

APPLETON WITH EATON PARISH COUNCIL

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**Appleton with Eaton Parish Council (AWE PC) Meeting
held in the Village Hall
Monday 7th February 2022, 7:15pm**

Allison Leigh – Parish Clerk

Minutes

Present: Chairman Liz Gilkes (LG), Councillors John Adams (JA), Teresa Bennett (TB), Andy Salmon (AS), and Clerk, Allison Leigh (AL). District Councillor Jerry Avery,

21/207: Apologies for Absence

- Councillors Mary Carey, Sue Sternberg and Stephen Day, County Councillor Juliette Ash (J. Ash)

21/208: Declarations of interest: None

21/209: Public questions and statements: No members of the public were in attendance.

21/210: Reports from District and County Councillors:

Oxfordshire County Council (OCC)

J. Ash sent a report. See Attachment 1.

Vale of White Horse District Council (VoWHDC)

J. Avery sent a report. See Attachment 2.

J. Avery noted that Hinton Waldrist Parish Council will be sending an e-mail of support to Fyfield and Tubney Parish Council with regards to the boundary change. The council noted it had sent an expression of support to them.

The council asked J. Avery if he could contribute any funds to the Queen's Jubilee celebrations. J. Avery will come back to the council with an answer in 2 weeks.

21/211: Minutes of the last meeting: To authorise the signing of the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 10th January 2022 as a true record.

21/212: Matters arising from the previous meetings and not appearing elsewhere on the agenda: None

21/213: Clerk's Report: The council acknowledged the Clerk's Report.

21/214: Pre-school: LG reported that she has been approached by someone who is interested in getting a pre-school started again in Appleton. LG asked her to come back to the council once they have a proposal.

21/215: Appleton with Eaton Map: The History Group has proposed a map of the parish of Appleton with Eaton with a possibly placement near the War Memorial. The council support this idea in principle, and think it an excellent plan for the Jubilee year.

The PC will await further information and quotes before they can discuss any help towards the expenditure.

21/216: Speed: The council discussed the recent speed data. AS reported that 75% of the traffic are under 20mph, and 99% of the remaining 25% is under 30mph. The council asked AL to check with J. Ash to see what she has found out about cost of changing the speed limit to 20mph. If there is no cost involved, the council would like to proceed. IF there is a cost, the council will add this to an agenda for discussion.

AL noted she has been in touch with OCC regarding the transitional speed limit between Oaksmere and Tubney Manor. She will continue to follow up with them to get a site visit.

Other options discussed in this area were a sign at the bend and possible road markings extending further letting drivers know a 30mph zone is coming up.

21/217: Climate Change:

- Oxfordshire Treescape Project: It was discussed that the council will look to Green Appleton for an update.
- It was also reported that there is a possibility of a tree being planted at the sportsfield.
- It was also reported that J. Ash is willing to donate Jubilee roses to the council on behalf of OCC. She is in touch with the Gardening Society and these will most likely be planted in Jubilee Park.

21/218: War Memorial Repair: It was reported that MC, TB and AL had met with a stone mason about moving the steps and path of the memorial to the side in order to avoid future damage. APPC are happy with this and AL has received one quote and is waiting for some more.

21/219: Platinum Jubilee: LG reported that the following plan has been generally agreed for the Queen's Jubilee weekend:

Day 1: Cubs and Scouts: Lighting of a beacon-provosional at this stage

Day 2:

- Bellringing at church
- Livestreaming of the Service of Thanksgiving from St Paul's Cathedral

Day 3 : Village Hall open for displays by the History Society and WI (possibly the Gardening Society)

Day 4: Big Lunch which will be held using the barn and South Lawn back garden depending on the weather , followed by a cricket match at the sportsfield later in the afternoon.

There will be music at the lunch which is being decided on. There will also be a children's entertainer and games/sideshow/fairground rides

It was noted that sponsorship may be needed.

21/220: Footpaths: The council asked AL to escalate her request for a site visit from the countrywide team within OCC

21/221: Planning applications:

New applications

<u>Application number</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>AWEPC Comments</u>
P21/V3534/LB and P21/V3531/HH	16 Netherton Road Appleton Abingdon OX13 5JX	Single storey side extension	Appleton with Eaton Parish Council has no comments on this planning application.
P22/V0198/DIS	89 Netherton Road Appleton	Discharge of Condition 3(Tree Protection) on planning application P21/V0370/HH Extension and Alteration works to the Dwelling	There was no call for comment.

Planning Decisions

<u>Application number</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Vale of White Horse District Council Response</u>
P21/V3144/FUL 21/V3145/LB	Oak Barn Eaton	Extension to existing stable building to form new vehicle storage barn within curtilage of Grade 2 Listed oak barn	Permission granted.
21/V3341/HH and P21/V3342/LB	Pond Farm Netherton Road Appleton Abingdon OX13 5JX	Remove breeze block low level boiler shed.	Permission granted.

21/222: Finance:

- **Finance Report:**

Payments authorised

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Cheque number</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>
Lloyds	Post its and monthly fee	Direct Debit	7.99	18/1/2022
Staff costs	Staff costs – February	Online payment	648.02	28/2/2022
Allison Leigh	Clerk expenses	Online payment	26.00	7/2/2022
Appleton Community Shop	Paper and snacks for Toddler Group	Online payment	17.62	7/2/2022
AH Cornish	Land rent – Jubilee Park	Online payment	884.31	7/2/2022
OALC	Depositing Records	Online payment	3.00	7/2/2022
OALC	Managing Difficult People	Online payment	33.00	7/2/2022
Dark White Digital	WordPress update and hosting – February	Online payment	30.00	7/2/2022
OALC	Risk Management	Online payment	33.00	7/2/2022
Sharky and George	Deposit for entertainment for Queen’s Jubilee event	Online payment	100.00	7/2/2022
Appleton Parochial Church Council	Payment towards maintenance of footpath between the church and Long Close	Online payment	850.00	7/2/2022

Receipts since the last meeting

<u>From</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>
Appleton Cricket Club	Sportsfield hire	916.00	19/1/2022

Bank Reconciliation

Bank balance as of 31/1/2022	
Less Unpresented cheques	47,051.76
Plus unpresented receipts	0.00
Reconciled balance as of 31/1/2022	47,051.76

- **CFO Membership:** 2022/2023: The council resolved to renew its CFO membership for 2022/2023, but it would like to revisit at the end of 2022/2023 as to what benefits it brought to the council.
- The council asked AL to look into what monies could be used if the Queen’s Jubilee costs run over.

21/223: Website and Advertiser: The council would like the following in the Advertiser:

- Thanking the Besselsleigh Wood Group for all they do.
- Outline of programme for the Queen's Jubilee weekend so far
- Remove the Covid details

The council would like the following on the website:

- Outline of programme for the Queen's Jubilee weekend
- Information about Andy Salmon's model of the HMS Appleton

21/224: Publications and correspondence: The council reviewed the correspondence since the January meeting.

- There had been a request for local tradespeople's information on the website. The council resolved not to put this on the website as the site isn't to be used for advertising purposes.
- AL received a letter from VoWHDC regarding surface water connections into the public sewer. AL has asked the council for information and will write/circulate a draft letter.

21/225: Matters for report: None.

21/226: Date of the next meeting: The next Parish Council meeting will be held on the 14th March 2022 at 7:15pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8:35pm.

ATTACHMENT 1:

County Councillor Juliette Ash REPORT- All parishes- Feb 2022

Covid-19

Rising cases in the County.

The numbers show cases in Oxfordshire have **increased by 25 per cent over the past week**, with a particularly sharp rise in children. Face coverings are now no longer legally required in most indoor places as Plan B restrictions come to an end. However, **Ansaf Azhar, OCC Director of Public Health**, has advised people to remain cautious in the wake of rising cases and has urged everyone to [continue to take sensible precautions](#) – wearing a face covering in indoor public areas, taking regular tests, ventilating spaces and washing hands regularly.

Road safety. Twenty's plenty scheme.

Wallingford Central has become the third of the 20mph pilot schemes in Oxfordshire. The work was completed in Jan and I continue to be in favour of our villages introducing a 20mph limit where suitable and when supported by local residents.

I have now supported applications for around half of our villages. The majority have selected specific roads whilst a couple have requested that the whole village move to 20mph. Please get in touch if your village is interested in signing up for the scheme.

South East Strategic Reservoir proposal.

I have been liaising with colleagues at the County Council regarding serious objections that we have and that we continue to hear from residents over this enormous proposal from Thames Water. It is hugely concerning that it is being proposed again in the same form despite multiple objections over the many years that it has been considered.

I will be meeting with both Members of Parliament and other Cllrs this month to discuss our concerns.

In addition, a number of public meetings will be taking place over Feb and you are welcome to attend them to have your say.

Current OCC consultations: HAVE YOUR SAY:

The following consultations are currently live. All residents are invited and very welcome to have their say by accessing the Let's Talk Oxfordshire site below.

Oxford United (OU) request land near Kidlington for a new stadium

OU Football Club has requested land to develop a new 18,000-capacity football stadium, with linked leisure and commercial facilities, on land owned by OCC near Kidlington. The club has asked to lease 18 hectares of land at Stratfield Brake for 250 years. Cabinet

discussed the proposal at its meeting on 18 January. You can [read more](#) about the proposal online.

Several residents have already been in touch from our division to support the proposal and I am interested to hear from others. I am broadly supportive of the scheme for the health, well-being and commercial benefits that it would bring whilst making sure any negative effects for residents, such as parking capacity, are carefully mitigated against in the proposals.

Consultation	Link to consultation	Closing date
Oxford United's request to lease land (Kidlington)	Let's Talk Oxfordshire	22 February
Location of cameras to enforce traffic regulations	Let's Talk Oxfordshire	2 March
Special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)	Let's Talk Oxfordshire	10 March
Library and heritage services	Let's Talk Oxfordshire	18 March

Oxford City Council moves face-to-face customer services to Westgate Library

With effect from 31 January, Oxford City Council's face-to-face customer services will move to Westgate Central Library. The 12-month pilot is aimed at delivering improved services to all residents by co-locating more face-to-face customer services provision with easy to access services. The face-to-face customer services includes County as well as Council business.

Unauthorised encampments update: South and Vale.

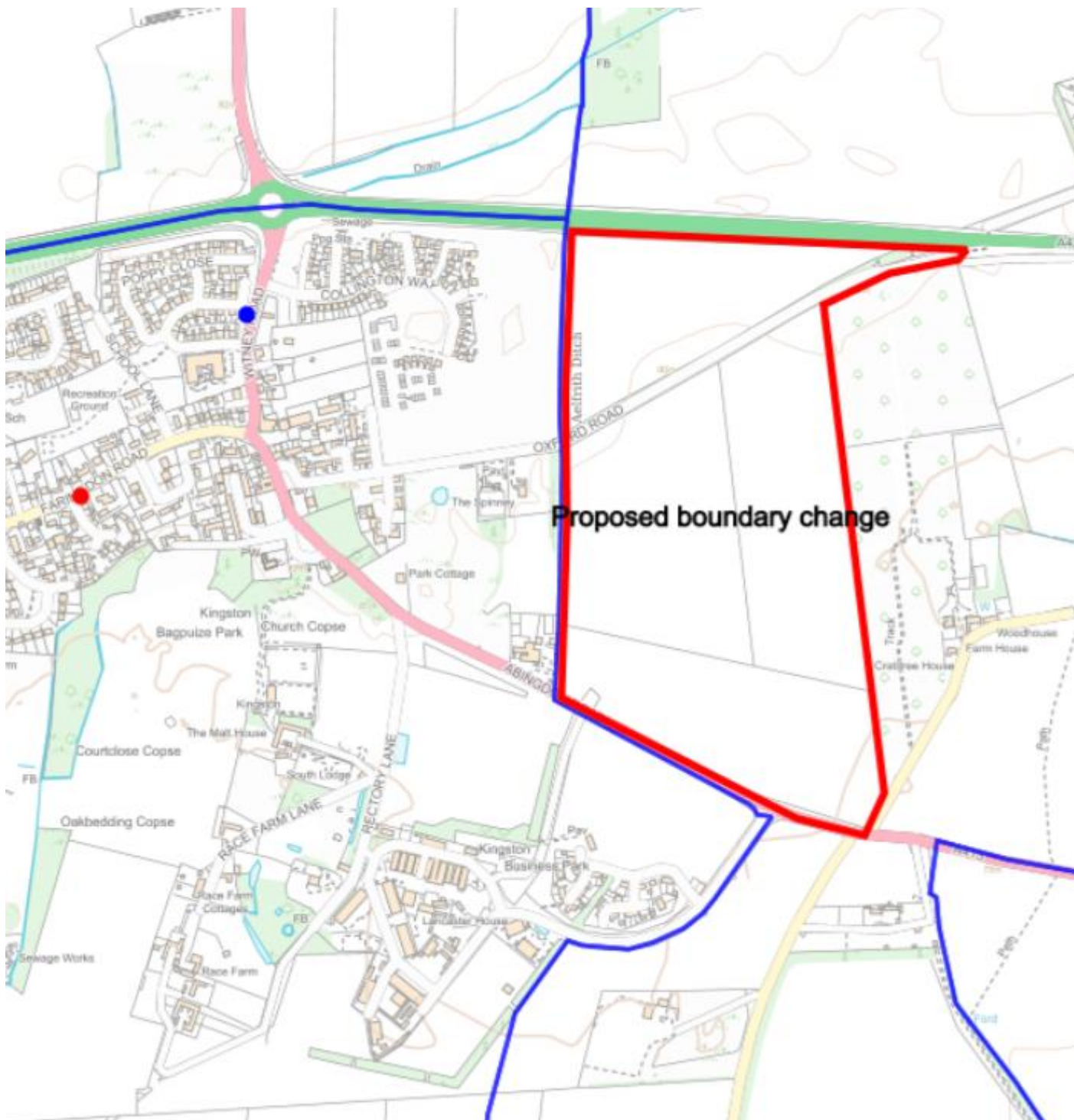
Nothing to report.

Cllr Juliette Ash

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ATTACHMENT 2:

Proposed Boundary Change



Fyfield & Tubney PC is quite rightly very concerned that the above change will be approved and that Kingston Bagpuize is treating the proposed change "as a done deal." Further to that, the area of land to the east of Kingston is the same piece of land that Lioncourt is keen to acquire as the site to build some 660 new houses. The company has already submitted two applications to date and both have been rejected by the Planning Committee in the

light of very serious concerns being expressed in relation to AQMA (Air Quality Management) issues ivo Marcham and the failure of Lioncourt to meet the condition to pay sufficient S106 funding to meet the cost of necessary road improvements.

Fyfield and Tubney PC has understandably views the proposed development as a test case and has called for my support in opposing the acquisition of the above piece of land by Kingston. I am fully in sympathy with Fyfield in this matter and will argue strongly against any change to the existing parish boundaries.

Road Safety

All PCs within Thames Ward have expressed their well-founded concerns with respect to road safety not only in relation to the A 420 but also as far the network of minor roads is concerned. As matters stand, a number of measures have already been implemented by parishes, namely the installation of SIDs (Speed Indication Devices) which not only interact with drivers by warning them that the limit has been exceeded but also record all individual instances of speeding. From the standpoint of working with The Highways Authority this is important because that body rightly needs clear and incontrovertible proof to be presented to it before we can advance the cause of "20 is plenty." In villages, a further problem is that of parking on roads that are very narrow and with verges that are often overgrown.

With reference to road safety matters affecting the wider area which includes Thames Ward, FATAAC (Faringdon Area Traffic Advisory Committee) held its last meeting on 17 Dec 2021 and at that meeting proposed that a safety working group be set up and led by Oxfordshire County Council. The key part of their remit would be to look ways of improving road safety on the A 420.

Oxford - Cambridge ARC Proposal

Thames Ward PCs are not alone in expressing real concern about the OxCam Economic Growth proposal. A conference on the subject is to be held on 24/25 January 2022 and the speakers will seek to advance the cause whilst ignoring the concerns of local people who have always opposed the proposed scheme. In a sample survey, 9 out 10 people were absolutely opposed to the ARC scheme that inter alia would involve building 1m new houses by 2050 and the creation of a high-tech zone across 5 counties. Of course, and perhaps inevitably there have been many unanswered questions as to developers wanting to use greenfield sites rather brownfield sites. Local democracy would, of course, be threatened as the powers of local authorities would be diminished. Further to that, climate change and environmental issues are not addressed and there is vagueness as to the actual boundaries of any development. Of course, I have acquainted you all wrt to these matters in much greater detail in previous updates.

Jerry Avery MBE
District Councillor - Thames Ward - VoWHDC