

**APPLETON WITH EATON PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Appleton with Eaton Parish Council (AWE PC) Parish Council Meeting  
held in the Village Hall  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024 7:15pm**

Allison Leigh – Parish Clerk

**Minutes**

**Councillors present:** Stephen Day (Chairman), Councillors John Adams (JA), Liz Gilkes (LG), Mary Carey (MC) and Sue Sternberg (SS)

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

**24/66: Apologies for Absence:** Apologies were received from Valentina Brito-Marquez. Chris Mitty was not in attendance, but apologies were not received.

**24/67: Declarations of interest:** None

**24/68: Public questions and statements:** No members of the public were present.

**23/69: Reports from District and County Councillors:**

**Vale of White Horse District Council (VoWHDC)**

The District Councillor had nothing to report based on the short time between meetings and the election.

**Oxfordshire County Council (OCC)**

The County Councillor sent a report but was not in attendance. See Attachment 1.

**24/70: Minutes of the last meeting:** The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> June 2024 were agreed and signed as a true record.

**24/71: Clerk’s report:** The Council considered the Clerk’s Report. MC will speak with resident whose hedge butts up against the Parish Council noticeboard to see if they are happy for the PC to cut the hedge.

**24/72: Finance:**

**a. Finance Report:**

***Payments authorised***

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Payment Method</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>
Staff costs	Staff costs – July	Online payment	735.76	31/7/24

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Staff costs	Staff costs – August	Online payment	692.57	31/8/24
Allison Leigh	Clerk expenses – July and August	Online payment	52.00	8/7/24
Ady Podbery	Mowing and strimming at the sportsfield	Online payment		8/7/24
BGG	Mowing of Jubilee Park – June	Online payment	168.00	8/7/24

### ***Receipts since the last meeting***

<u>From</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>
Aviva	Insurance claim for stolen speed indicator device	2039.99	10/6/24
Cumnor Minors	Football use at the sportsfield	240.00	10/6/24
9 <sup>th</sup> Appleton (Abingdon) Scout	Use at the sportsfield	15.00	10/6/24
9 <sup>th</sup> Appleton (Abingdon) Scout	Use at the sportsfield	165.00	10/6/24
Cumnor Minors	Football use at the sportsfield	210.00	10/6/24

### ***Bank Reconciliation***

Opening balance as of 1/4/2024	51,721.28
Receipts	21,859.71
Payments	6,869.72
<b>Cash book balance</b>	<b>66,711.27</b>
Bank balance as of 30/6/24	66,711.27
Unpresented payments	0.00
unpresented receipts	0.00

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Reconciled balance as of 30/6/24	66,711.27
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The Clerk noted she is querying the invoice from Executive Alarms. The Council resolved to pay this invoice prior to the September meeting once the queries have been resolved.

- b. Budget against spend:** The Council considered the budget against spend from 1/4/24 – 30/6/24. There were no comments.
- c. Purchase of new Speed Indicator Device (SID):** The Council resolved to purchase a new SID. The Clerk will advertise for volunteers to assist with the management of the SID.
- d. Cricket Club fees 24/25:** The Council considered a reduced fee for Appleton Cricket Club for their 2024/2025 season. The Council would like to recommend £900. MC, JA and the Clerk will meet with the Cricket Club to discuss, and this will be put on the September agenda for resolution.

**24/73: Risk report:** The Council considered the Risk Report and had no comments. The Clerk will follow up with the Friends of Jubilee Park as to reports.

**24/74: Planning applications:** The Council noted the following planning amendment had been received. There is no call for comment:

P24/V1134/N4B

Cheers Farm Netherton Road Appleton Abingdon

Amended plans and supporting email received 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024, setting out the parking and turning provision for the scheme

**24/75: Correspondence:** The Council discussed an email received about concerns about the crossing of Netherton Road by the War Memorial. The Council asked the Clerk to speak to OCC for any suggestions. The Clerk will also speak to OCC about the moving of the speed sign at Oaksmere. The Clerk will make the resident aware of this as well as the fact that the 20mph consultation results will be reviewed by OCC and a reduction in speed might be welcome.

**24/76: Website and Advertiser:** The Council would like the following items in the August Advertiser:

- Noting of new Parish Council Facebook page
- Call for volunteers to assist with the new SID
- Call for Fix My Street Superusers
- There will be no Parish Council meeting in August

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**24/77: Matters for report:** The following matters for report were raised:

- It was noted that a resident has been voluntarily mowing the Great Green. The Council resolved to purchase flowers in thanks for the resident.
- The issue was raised about the maintenance of the sportsfield and Pavilion and the state it is left in by some users. The Council would like the Leisure and Recreation Working Group to discuss this at its next meeting and invite a representative from the Cubs and Scouts to attend.
- The Chairman will welcome the new rector on behalf of the Parish Council at the induction on the 9<sup>th</sup> July.

**24/78: Date of the next meeting:** The date of the next meeting was confirmed as the 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 7:15pm in the Village Hall.

**24/79: Confidential item:** The Council resolved to exclude members of the public from agenda item 24/80 due to the confidential nature.

**24/80: Quotes for an accounting package:** The Council considered the quotes for the accounting package agreed at the June meeting and resolved to proceed with Scribe.

The meeting closed at 8:10pm.

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Attachment 1

### **County Councillor Juliette Ash REPORT- All parishes- JUNE 2024**

#### **NEW CHAIR OF OCC - COUNCILLOR ALISON ROOKE**

Abingdon's Alison Rooke is marking her 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary since first being elected as a councillor by becoming the new Chair of OCC. As the ceremonial head of the council, the chair must be a serving county councillor but must remain politically impartial. A new chair is elected each May at the annual general meeting of the county council, which this year was on Tuesday 21 May.

#### **QUIT SMOKING THE 'EASYWAY'**

A free and clinically proven programme to help people quit smoking is being piloted by OCC. The council is trialling the innovative, drug-free Allen Carr's Easyway (ACE) method as part of ambitions to make the county smoke free. To find out more about ACE, including how to book a slot, [visit the Easyway website](#).

#### **COLLABORATION AGREEMENT AND LEASE OPTION AGREED FOR STADIUM LAND**

Following the recent agreement of heads of terms for the lease of council-owned land near Kidlington for a new football stadium, OCC and Oxford United FC have confirmed that all other legal documents have now been agreed by both parties.

#### **DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S ANNUAL REPORT FOCUSES ON CLIMATE CHANGE**

This year, the Director of Public Health annual report presents the local impacts of climate change on health and provides a roadmap for how local politicians and decision-makers can act to improve health, look after our environment, and, at the same time, reduce emissions both in Oxfordshire, and nationally.

#### **NRS HEALTHCARE DATA BREACH**

OCC has been notified that NRS Healthcare, one of its suppliers of health and care products, has suffered a cyber-attack and personal data has been breached. OCC is working with NRS Healthcare to understand the extent of the breach and will contact affected clients directly if their information has been taken.

#### **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING OUTSIDE COUNTY HALL REPAINTED**

OCC is refreshing the design of the pedestrian crossing between New Road and Castle Street in Oxford to broaden its inclusivity. The addition of new colours aligns the crossing with the 'progress Pride' colours. The black and brown are to demonstrate support for marginalised LGBTIQ+ people of colour, with the triad of blue, pink and white bolstering support for trans communities.

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### MAKING MENTAL HEALTH CARE BETTER

People who have accessed adult mental health services are being asked to help OCC make mental health care better in the county. OCC is working together with doctors, voluntary groups, community services and others to help everyone in Oxfordshire with their mental health. To take part in the survey, visit <https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/> before midnight on 15 July 2024.

### 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](http://www.fixmystreet.co.uk)

For highway issues: [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/contactus/contact-highways-team](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/contactus/contact-highways-team)

For emergency highway issues: 01223 849731

For planning regs being ignored: [tellplanning@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:tellplanning@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

For flooding support: [www.oxfordshiretoolkit.com/emergency/report-flood](http://www.oxfordshiretoolkit.com/emergency/report-flood)

Cllr Juliette Ash

26/06/24

*Please refer to PCs for additional verbal reporting on your top 3 priorities by Parish*

Note from the PC: The Council's priorities agreed at the meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021 are:

Connectivity – access to Thames Path, bus to Oxford

Highways issues – Road surfaces and potholes; drains (and the lack of clearance and maintenance); road sign maintenance and visibility

Footpaths – maintenance

Planning - balance between house building and growth that is appropriate and beneficial to the community and large-scale development that will harm the community and Appleton as a place to live

Green agenda - looking after our local environment