

APPLETON WITH EATON PARISH COUNCIL

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Appleton with Eaton Parish Council (AWE PC) Meeting

held in the Village Hall

Tuesday 27th September 2022, 7:15pm

Allison Leigh – Parish Clerk

Minutes

Councillors present: Chairman Liz Gilkes (The Chairman), Councillors John Adams (JA), Teresa Bennett (TB), Mary Carey (MC), Andy Salmon (AS),

In attendance: Allison Leigh (the Clerk), District County Councillor Jerry Avery (J. Avery)

22/108: Apologies for Absence: Councillors Stephen Day (SD) and Sue Sternberg (SS)

22/109: Declarations of interest: None

22/110: Public questions and statements: A member of the public in attendance raised concerns about 22 Badswell Lane and asked that it be brought to the attention to the Vale of White Horse District Council (VOWHDC) as well as the Conservation Officer.

22/111: Reports from District and County Councillors:

VOWHDC

J. Avery sent a report (Attachment 1).

Oxfordshire County Council (OCC)

See attachment 2- J. Ash was not present

- **Safety of pedestrians walking to the A 420:** AWE PC has heard from several residents who have raised the issue of safety of pedestrians walking to and from the A420. The Chairman and the Clerk had met with Mark Francis of Oxfordshire County Council regarding the following:
 - **Speed surveys** – The Clerk reported that OCC would be carrying out speed surveys from Oaksmere to the A420 and on Netherton Road from the 30mph sign to Appleton Common. The Clerk reported the Council doesn't have results yet.
 - **A420** – It was raised that perhaps a right of way could be created through the adjacent fields. The Council would like to create an Advisory Group to discuss finding a safer route along Oaksmere for pedestrians to reach the A 420 bus stop. The Clerk will put a notice in the Advertiser.

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- A member of the public commented that it would be useful for hedges to be cut back to create a wider verge where possible and that it would be useful to remind people to wear high visibility clothing when out at night.
- **Councillor's Priority Fund:** As the County Councillor was not in attendance, the Clerk will email her to enquire as to what amount is available to the Parish Council from the Councillor's Priority Fund.

22/112: Minutes of the last meetings: The minutes of the Parish Council Meetings of 18th July and 15th August 2022 were agreed and signed as a true record.

22/113: Matters arising from the previous meetings and not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:

The Tacoma planning application was raised. It was reported that what had been in the planning application as a tractor shed is now being marketed as 3-bedroom annexe. The Parish Council would like to write a letter to the head of the planning authority stating its disappointment that this change in usage has occurred without, apparently due process. The Council will send the letter to J. Avery. The Council feels that it appears to be an abuse of the system.

22/114: Clerk's report: The Clerk's Report was acknowledged.

22/115: Cost of Living Crisis: The Council asked the Clerk to put information about the VOWHDC's initiative on the website and noticeboard.

Various ideas were discussed:

- Opening village hall for coffee/tea/cake/film night
- Putting a notice about Hinton Waldrist's Cedar Club in the Advertiser
- Putting information out as to where there are local warm places

The Council asked the Clerk to be in touch with the Church, parent and toddler group, village hall, evergreens, gardening club, WI as to their thoughts. The Council asked the Clerk to put this on the October agenda.

22/116: Speed: See agenda item 22/111.

AS reported speed sign has recently been at Appleton Common to record speeds. It showed the highest speed at 53mph and average speed at 27mph in a 60mph road. AS reported that it cannot be switched on (i.e., visibly displaying speed to drivers) unless drivers are exceeding the speed limit there, as that part of the road is in the 60mph limit.

22/117: Layla Moran surgery: The Chairman and Clerk attended Layla Moran's summer surgery. The issues raised were:

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- Definitive Map Modification Order for the Thames Path
- Speed in the village: Layla Moran reported that a resident had mentioned speed on Netherton Road. The Clerk reported this would be discussed at the September meeting.
- Bus service

It was noted that Layla Moran is very keen to help the village where she can.

22/118: Street Lighting: It was reported that residents in Appleton and Eaton have requested the brightness and timing of street lights to be looked at. The Clerk reported she has emailed the County Councillor and the Cabinet Member for Highway Management in July, but has not had a response.

The Clerk will write again and it will be on the October agenda to write to the head of OCC to inform them of our lack of response from OCC if the Council hasn't had responses to its emails to OCC.

22/119: Asset of Community Value

- **The Plough Inn:** The Plough Inn is temporarily closed. The pub working group met the week of 19/9/2022. Admiral Taverns is the current owner of The Plough Inn and the working group is looking to contact Admiral Taverns to say the village is disappointed to see the pub closed and to find out what actions Admiral plan to take to ensure that the pub can reopen and thrive in the future. The Plough Inn will be on the agenda in October.
- **Eight Bells:** MC is working on the application for the Asset of Community Value. JA is happy to help with the application.

22/120: Leisure and Recreation (L&R) Committee Terms of Reference: The Council discussed the Terms of Reference and the possibility of dissolving the committee and creating an Advisory Group instead. The Clerk will contact Oxfordshire Association for Local Councils for advice. This will be on the October agenda.

22/121: Planning applications:

New applications

<u>Application number</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>AWEPC</u>
P22/V1573/HH	25 Parklands Besselsleigh OX13 5PN	Single storey side and rear extension to an existing dwelling, a free-standing double garage, and the erection of a brick	AWE PC objects to this planning application. The Council agrees with all of the comments made by Besselsleigh Parish Meeting and supports the reasons for their objection.

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		screen to enclose the back garden.	<p>With regards to the planning history of this site, the Council would also like to note that the proposed location for the garage is contrary to the design of the Parklands plan as a communal open space.</p> <p>The proposed brick wall and gate to the property would also be contrary to the design and character of the Parklands estate. The estate was specifically designed with communal green space around all the properties for all residents to share and any further buildings or walls would encroach into this space. Parklands and this property are located in the green belt and surrounded by farmland and ancient woodland and this application is entirely unsuitable for such a location.</p>
P22/V1921/HH	13 Badswell Lane Appleton	Construction of storey side and rear extension arranged over 1 and 2 floors	AWE PC has no objections to this planning application. The Council agrees with the Highway Authority's condition of 3 car parking spaces. The Council asks that the position of the front door is looked at as the pavement is very narrow at this part of the road.
P22/V2037/AG	Cheers Farm Netherton Road Appleton (see Planning Decisions)	Construct a hardcore access track and to move the main farm yard entrance to the south	n/a
P22/V2041/HH	96 Netherton Road Appleton	Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension to detached dwelling (previously consented under P16/V0074/HH & P17/V0144/PDH)	Appleton with Eaton Parish Council has no comments on this planning application.

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<u>Application number</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Vale of White Horse District Council Response</u>
P22/V1224/HH	Oakfield House Badswell Lane Appleton OX13 5JN	Single storey extension to rear of existing garage to form new Play Room, in accordance with original planning approval ref APT/20437/1 approved on 15 th April 2011	Permission granted.
P22/V0984/LDE	Tamarix Netherton Road Appleton Abingdon OX13 5QW	CERTIFICATE OF LAWFUL USE OR DEVELOPMENT. Occupation of property in breach of agricultural occupancy condition attached to planning permission P60/V5116.	Certificate of Lawful Use or Development Granted.
P22/V1551/HH	4 Netherton Road Appleton OX13 5JX	Proposed first floor extension	Permission granted.
P22/V0719/HH and P22/V0713/LB	Thatched Tavern Eaton Road Appleton OX13 5JH	The proposal includes the demolition of the former tap room on the gable end of the west, rear kitchen extension and part of the detached garage including a two storeys side extension and the introduction of a new entrance and single storey rear kitchen extension (Amendment to design as shown on submitted drawings received 31 May 2022)	Permission granted.
P22/V1570/FUL	Former Hills Nurseries Netherton Road Appleton OX13 5QN	Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) on application P16/V1986/FUL - to improve the design's ecological and social sustainability. Proposed conversion and redevelopment to provide 2 no. five bed dwellings with associated ancillary structure and provision of separate access arrangements (as amended by plans received on the 5th of September 2022).	Permission granted.

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P22/V2037/AG	Cheers Farm Netherton Road Appleton OX13 5LA	Construct a hardcore access track and to move the main farm yard entrance to the south.	
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22/122: Brown bin for War Memorial: It was noted that the VOWHDC does not allow for brown bins to be purchased ~~then~~ by anyone other than a resident. The Council will ask a local resident if they might be able to lend their brown bin for use. The Clerk will also ask other clerks for any experience they might have had with this.

22/123: Finance:

- Finance Report

Payments authorised

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Payment Method</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>
Southern Electric	Electricity at the sportsfield	Direct Debit	213.51	4/7/2022
Lloyds Credit Card	Zoom, paper, monthly fee	Direct Debit	22.39	18/7/2022
Information Commissioners Office	Membership	Direct Debit	35.00	20/7/2022
Abingdon Stone and Marble	Balance of invoice for War Memorial Cleaning and repairs	Online payment	1567.20	15/8/2022
Origins	Whiteliner for sportsfield	Online payment	226.20	15/8/2022
Lloyds Credit Card	Zoom, Google (storage), monthly fee	Direct Debit	17.78	16/8/2022

Payments to be authorised

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<u>Payee</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Payment Method</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>
Staff costs	Staff costs	Online payment	582.13	30/9/2022
Staff costs	Staff costs – correction from June	Online payment	.70	27/9/2022
Allison Leigh	Clerk expenses: September	Online payment	32.84	27/9/2022
Jane Cranston	Correction- 2	Online payment	2.70	27/9/2022
Dark White Digital	Web hosting and WordPress updates - August	Online payment	30.00	27/9/2022
Appleton Community Shop	Refreshments for Ukrainian coffee morning	Online payment	12.71	27/9/2022
BGG	Jubilee Park grass cutting	Online payment	72.00	27/9/2022
Ady Podbery	July mowing (3x) and strimming (1x) at sportsfield	Online payment	416.64	27/9/2022
Moore	External audit fee	Online payment	240.00	27/9/2022
BGG	Grass cutting at Jubilee Park 31/5/2022	Online payment	72.00	27/9/2022
Dark White Digital	Web hosting and WordPress updates - September	Online payment	30.00	27/9/2022
Appleton Village Hall	Donation towards printing	Online payment	73.20	27/9/2022
Ady Podbery	Grass cutting	Online payment	107.86	27/9/2022
Dark White Digital	Amending website for announcement of the Queen's death	Online payment	35.00	27/9/2022

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Receipts since the last meeting

<u>From</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>
Appleton Community Shop	Jubilee ticket sales	1160.00	2/8/2022

Bank Reconciliation

Opening balance as of 1/4/2022	41,439.44
Receipts	19,752.28
Payments	12,628.54
Cash book balance 31/8/2022	48563.18
Bank balance as of 31/8/2022	48,563.18
Unpresented cheques	0.00
unpresented receipts	0.00
Reconciled balance as of 31/8/2022	48.563.18

- **Insurance:** The Council resolved to proceed with BHIB.
- **Asset Register:** The Council adopted the Asset Register.
- **Internal Audit:** The Council resolved to proceed with Jane Olds as the Internal Auditor for the 2022/2023 audit.
- **Donation Requests:**
 - **My Vision Oxfordshire:** The Council resolved to donate £60 to My Vision Oxfordshire.
 - **Aspire:** The Council resolved to donate £50 to Aspire.

21/124: Website and Advertiser:

The Council agreed to the following:

A piece on the website regarding South and Vale Citizens Advice to come from MC.

The VOWHDC helpline for the energy crisis on the website and noticeboard.

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A notice about the creation of an Advisory Group to discuss a path to create safer travel along Oaksmere to the A 420 bus stop, and to ask for interested parties in the community to join the group. This request to go on the website, in the Advertiser and a shout out.

22/125: Publications and correspondence: The Council reviewed the Correspondence since the last meeting.

- A letter was received regarding a tractor driver on their phone while driving. The Council asked the Clerk to respond, letting the resident know that the Council will speak to Highways about this and for residents to report any such incidents to the police.
- The Clerk reported that the Council had a reply from the Planning Inspectorate with regards to the Definitive Map Modification Order to add a footpath from Bridleway No. 10 to Northmoor Lock. The Planning Inspectorate's decision was not to make the order for the path. The Council asked the Clerk to send the information to Layla Moran

22/126: Matters for report:

TB reported the hornbeam tree is doing well, but it needs to be planted. It was noted that this could be planted at the sportsfield and will be discussed at the L&R meeting on the 3rd October. It was discussed that the scouts could possibly plant it.

The Clerk reminded Councillors to complete and return the new Register of Interests form.

22/127: Date of the next meeting: The date of the next Parish Council meeting was confirmed as the 10th October 2022.

Andy Salmon sends his apologies for the October meeting.

The meeting closed at 21:05.

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ATTACHMENT 1

As you all aware the sad demise of Her Majesty The Queen has inevitably and understandably taken precedence this month. As to the main issues affecting Thames Ward as a whole the main point in this update, as was the case with the last one, is evidently in paragraph 1.

1. Boundaries' Review & Lioncourt's Bid: The Chair of the Boundaries' Committee (Cllr Ron Batstone) notified me that all proposed boundary changes in relation to the Vale were on the agenda of a meeting that was held on 12 September 2022. Again, as stated in my last update, he confirmed that the matter of possible boundary changes affecting parishes within Thames Ward was **NOT** on that agenda. However, I would add that I continue to sound a note of caution because as you are all aware, Lioncourt originally submitted a planning application (P18/V2790/O) in November 2018 prior to the adoption of the local plan Pt 2 in October 2019, which then allocated (for development) the site which lies in the parish of Fyfield & Tubney and on land east of Kingston Bagpuize. Following that in February 2021, Lioncourt's bid to build 660 houses on the site was rejected because it failed to meet the two main conditions (see earlier updates). However, since then Lioncourt has submitted a revised bid (P22/V0248/O) which seeks to address the reasons for rejection of its bid in 2021 and the Vale Planning Committee will be considering that revised application in a meeting to be held not before October/November 2022. I have been in regular contact with Max Thompson (Chair of the Planning Committee for the Vale) who on 15 September 2022 assured me that he has yet to be notified as to when Lioncourt's bid will come before the Planning Committee but that it will not be before October 2022 at the very earliest.

2. The Oxford - Cambridge ARC proposal: Decisions wrt to this scheme have been delayed. The government clearly understands that there is very considerable and determined opposition to the ARC.

3. Thames Water SESRO (South East Strategic Reservoir Option): Again, let me stress that there has been no change wrt the position of Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) which remains very much opposed to the proposal to build a seven square kilometre reservoir between Abingdon, Steventon and East Hanney and, indeed, following the end of consultation on 14 March 2022 called for the scheme to be scrapped. Let me re-iterate that the Vale of the White Horse District Council strongly supports the stand taken by the OCC and for the very good reasons stated in previous updates. The reasons for objecting to the SESRO are many and are detailed in a previous update (April 2022)

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ATTACHMENT 2

Abridged County Councillor Juliette Ash REPORT- All parishes- SEPT 2022

OCC Oxfordshire Conversations launched

OCC have launched a series of events to enable residents to share their views on a variety of issues that our communities are currently facing and are likely to face in the near future in Oxfordshire. This is a good opportunity to share your views so see below to find your local event and book a place:

<https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/oxfordshire-conversations>

The events are open to all, but you need to [register](#).

- Monday 12 September, 11am - 12.30pm, online (Microsoft Teams)
- Monday 12 September, 7pm - 8.30pm, Abingdon, Guildhall
- Wednesday 14 September, 7pm - 8.30pm, Witney, High Street Methodist Church
- Thursday 15 September, 7pm - 8.30pm, Oxford, Old Fire Station
- Monday 19 September, 7pm - 8.30pm, Banbury, The Mill Arts Centre
- Wednesday 21 September, 7pm - 8.30pm, online (Microsoft Teams)
- Thursday 22 September, 7pm - 8.30pm, Didcot, Cornerstone Arts Centre

If you need assistance or have accessibility issues please call the consultations and engagement team on 01865 323604.

Oxford Open doors 10/11th Sept '22

On Sat 10th and Sunday 11th Sept, visit Oxford sites free of charge.

There are tours of the Council chamber and the Coroners' Court. Doors open at 11am on Sat and Sunday and tours take place every 30 mins from 11:30 am. No booking required.

Traffic filters in Oxford.

On Sept 5th the consultation opens regarding the 6 traffic filters in Oxford. They are part of the draft Central Oxfordshire Travel Plan and are supported by Oxford City Council. They are designed to reduce traffic and make walking and cycling safer, however, there are likely to be improvements that can be made to the current proposals as there are significant exemptions for residents and limitations for out of area drivers which means residents of Kingston and Cumnor will be heavily impacted regarding car use into the City centre. Have your say at one of the events below:

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- Tuesday 6 September, 5pm - 6.30pm: Wesley Memorial Hall, [New Inn Hall Street, Oxford OX1 2DH](#)
- Thursday 8 September, 6pm - 7.30pm: online event.

Low traffic neighbourhoods.

The principle of low traffic neighbourhoods is a good one for health, wellbeing, air quality improvement, noise reduction and so on, however the current trials and plans have created huge issues for local businesses and some residents and so opponents have launched a legal bid to overturn the council's decision.

The East Oxford Low traffic neighbourhoods consultation is live until the 30th October.

Health visiting and school and college nursing services.

Parents of young people in Oxfordshire, and healthcare professionals, are being asked for their views on health visiting and school and college nursing services in Oxfordshire.

A new survey looks to find out what parents think of the services they have used, their thoughts on what is the most important support and how the council can make health services easier to access.

The healthy child programme offers a range of services, such as advice, developmental reviews and drop-in clinics to support the health and wellbeing of children, young people and their families.

Specialist public health nurses help to deliver the programme, with health visitors leading the zero to five years service and school nurses leading the five -19 years service.

The survey goes live on 7 September, and residents have until 30 September to take part by visiting [Let's talk Oxfordshire](#), the county council's digital engagement and consultation platform. looks to find out

Unauthorised encampments update: South and Vale.

Nothing to report.

Cllr Juliette Ash

05/09/22