V1286/HH	Pond Farm Netherton Road Appleton OX13 5JX	Erection of glass potting shed to end of dwelling	Permission granted

21/137: Finance:

- **Finance Report:**

Payments authorised

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Cheque number</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>
Lloyds	Ink, printer cable, Zoom, monthly fee	Direct Debit	138.38	2/9/2021
Castle Water	Water at sportsfield	Direct Debit	215.62	14/9/2021

SSE Southern Electric	Electricity at the sporsfield	Direct Debit	100.87	26/9/2021
Unity	Service Charge	Direct Debit	18.00	30/9/2021
Gates Hut Limited	Picnic table for Appleton Community Shop	Online payment	698.00	7/10/2021
Staff costs	Staff costs – October	Online payment	573.91	31/10/2021
Allison Leigh	Clerk expenses	Online payment	26.00	11/10/2021
Dark White Digital	Website hosting and WordPress updates – October	Online payment	30.00	11/10/2021
SLCC	VAT Training Course	Online payment	54.00	11/10/2021
Roger Gilkes	Pavilion expenses	Online payment	142.16	11/10/2021
BGG	Grass cutting of Jubilee Park 14 th and 29 th September	Online payment	144.00	11/10/2021
Liz Gilkes	Plant for Claire Samon as a thank you for the NP	Online payment	14.00	11/10/2021
Ady Podbery	Mowing of sportsfield, strimming at pavilion/sportsfield, additional cut as requested	Online payment	273.60	11/10/2021
Constantin Express	Cleaning of pavilion	Online payment	64.00	11/10/2021
Rosie Taylor	Concrete for installation of table tennis table at Jubilee Park	Online payment	39.60	11/10/2021

Receipts since the last meeting

<u>From</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>
Vale of White Horse District Council	Precept – 2 nd half	8250.00	8/9/2021
Nick Hales	Play equipment (unsure of what)	1391.00	1/9/2021

Bank Reconciliation

Bank balance as of 30/09/2021	55,233.55
Less Unpresented cheques	0.00
Plus unpresented receipts	0.00
Reconciled balance as of 30/09/2021	55,233.55

- **Budget against spend:** The council reviewed the budget against spend through 30/9/2021 and had no comments.
- **Budget items for 2022/2023:** AL asked the council to inform her of any proposed budget items for 2022/2023. No items were raised at the meeting, but the council will let AL know if any arise.

21/138: Website and Advertiser: The council asked for AL to look into putting the NHS clap video and the Happy video on the website.

The council asked if on future shout outs AL could put a link to the website.

The council asked for the following items to be placed in the Advertiser:

- Article on Climate Change – MC will ask Becky Morris if she would be able to do this.

21/139: Publications and correspondence:

AL noted that AH Cornish had requested some correspondence. She had sent files on the 17th September via We Transfer, but they hadn't been opened within 7 days so AL has re-sent them.

AL noted she had a complaint about loud music at the Plough on the 25th September.

AL noted she had a complaint about noise/offensive language at Jubilee Park in the area of 11/11:30pm in recent days. AL will make the PCSO aware and ask for them to come to the park one night in that timeframe.

21/140: Matters for report: It was reported that some activity is taking place at Tacoma, but it is unknown what it is. AS will try and take a photo and AL can send it to the VoWHDC to ensure there is nothing being done that is not compliant with planning permission.

It was noted that a planning application came in after the agenda had been posted for Pond Farm. AL will see if an extension can be granted until the November meeting.

The council thanked TB for her hard work planting at the War Memorial.

LG reported that the Baby and Toddler Group may need a donation to help keep it going and is in need of volunteers. It was noted this is possibly something for the Advertiser.

21/141: Date of the next meeting: The date and location of the next Parish Council meeting was confirmed as the 8th November 2021 at 7:15pm in the Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8:45pm.