# APPLESHAW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Appleshaw Parish Council Following held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7.30pm. Following the Covid-19 rules on social distancing, this meeting was held via the Zoom App.

Present: Cllr Mr J Molony – Chairman

Cllr Mr J Holder – Vice Chairman

Cllr Mr B Hodgson Cllr Mr T Seymour Cllr Mr T Burden Cllr Mr M Watts

County Councillor Mrs Z Brooks Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk

Members of the Public - Mr and Mrs B Parker.

Apologies: Borough Councillor Mr P Lashbrook

### WELCOME.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

# **CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY ZOOM MEETING**

The minutes of the January Zoom meeting were agreed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Mr J Holder and seconded by Cllr Mr T Burden.

#### **MATTERS ARISING**

SPEED CAMERA/SIGN: The Clerk reported that the Parish Council would need a licence and siting approval from Hampshire County Council before installing a speed camera. Hampshire Police also have a list of specifications for the positioning and maintenance of speed cameras, largely to comply with regulations for issuing tickets. This would also include regular calibration of the equipment.

HCC had suggested that a true record of speeds through Ragged Appleshaw should be established by the Parish Council before starting the process of purchasing a speed camera. The Clerk had asked HCC if speed/traffic rumble-strips might be set up in the village to obtain data but it was noted that there is a waiting list for the equipment and no time scale has been given.

Cllr Mr T Seymour reported that Borough Councillor Mr P Lashbrook had contacted him regarding the issue of speed cameras. Cllr Lashbrook thought it unlikely that the Parish Council would gain the required permission from HCC.

VILLAGE CLOCK: The Clerk stated that with the current lockdown rules he has not been able to arrange an appointment with Smith of Derby for a quote to electrify the clock.

Cllr Mr M Watts and Cllr Mr B Hodgson reported that a local craftsman could electrify the clock at a cost of £880. The Parish Council thought this was a reasonable charge. The Chairman will speak again with Mr Cairns, owner of the Old Vicarage, and Cllr Watts will consult with the conservation officer at TVBC.

PLAY AREA: Chris Wilkins is continuing to clean the play equipment in line with government regulations.

BROADBAND: Cllr Mr J Holder gave a brief update on the progress of fibre broadband installation in the village. Redenham is proceeding with its upgrade project. Some Appleshaw residents now have access to FTTP but, at present, there appears to be no universal plan to roll out FTTP to the whole village.

#### PLANNING.

21/00571/TPON – Silver Birch tree -reduce and shape by 3 metres and remove epicormic shoots; Liquid Amber tree – reduce and shape by 2 metres. *Greenacres, Barncroft*. NO OBJECTION.

21/00426/TREEN – Fell Ash tree. *Rosehill, Biddesden Bottom Road.* NO OBJECTION.

21/00727/FULLN and 21/00728/LBWN – Internal alterations, construction of two supporting buttresses and covered walkway. *Pear Tree Cottage, Biddesden Bottom Road*. NO OBJECTION.

21/00705/FULLN – Erection of single storey rear extension to form boot room, installation of 2 air source heat pumps, fenestration and layout changes, demolition of chimney. *Lambournes Hill House, Biddesden Bottom Road, Redenham.* NO OBJECTION.

#### FINANCE.

 $1^{st}$  April 2020 –  $17^{th}$  March 2021

# **Expenditure**

Richard Waterman	Admin Feb and March	£ 500.00
Mr C Wilkins	Grounds Maintenance	£ 162.03
Penton Grafton Parish Council	Flashing Sign Maintenance 20/21	£ 256.85
Penton Grafton Parish Council	Hire of Fairground Office	£ 55.00
R.N. Waterman	Expenses	£ 78.79
Hampshire County Council	Street Lighting	£ 143.40
		£1,119.07

# Summary of Accounts 2020/2021

	£24,220.26
income (Oct – Nov)	£6,500.00
Plus income (April - July)	£ 6,743.79
Opening Balance 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2020	£10,976.47

Less Expenditure

April – July	£ 8,/91.20
Aug – Sept	£ 2,063.61
Oct – Nov	£ 3,547.07

Dec – Jan £ 500.00Feb – March £1,119.07

£16,097.95

= £8,122.31

**FUNDS AVAILABLE** 

Allotments = £1,084.09 Parish Council £7,038.22 = £8,122.31

#### **NOTICE BOARDS**

The notice boards in Redenham and Ragged Appleshaw are looking very tired and now need replacing after many years of service. The Clerk was asked to obtain quotes for new wooden notice boards.

### **VILLAGE MAINTENANCE**

Cllr Mr T Burden had nothing to report.

### **COUNTY COUNCILLOR MRS Z BROOKS**

Cllr Mrs Z Brooks reported:

- Hampshire County Council have confirmed that free activities and meals will be provided at schools during the holidays.
- A new plant has been set up to recycle materials from old roads to be used for new road repairs.
- Cllr Mrs Z Brooks stated that this would be her last meeting as County Councillor as she was unlikely to be seeking re-election at the forthcoming elections. The Chairman thanked her for all the work she has done during her time as County Councillor.

#### WEBSITE

Cllr Mr J Holder reported that work on the new website is nearly complete and it will go live very soon. The Chairman thanked Justin and Katie for all their hard work and felt that the new Appleshaw website would be a much improved experience for the visitor.

### **PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

CLLR MR J MOLONY reported that the access road over The Green to Rosehill and Appleshaw Cottage is in a bad state due to the amount of traffic that uses it to turn around. After some discussion it was suggested that a quote be obtained to level out and repair the access track, possibly with the labour being provided by a working party.

Mr Molony wished to thank Ben Kite and Tim Seymour for the work they have done creating the wild-flower areas in the village.

One of the walnut trees on The Green was blown down in the bad weather. This has been removed but the stump remains: this will be removed and it is planned to re-plant. Mr Molony wished to thank Andy Burgess for clearing the fallen tree.

CLLR MR M WATTS asked for an update on what is happening regarding the Playing Field. Cllr Mr J Holder reported that a new charity is being formed to administer the field and should be up and running within the next two months.

The new charity will include representatives from the Village Hall, Playing Field and the village.

Cllr Mr M Watts commented on the proposed work to the access track to Rosehill and Appleshaw Cottage. He felt that the Parish Council should not be contributing to the cost of repair and the repair of the access road should be down to the adjacent householders. This was noted.

The Clerk was asked to confirm the ownership of the various parts of the The Green and distribute to the Parish Councillors for reference.

CLLR MR B HODGSON reported that some time ago it had been agreed to site another rubbish bin at the entrance to the Village Hall car park. The Clerk apologised that he had not ordered one and would do so.

CLLR MR T BURDEN asked if the meeting minutes could be posted on the Village Signpost website on Facebook. The Parish Council thought this a good idea. Cllr Burden will forward the minutes to the Village Signpost when he receives them.

#### **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Mr Bruce Parker suggested that a further area of wildflowers might look attractive in the area where the walnut tree had been blown down, at least until it was replaced. This was noted. It had been suggested to Mr Parker that the carpenter at the Fairground Craft Centre might like to make use of the remaining walnut stump when it was removed.

Mr Parker requested that a skip is ordered for the allotments. The Clerk reported that this is in hand.

#### **CLOSE OF THE MEETING**

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

#### DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021 via the Zoom App.