

APPLETON WITH EATON PARISH COUNCIL

c/o 26 Eaton Village, Eaton, Oxfordshire OX13 5PR

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Appleton with Eaton Parish Council (AWE PC) Meeting

held in the Village Hall

Monday, 13th February 2023, 7:15pm

Allison Leigh – Parish Clerk

Minutes

Councillors present: Chairman Mary Carey (Acting as Chairman in Liz Gilkes' absence) (Vice Chairman), Councillors John Adams, Teresa Bennett, Andy Salmon (AS), Stephen Day (SD) and Sue Sternberg (SS)

In attendance: Allison Leigh (the Clerk), Mark Coleman

22/205: Apologies for Absence: Chairman Liz Gilkes, District Councillor Jerry Avery

22/206: Declarations of interest: None

22/207: Public questions and statements: Mark Coleman noted he is standing as District Councillor in May and is visiting parish councils in the patch.

22/208: Reports from District and County Councillors: The District and County Councillors were not in attendance, but sent reports. See Attachments 1 and 2.

22/209: Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 9th January 2023 were agreed and signed as a true record.

22/210: Clerk's report: The Council acknowledged the Clerk's report. The Council discussed the Clerk's email to the County Council with regards to the lack of response with regards to footpaths and street lighting. The Council asked the Clerk to follow up periodically.

22/211: Village Hall: It was reported that at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Village Hall Committee (VHC), the VHC's current terms of office end and election for Committee members takes place.

The Clerk advised that the Parish Council can encourage the VHC to publicise that there will be an AGM in May where new VHC members can be elected, publicise what it entails to be a VHC member and give residents contact information should they have questions on becoming a member.

The Parish Council does not have any other role with regards to the VHC.

The Council agreed that the PC would work to encourage attendance at the AGM.

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22/212: Finance:

- Finance Report:

Payments authorised

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Payment Method</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>
Lloyds	Storage bin, google, traffic cones credit, ink, monthly fee	Direct Debit	27.70	17/1/23
SSE Southern Electric	Electricity for the sportsfield	Online payment	46.83	27/1/23
SLCC	CiLCA qualification fee	Online payment	225.00	13/2/2023
C R Dick	Tennis club rent arrears	Online payment	450.00	13/2/2023
Staff costs	Staff costs	Online payment	616.67	28/2/2023
Allison Leigh	Clerk expenses	Online payment	26.00	13/2/2023
The Play Inspection Company	Inspecting of Jubilee Park	Online payment	198.00	13/2/2023
Dark White Digital	Web hosting and Wordpress Updates	Online payment	30.00	13/2/2023
Appleton Community Shop	Refreshments for pop up café	Online payment	6.29	13/2/2023
SLCC	Membership 23/24 (40% of costs as other councils are paying the rest)	Online payment	88.80	1/4/2023

Receipts since the last meeting

<u>From</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>
Appleton Cubs and Scouts	Hire of Pavilion and sportsfield from September 2022 – December 2022	240.00	24/1/23

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Bank Reconciliation

Opening balance as of 1/4/2022	41,439.44
Receipts	35,660.28
Payments	25,613.26
Cash book balance 31/1/2023	51,486.46
Bank balance as of 31/1/2023	51,486.46
Unpresented cheques	0.00
unpresented receipts	0.00
Reconciled balance as of 31/1/2023	51,486.46

- **Review budget against spend:** The Council reviewed the budget against spend from 1/4/22 through 31/1/23 and had no comments.
- **Leisure and Recreation:**
 - **Grass cutting:** The Council discussed the quotes for the grounds maintenance received for Jubilee Park and the Sportsfield for 23/24 and 24/25, which have also been reviewed by the Leisure and Recreation Working Group.

The Council resolved to proceed with BGG for Jubilee Park and Ady Podbery for the sportsfield for 2 year contracts.

22/213: Planning applications:

Planning Applications

<u>Application number</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>AWEPC Comment</u>
P22/V2934/HH	Oakleigh Millway Lane Appleton	Single storey extension to west side of dwelling. Single storey front infill extension and rear extension. Addition of stairwell to provide access to loft room.	AWEPC has no comments on this planning application.

- **Tacoma:** It was reported that the Clerk had sent a letter regarding PE/V0154/22 - Tacoma, Netherton Road, Appleton to the enforcement team at VOWHDC. The Clerk has received an email to the effect that VoWHDC has recorded this as an

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enforcement enquiry and an officer will be in touch with the Council as to the outcome.

22/214: King's Coronation: The Chairman reported that a meeting about the King's Coronation had been held on 7th February and was well attended by village organisations. The plans for the weekend will include:

- Saturday
 - The Interim Inn will possibly be open, broadcasting the Coronation at the Village Hall and holding a BBQ.
 - There may be an unveiling of the Village Map.
- Sunday – A big lunch/tea will take place at South Lawn with children's entertainment, rides and a cake competition.
- Monday – There will be an event hosted by the Village Shop celebrating volunteering. A BBQ will run down Church Lane.
- There will be a peal of the bells over the weekend.
- The front cover of the March Advertiser will have Save the Date information.

22/215: Deep Cleanse and/or Litter Pick:

- **Deep Cleanse** – The Council would like to have VoWHDC clean all roads and verges in the village. The Council would like the Clerk to clarify what type of waste VoWHDC will remove as AS would be willing to clear pavements of grass and moss, but would need the District Council to remove the waste.
- **Litter pick**
 - JA reported there is an enormous amount of litter between Netherton Road and the A415. The Council asked the Clerk to contact Fyfield and Tubney Parish Council regarding a joint litter pick. JA is happy to organise the litter pick.
 - It was noted there is an increase in dog fouling. The Council would like to put a sign at each end of the new footpath off of Englands lane. MC will laminate and put a sign up.

22/116: Eaton Defibrillator: The Clerk reported she had a request for a defibrillator to be placed in Eaton. The Council agreed and the Clerk will follow up with the Eight Bells to see if they are happy to have it placed outside the pub. The Clerk will look into the ambulance service doing a training session once the defibrillator is in place.

22/217: Publications and correspondence: The Council reviewed the correspondence received since the last meeting.

- The current local footpaths officer has stepped down. The Clerk will follow up and find out what they did and ascertain if a new one is needed.

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22/218: Website and Advertiser:

The Council asked the Clerk to put the following in the March Advertiser:

- Explanation of the 2023/2024 precept
- Information on OALC's course on councillor recruitment
- Dog fouling
- Litter pick
- Pop-Up Café
- A420 safety at night

22/219: Matters for report: none

22/220: Date of the next meeting: The date of the next Parish Council meeting was confirmed as the 13th March 2023 at 7:15pm in the Village Hall.

Due to Easter Monday, the April meeting has been changed to Monday the 3rd April.

Due to the Coronation, the Council confirmed the Annual Parish Council Meeting as the 15th May.

The Clerk will look to schedule the Annual Parish Meeting.

The meeting closed at 8:15pm.

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Attachment 1

Report from Vale of White Horse District Councillor, Jerry Averty (unedited)

I have the following two points to bring to your attention from a ward perspective:-

1. A presentation by Cumnor PC stating in detail very real concerns in relation to the Botley Solar Farm proposal. The link to that presentation is below.

<https://cumnorparishcouncil.org.uk/cms-data/depot/filedepot/2022-12-13-Public-Information-Event.pdf>

Cumnor PC would very much appreciate letters supporting their stance from all neighbouring PCs.

2. Voicing objections to the Lioncourt application to build 700 homes on land east of Kingston Bagpuize.

The application will be heard before the Planning Committee on 14 Feb '23 and the Chair of Fyfield & Tubney PC has stated that he will be speaking against the application on the grounds as follows:-

- The VoWHC appears not to be working to protect and represent the local residents as evidenced by:
- All local PCs are objecting but their objections have been ignored.
- Key considerations are simply not dealt with by the officers' 71-page report.
- The fact that housing need in Oxon has been reduced as evidenced by the delay of the Dalton Barracks scheme
- The traffic impact on adjacent roads such as the A420 which is one of the most dangerous roads in England is not even mentioned
- In a disingenuous manner the traffic impact is presented as being fully addressed by the now approved Frilford Lights improvements - points to note in relation to this:-
 - a. Once again, all adjacent PCs objected on the basis it does not present the optimum solution for the issue and this was ignored.
 - b. The Committee approved the scheme despite the fact it acknowledged it was "half baked."

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c. The Frilford scheme was proposed by parties who stand to financially benefit from the LEKB scheme and is now presented as the key measure to underpin

traffic issues related to the LEKB (Land East of Kingston Bagpuize) development... something rather convenient.

d. The fact that the VoWHC officers appear to simply be endorsing the analyses presented by the biased developer's consultants without independent analysis -this puts in

question whether due process has been followed.

In addition to the above points, I would also mention a key objection raised originally, namely failure to address the air quality management issue in relation to Marcham.

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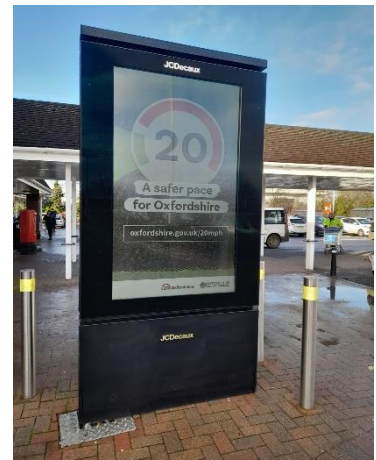
Attachment 2

Report from Oxfordshire County Councillor, Juliette Ash (unedited)

GENERAL OCC REPORT

COUNCIL BUDGET FOR 23/24

OCC has received an unexpectedly generous Local Government Settlement which has resulted in the council having a surplus of £9m relative to the draft budget that has been out for public consultation. However, rather than use this surplus to cut Council Tax and reduce the payment burden on residents or improve Adult social care or SEN provision, disappointingly, the administration is looking for ways to spend the money.



The Budget will be debated and voted upon by Full Council on 14 February. I am particularly concerned about OCC monies being used to fund advertising in Buckinghamshire (photo-Aylesbury Tesco, 8/1/23), which is outside of the remit of OCC and am calling on the administration to focus their efforts on road safety and repairs in our own county.

NHS HEALTH CHECKS IN OXFORDSHIRE NOW AVAILABLE IN MORE LOCATIONS

It is easier than ever for people aged 40 to 74 to get a free NHS health check, with the service now available in even more locations. Health Checks Oxfordshire is now providing free NHS health checks on behalf of OCC at convenient community-based locations across the county, including libraries. This is in support of existing GP practice provision, making it easier than ever to get one. An NHS health check can lower a person's risk of developing type 2 diabetes, heart disease, stroke, kidney disease and (certain types of) dementia. More information is available on the Health Check website: <https://www.healthchecksoxfordshire.org>

OCC CABINET APPROVES CONTINUED STADIUM DISCUSSIONS WITH OXFORD UNITED

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OCC's cabinet has authorised its officers to start negotiations with Oxford United FC on outline legal and commercial terms relating to the club's proposal to lease land for the development of a new football stadium. Discussions to secure information and undertakings that meet OCC's objectives will continue. Any final decision regarding the leasing of the land will be taken in public by a future cabinet meeting, based on whether the council's objectives have been met.

PROPOSAL FOR GIANT RESERVOIR FACES CONTINUED OPPOSITION

Renewed efforts by water companies to move forward with proposals for a giant reservoir near East Hanney and Steventon are continually being contested by all Cllrs. OCC's cabinet discussed its draft responses to a series of consultations taking place concerning future water supplies, including the Water Resources South East (WRSE) draft regional plan. The WRSE plan includes proposals for a reservoir located between Abingdon, East Hanney, Steventon and Marcham, which would hold up to 100 million cubic metres of water – known as the South East Strategic Reservoir Option (SESRO) – as well as other options for securing future water supply. In the council's draft response, the WRSE consultation is described as “deeply flawed” and based on “unrealistic and non-evidence-based assumptions” about climate change, as well as “ludicrously outdated population projections”. The response calls the £1.244 billion reservoir “a destructive scheme, both environmentally and in its impacts on local people”, with bill-payers effectively being asked to “sign a blank cheque”, with no clear cost-benefit analysis or justification. I will continue to oppose this scheme on behalf of residents in its current form as although there is a small minority that is not against the scheme on the grounds that a smaller version could bring associated leisure benefits, I think there are other ways to deliver such benefits and crucially the water supply required without building such a mammoth structure in our Countryside.

ROAD SAFETY: A420

Having proposed the cross-party meeting to support improvements in road safety along the full stretch of the A420, I met with officers and called again for a data driven approach to solutions and a full review of the current accident stats and their causes.

Officers are currently responding to this request for data and a preliminary level of analysis and presentation will take place this month. Following the review the current list of proposed improvements will be prioritised and additional ones, where possible, added.

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A division wide survey will shortly be available to gain resident views on the potential solutions as anecdotally and not surprisingly some of the strongest proposals have come from regular users.

Residents and Parish Councillors that are particularly interested in feeding in thoughts to this initiative can email me on Juliette.ash@oxfordshire.gov.uk.

Currently in progress:

- Charney Bassett - working with the PC to provide poles for Speed Indication Devices (SID).
- Frilford –reduction in speed limit around one of the A338 junctions confirmed and signed off.
- Fyfield & Tubney - investigating possible reduction in speed limit on the A420 in the vicinity of St Lawrence Church in conjunction with the Parish Council - *Speed surveys have shown that the existing limit is correct for the current 'sign only' restriction.* Three requests for infrastructure to improve pedestrian safety have been added to list of potential Accessibility & Road Safety Fund (A&RSF) schemes for the 2023/24 financial year.
- Kingston Bagpuize & Southmoor – Zebra crossing on the A415 between Faringdon Road and Oxford Road at CMD approved. Implementation planned for 2023/24 financial year.
- Stanford in the Vale – 'School Keep Clear' road markings and a road safety sign have been funded using my Cllr priority funding monies.

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.

A420, Bessel Leigh, near The Greyhound Pub

One caravan with two horses camped out on the grass verge. This is a wood carver who often camps at the Bladon roundabout in west Oxfordshire, still at the location.

Another caravan has joined him.

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We have spoken to the woodcarver and were informed that they will be leaving after Christmas or beginning of the New Year and this will be monitored.

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

6/2/23

Please refer to PC for additional verbal reporting on your top three priorities by Parish