

**Minutes of the Appleshaw Parish Council Meeting was held on Wednesday the 9th of July 2025 in Appleshaw Village Hall at 7.00pm.**

Present: Cllr Mrs J Hopkins – Chairman.  
Cllr Mr B Hodgson – Vice Chairman  
Cllr T Burden  
Cllr Mrs C Wotton  
Cllr Mrs D Hodgson  
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk  
County Councillor Mr C Donnelly  
Borough Councillor Mr P Lashbrook  
Michelle Penn – TVBC Community Engagement Officer.  
Members of the Public – 14

Apologies: Emma Moss, HR Manager Pilgrim's UK.

**WELCOME.**

The Clerk welcomed everyone to the meeting as the Parish Council did not have an elected Chairman or Vice Chairman for the start of the meeting.

**PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY.**

The Clerk reported that Mrs Sue Smith had resigned from the Parish Council shortly after the May Meeting. TVBC were informed of the resignation and the process of advertising the vacancy was followed. TVBC have informed the Clerk that the Vacancy can be filled by co-option.

Cllr Mr T Burden proposed that Mrs J Hopkins be co-opted onto the Parish Council. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs C Wotton. All Agreed. Mrs J Hopkins signed the Declaration of Office. Cllr Mrs J Hopkins was welcomed onto the Parish Council.

**ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN.**

CHAIRMAN: Cllr Mr B Hodgson proposed Cllr Mrs J Hopkins as Chairman. Seconded by Cllr Mr T Burden. There were no other nominations. All agreed. Cllr Mrs J Hopkins was elected Chairman.

VICE CHAIRMAN – Cllr Mrs J Hopkins proposed Cllr Mr B Hodgson as Vice Chairman. Seconded by Cllr Mr T Burden. There were no other nominations. All agreed. Cllr Mr B Hodgson was elected Vice Chairman.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

There were no Declarations of Interest recorded.

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.**

The Chairman signed the minutes of the May meeting as a true record.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MAY MINUTES.**

ALLOTMENTS – The provision of water to the Allotments is on-going. Southern Water have confirmed that they will waive the connection fee, but no date for the connection has been confirmed.

SOUTHERN WATER – The Chairman confirmed that Southern Water have started work on re-lining the private sewer pipes in Appleshaw and hope to have the job completed by the winter.

MTS – The Chairman and Mrs S Smith met with MTS Representative, James Clarke and walked around the village to inspect the damage to the side of the road and verges. MTS will now complete and re-do the repair job that was started previously.

The Parish Council were asked if the planned Village Meeting with Southern Water and MTS would still take place, so residents could put forward their views? The Chairman stated that this probably would not take place as there is a rolling program of works being undertaken by both organisations. The Chairman will confirm this with the representatives from Southern Water and MTS.

The Resident who asked the question was most disappointed with the answer.

## **FINANCE.**

Financial Statement  
June and July 2025

### **EXPENDITURE.**

R. N Waterman Admin – June and July	= £	600.00
SBPC Storage	= £	20.00
Lloyds Bank Charge	= £	10.50
Mr L Johnson Maintenance	= £	675.00
P Reynolds Audit Fee	= £	325.00
Playsafety PA Inspection	= £	115.20
Walnut Tree Community Events – Grant	= £	500.00
HCC Street Lighting	= £	377.02
Mr C Wilkins Maintenance	= £	234.15
	<b>= £</b>	<b><u>2,856.87</u></b>

### **Summary of Accounts 2025/2026**

Opening Balance 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2025	=	£3,785.80
Plus Income – April and May		£10,536.72
	<b>=</b>	<b><u>£14,322.52</u></b>

Less Expenditure

April and May	=	£3,599.52
June and July	=	£2,856.87
	<b>=</b>	<b><u>£7,866.13</u></b>

### **FUNDS AVAILABLE**

Allotments	=	£ 398.00
Parish Council	=	£ 6,868.13
Play Area	=	£ 600.00
	<b>=</b>	<b><u>£7,866.13</u></b>

## **PLANNING.**

25/00987/FULLN – Replacement of conservatory with garden room – Iwerne Cottage, Biddesden Bottom Road, Redenham. NO OBJECTION.

## **COUNTY COUNCILLOR MR C DONNELLY.**

Cllr Mr C Donnelly reported:

- Discussion on how to proceed under the Local Government Review are still on going. There was no new news to report.
- HCC have passed a motion to protect the Chalk Streams in Hampshire. The Chalk Streams are an important feature of the Hampshire Landscape.

## **BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MR P LASHBROOK.**

Cllr Mr P Lashbrook reported:

- The Draft Borough Plan has been put out for consultation. The closing date is the 5<sup>th</sup> of September 2025. Cllr Mr P Lashbrook urged everyone to make comment.
- Cllr Mr P Lashbrook introduced Michelle Penn the TVBC Community Engagement Officer, who is doing a good job and the person to go to if there are any projects that require funding or help.

## **COMMUNITY GROUPS' REPORTS.**

### **THE WALNUT TREE EVENTS COMMITTEE.**

The Walnut Tree Events Committee recently put on a very successful 'Horse Racing Night' and a Pub Quiz. £3,600 has been raised in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of the year for this year's chosen Charity – 'Young Lives verses Cancer'.

Events planned for 2025 include Duck Racing, Easter Event, Horse Racing, Community Lunch, Scarecrow Christmas Tree Lighting, Santa Dash and regular Quiz Nights. The WTEC thanked the Parish Council for their annual grant of £500.

## **PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS.**

There were no reports from the Parish Councillors.

## **DRAFT BOROUGH PLAN.**

Borough Councillor Mr P Lashbrook spoke about the Draft Borough Plan:

The introduction of the governments housing directives have changed the way we, (TVBC), arrive at planning decisions. Added weight is now given to the new housing requirements, which may overrule those material considerations that would normally lead to a refusal.

The Planning Committees now have a very limited scope through which they can deliver a refusal.

By 2028, when TVBC is abolished, government is looking to change the planning system. It has been proposed that the planning process will be "streamlined", in that applications will be fast-tracked through a shortened process that will exclude the need for planning committees.

Local representation has yet to be determined.

In the Draft Borough Plan, a very large number of development sites have been designated along and neighbouring A342 corridor:

Weyhill/Amport North area 1022+

Appleshaw 35 (post-meeting note: this has risen to nearly 100 with the addition of a plot between Fyfield Lane and Dauntsey Drove wrongly allocated to Fyfield parish.

Penton Corner	200
Kimpton North	1363+
Faberstown, Test Valley,	350+
Ludgershall	3,000+

This means that we may soon see 6,000 new homes being built across the A342 corridor.

We do not have sufficient infrastructure to meet even a 4% of the water, power, sewage, amenities and highways demand.

If one calculates that each dwelling could generate 2.25 vehicles into the highway network, the impact will be severe.

<b>Parish</b>	<b>New Builds</b>	<b>Additional Vehicles</b>
Thruxton	80	180
Appleshaw	35 (100)	79 (197)
Weyhill	1034	<u>2326</u>
		<u>2585</u>

<b>Parish</b>	<b>New Builds</b>	<b>Additional Vehicles</b>
Kimpton North	1363	3067
Faberstown, Test Valley	350	787
Ludgershall	2930	<u>6592</u>
		<u>10446</u>

Much of this traffic may seek to access Hundred Acre Roundabout, (McDonalds). Small scale development is to be welcomed, in the right location and where it is sympathetic to the surroundings.

It must be noted that because a site is detailed in the Draft Borough Plan, it does not guarantee that development will take place, or that the number of dwellings indicated will be built.

TVBC is merely responding to a government requirement that it provides an indication of where sites have been presented for possible development.

Your submissions to the Draft Borough Plan Consultation are vitally important, as this helps Officers learn about your concerns, the local area and its needs.

Mr Andy Burgess, the proposed site landowner, confirmed that he had no prior knowledge about this site being put into the SHELLA. This has also been confirmed by his Land Agent.

Mr Burgess stated that he is not happy with the proposed entrance to the site and has been to Test Valley Borough Council to speak to the planners.

Mr Burgess wondered why so many people were against the principle of an additional 35 houses being built in Appleshaw, surely it would bring new life into the village and hopefully help the village keep with improvements to its infrastructure.

Mrs S Parker suggested that people could join the Village Email Group to gain information. The Chairman stated that communications from the Parish Council are disseminated widely, including the village email group, to reach as many parishioners as possible. The Parish Council has a very good website and a central email address has been set up for the Parish Councillors.

**MICHELLE PENN – TVBC COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICER.**

Michelle Penn reported that her role as Community Engagement Officer is to help communities achieve projects and assist with finding funding streams within the Borough and County Council's framework. Developers are keen to give to Community Projects, and this may also be a stream of assisted funding. Michelle suggested that a wish list of projects is put together for Appleshaw. All organisations within the Parish can benefit from this service.

The Chairman thanked Michelle for her report.

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.**

Mr Owen Mills reported that the grass cutting of the Playing Field is continuing and was disappointed that the meeting with the Parish Council to discuss the grass cutting has not yet happened. Cllr Mr T Burden will organise a meeting. The Chairman thanked Mr Owen Mills for the excellent job he is doing, the village Playing Field is looking its best.

It was reported that the hedge from the Rectory towards the triangle needs cutting, the hedge is growing out onto the road making it narrower. The Chairman will look into this issue and contact the Landowner.

**CONTACTING THE PARISH COUNCIL.**

The Chairman stated that one email address has been set up for Parishioners to contact the Parish Council: Please use the Councillors name.

[appleshawparish@gmail.com](mailto:appleshawparish@gmail.com)

**CLOSE OF THE MEETING.**

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

**DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.**

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> of September 2025.