

APPLETON WITH EATON PARISH COUNCIL

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**Appleton with Eaton Parish Council (AWE PC) Meeting
held in the Village Hall
Monday, 10th October 2022, 7:15pm**

Allison Leigh – Parish Clerk

Minutes

Councillors present: Liz Gilkes (Chairman), Mary Carey (Vice Chairman), John Adams (JA), Teresa Bennett (TB), Sue Sternberg (SS)

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

22/128: Apologies for Absence: Andy Salmon (AS), Stephen Day (SD) reported he will be late.

22/129: Declarations of interest: None

22/130: Public questions and statements: Members of the public were in attendance to speak about agenda item 22/141.

22/131: Reports from District and County Councillors

Vale of White Horse District Council (VoWHDC)

J. Avery sent a report. See Attachment 1

J. Avery has sent letter from AWE PC with regards to the planning application for Tacoma to Head of the Planning Committee. J. Avery will see the Head of the Planning Committee on the 11th October.

Oxfordshire County Council

See Attachment 2. J. Ash arrived at agenda item 22/137.

- **Oxfordshire County Council (OCC): Councillor's Priority Fund:** The Clerk reported she has enquired as to what amount is available to the Parish Council from the Councillor's Priority Fund, but has not had a reply.

22/141: Proposed pre-school: Results of survey have been published:

85 responses were received representing a 22.7% return. Of those 53 were in favour, 26 against and 6 that we would categorise as contradictory.

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The working group does not have the written in comments from the Village Hall Committee (VHC) as of yet. The VHC met the week of 3rd October and proposed a step-by-step approach with a business and viability plan as the next step in the process.

The Chairman indicated AWEPC cannot make a decision, but acknowledged the Parish Council's previous position that it believes a village pre-school is a worthwhile initiative

The Chairman reported she has spoken with Community First/ACRE Oxfordshire who are willing to assist the VHC and Working Group on the next steps. It was noted that clear communication will be the key to the project progressing.

(SD arrived at this time in the meeting.)

The Chairman advised the Working Group to reach out to any other families/local residents. to see if they are prepared to assist with the project

The possibility of a village meeting to show the plans and next steps to the village was suggested.

SS advised she will step back from the process at this stage. TB happy to remain part of the working group as PC representative in an advisory capacity only.

The members of the public left at this time.

22/132: Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 27th September 2022 were agreed and signed as a true record.

22/133: Matters arising from the previous meetings and not appearing elsewhere on the agenda: No matters arising.

22/134: Clerk's report: The Council acknowledged the Clerk's Report.

22/135: Cost of Living Crisis: The Council discussed the Cost-of-Living crisis and had the following actions:

The Clerk reported she had emailed village groups, but hadn't had a reply. The Council asked the Clerk to send another email.

The Council discussed the possibility of the Covid group being of assistance.

The Council asked the Clerk to do a shout out for any ideas on how to assist residents.

The Council resolved to start a Pop-Up Café with complimentary drinks and cakes. The idea of activities during the morning was discussed, such as a book exchange.

The Council asked the Clerk to look into the Botley larder to advertise.

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22/136: L&R Committee:

- To resolve to dissolve the L&R Committee and transition it to an Advisory Group:
The Council resolved to dissolve the L&R Committee and transition it to an Advisory Group.
- To request the following:
 - Key box for the sports field: The Council resolved to purchase a key box for the sports field.
 - Sleeper replacements at Jubilee Park: The Council resolved to proceed with the sleepers requested by the Friends of Jubilee Park for a cost up to £800.

22/137: Street Lighting:

County Councillor J. Ashe arrived at this stage in the meeting. She noted she is unable to attend meetings in person due to schedule, but requested to attend meetings via TEAMS. The Clerk will look into this.

- **To have an update on any progress from OCC on street lighting:** The Clerk asked J. Ash about this as she hasn't had a reply from the emails sent in July, September and October. J. Ashe reported she will look into this.
- **If no progress, to resolve to write to the Leader of the County Council:** The Council had resolved to proceed, but as the County Councillor arrived will not at this time.
- **Oxfordshire County Council (OCC): Councillor's Priority Fund:** J. Ashe reported there is funding available, but did not confirm an amount.
- **J Ash confirmed that she would be happy to support a grant to the PC from her fund to finance the pop up cafe if the PC applies.**

22/138: Footpaths

- **To have an update on any progress from OCC on footpaths:** The County Councillor reported the footpaths team is stretched which is why they haven't replied to emails dating back to February 2021. The County Councillor will look into this. She noted that the Trust for Oxfordshire might be of use to contact as they can award grants for footpath improvement.
- **If no progress, to resolve to write to the Leader of the County Council:** The Council will wait to see the progress based on the County Councillor's response to action items from the meeting.

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22/139: Civility and Respect Pledge: The Council resolved to sign up to the Civility and Respect Pledge.

22/140: Asset of Community Value

- **The Plough Inn:**
 - The Pub Working Group has sent a letter to Admiral with regards to the status of The Plough Inn. The CEO has responded to say he will check the issues raised in the letter and will report back.
 - In the meantime, the VHC are running The Interim Inn, a pop-up pub, on Friday nights.
- **Eight Bells:** MC reported that she has started to gather testimonials from Appleton with Eaton residents. MC reported that once testimonials are in, the form for the VoWHDC will be completed.

22/142: Planning applications:

There were no new planning applications.

Planning amendments

<u>Application number</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>AWE PC Comments</u>
P22/V1921/HH	13 Badswell Lane Appleton	As amended by proposed site plan received 28 September 2022	AWE PC has no comments on this amendment.
P22/V2205/DIS	19 Eaton	Discharge of condition 3(drainage & services strategy) on application P21/V1669/LB (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	AWE PC has no comments on this amendment.

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		<p>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. Removal/relocation of modern internal partitions).</p>	
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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>
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P22/V1613/HH	Holly Tree House Park Lane Appleton	Removal of existing ground floor conservatory. Ground floor extension. First floor extension and related alterations. New window to east side elevation to existing bedroom and new window to family bathroom. New Velux rooflight to existing roof on east side.	Permission granted.
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22/143: Finance:

Finance Report:

Payments authorised

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Payment Method</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>
AWBS	Bark and sand for Jubilee Park	Online payment	736.28	14/9/2022
Lloyds Credit Card	Zoom, Google (storage), monthly fee	Direct Debit	18.98	16/9/2022
Southern Electric	Electricity at the sportsfield	Direct Debit	240.51	26/9/2022
Castle Water	Water at sportsfield	Online payment	471.45	30/9/2022
Unity Bank	Service Charge	Direct Debit	18.00	30/9/2022
BHIB	Insurance	Online payment	1146.72	10/10/2022
Staff costs	Staff costs	Online payment	582.13	31/10/2022
Allison Leigh	Clerk expenses	Online payment	26.00	10/10/2022

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Dark White Digital	Web hosting and WordPress updates – October	Online payment	30.00	10/10/2022
Ady Podbery	Mowing and strimming sportsfield	Online payment	107.86	10/10/2022
BGG	Mowing of Jubilee Park	Online payment	72.00	10/10/2022
My Vision Oxfordshire	Donation	Online payment	60.00	10/10/2022
Aspire	Donation	Online payment	50.00	10/10/2022

Receipts since the last meeting

<u>From</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>
Vale of White Horse District Council	Second half of precept	14,500.00	7/9/2022

Bank Reconciliation

Opening balance as of 1/4/2022	41,439.44
Receipts	34,252.28
Payments	15,821.54
Cash book balance 30/9/2022	50,970.18
Bank balance as of 30/9/2022	50,970.18
Unpresented cheques	0.00
unpresented receipts	0.00
Reconciled balance as of 30/9/2022	50,970.18

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- **Budget against spent through 30th September 2022:** The Council reviewed the budget against spend and had no comments.
- **2023/2024 Preliminary Budget items:** The Council noted the following as potential items for the 2023/2024 budget
 - Donations to the preschool and village map projects
 - Coronation celebration

21/144: Website and Advertiser:

The Council would like the following items in the Advertiser:

- A working group to discuss pedestrians path from Oaksmeare to the A420
- Cost of living crisis
- Note about Citizens Advice
- Tree planting

The Council would like to put the preschool survey results on the website.

22/145: Publications and correspondence: The Council reviewed the correspondence received since the last meeting.

The Clerk reported she had attended a training course on emergency planning. She reported that the County Council advised all councils to have a plan. The Clerk will put this on the November agenda.

- **NB: If you wish to have your correspondence considered at the meeting, please send it to the Clerk by 5pm on Friday.**

22/146: Matters for report: There were no matters for report.

22/147: Date of the next meeting: The date of the next Parish Council meeting was confirmed as the 14th November 2022 at 7:15pm in the Village Hall.

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Update - October 2022

1. To date I have received nothing further wrt the bid by Lioncourt to build 660 houses on land east of Kingston Bagpuize and within the parish of Fyfield & Tubney. However, I do not expect the bid to be considered until November at the earliest because there is no Planning Committee meeting on the calendar for this month.

2. As you are aware, the government has adopted a policy of exploiting fossil fuel deposits. In addition to planning on granting licences to drill for oil and gas in the North Sea in the 2023, it has also expressed a strong interest in fracking and has inter alia suggested that it may be carried out in the Vale of the White Horse. Evidently, the council is deeply concerned because the consequences for residents and the environment would be entirely negative. As matters stand at the moment, no viable deposits of shale gas have been found in this area, but even if one were to be identified, the carrying out of fracking would result in the following detrimental impacts:-

- a) The disruptive effect of heavy vehicle movements on our roads.
- b) The seismic risks caused by fracking especially considering the uncertainty about steps to predict and reduce its impact.
- c) The potential impact upon our rivers and protected streams.
- d) The hugely detrimental potential effect on our Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

This government has stated that it would only allow fracking in areas provided that it had the full consent of residents. If the government were to allow any exploration and the extraction of shale gas within the area, local authorities will defend the interests of residents and naturally resist any such fracking exploration and extraction within the Vale of White Horse district given that residents are opposed to it.

In the light of all the evidence available, this council is entirely convinced that fracking for natural gas in the Vale of White Horse would have very detrimental effects on both the residents and the environment. Further to that, fracking is entirely inconsistent with our corporate plan objectives. I should add that this matter is to be brought before the full Council on 12 October 2022.

3. Thames Water: The latest incident at Heyford Hill is just one a number and I think that we can expect more because the pipework infrastructure is ageing and in urgent need of replacement.

Best Regards,

Jerry

Jerry Avery MBE

District Councillor - Thames Ward – VoWHDC

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ATTACHMENT 2 (note this report is unedited)

County Councillor Juliette Ash REPORT- All parishes- OCT 22

HEYFORD HILL BURST PIPE

Full pressurised water supply has now been returned to households and businesses (in OX1, OX2, OX3, OX4, OX9, OX10, OX14, OX33, OX39 (4NA), OX44, HP17 and HP18) that were affected by the burst water main on Tuesday 4 October at the Heyford Hill roundabout on the Oxford Ring Road.

Any residents who experience low water pressure are asked to report the problem by contacting

Thames Water. Residents can also access information on what to expect when the water is back on at Thames Water's website.

Thames Water is working to repair the highway and road surfaces in the affected area and is aiming to reopen the A4142 Eastern Bypass from Heyford Hill to Rose Hill Roundabout by Sunday.

Drivers are still being asked to avoid travelling into Oxford as many roads are congested. Traffic congestion is expected to increase today with football fans travelling to the Oxford United versus Wycombe Wanderers game. Anyone who needs to travel by car, should plan ahead and can check @OxonTravel for updates and the county's park and ride options.

Residents can still collect bottled water from 10am today from the locations below and are asked to check Thames Water's website and Twitter @thameswater for any updates, including any closing times:

- Tesco at Cowley Retail Park (Ambassador Avenue, Oxford OX4 6XJ)
- Asda on London Road in Wheatley (OX33 1YZ)
- Chinnor Rugby Club in Thame (Kingsey Road OX9 3JL).

TRAFFIC FILTER PLAN TO SPLIT OXFORD INTO FOUR SECTORS

Further measures to restrict car use in Oxford are out for consultation. 'Traffic filters' are to be introduced with the intention of creating four 'Sectors' within the city: North, South, West and East.

When the traffic filters are operating, for cars without a permit, movement within each sector is unrestricted, but direct movement between sectors is not possible and requires use of the ring road. For example:

- County Hall, Westgate and Oxford station (all in West) will only be accessible via Botley Road, so if you were coming from North, East or South you would need to go via the A34 ring road and then Botley Road

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- The area around St Giles & Gloucester Green will only be accessible via Banbury or Woodstock Road .

Affected motorists will face much longer journey times and distances. The intention is to force a change in behaviour. The original project description of 'sectorisation' has been dropped as it is felt that 'traffic filters' is a far less controversial term. Leading traders' organisation Oxford Business Action Group has slammed the proposals saying in the Oxford Mail: We are concerned that in their current design, the introduction of these six traffic filters will negatively impact many businesses, causing closure for many and catastrophically damaging countless others.' Parents of children attending school inside the ring road and many whose workplace is in the City may also be affected.

Have your say in the consultation closes on the 13th October.
Central Oxfordshire Travel Plan | Let's Talk Oxfordshire

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 for LTNs 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 November.

East Oxford low traffic neighbourhoods consultation | Let's Talk Oxfordshire

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATION PROCESS OPENS IN OXFORDSHIRE

Parents and guardians can now apply for their Year 6 child to attend a secondary school for September 2023. Applications should be submitted online at:
www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions

OCC is encouraging parents and guardians to list four preferences on their application. This doesn't make it less likely that their first preference will be offered. But it does reduce the risk of all preferences being unsuccessful and children being allocated a place at a school that is not named on their list. The deadline for completed applications is 31 October 2022.

Parents and guardians will then be contacted with the result to their application on national offer day, 1 March 2023. It is important to apply on time. Late applications will be processed later in the year and are far less likely to secure places at preferred schools.

SEPTEMBER FULL COUNCIL MEETING DEFERRED UNTIL 7 OCTOBER

Due to the period of mourning, the September meeting of Full Council was deferred until 7 October with no change to the business to be considered.

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LIBDEMS ATTEMPT TO MOVE A MOTION TO CUT VAT

The LibDems put forward a motion to Full Council in July stating Government should immediately introduce various subsidies and cut VAT to 17.5%. The motion was not debated due to lack of time, but is coming back to Full Council at the October meeting. It has been pointed out that whatever the merits or not of the proposal, the administration is once again wasting council resources trying to get involved in central government issues way beyond the council's remit. Councillors are not junior MPs and they should focus on local matters. OCC should be focusing on its core functions of: adult ; children's social care; education learning and highways.

On 5 September we're launching a consultation on proposals to introduce six trial traffic filters in Oxford. Traffic filters are part of our draft Central Oxfordshire Travel Plan and are supported by Oxford City Council. They're designed to reduce traffic, make bus journeys faster

Health visiting and school and college nursing services.

Parents of young people, 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 Unauthorised encampments update: South and Vale.

Nothing to report.

For consultations see:

Let's Talk Oxfordshire

Useful County Council links:

Customer services: 0345310111

To fix potholes: www.fixmystreet.co.uk

For highway issues: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/contactus/contact-highways-team

For emergency highway issues: 01223 849731

For planning regs being ignored: tellplanning@oxfordshire.gov.uk

For flooding support: www.oxfordshiretoolkit.com/emergency/report-flood

CLlr Juliette Ash

10/10/22