

**Minutes of the Appleshaw Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday the  
10<sup>th</sup> of September 2025 in Appleshaw Village Hall at 7.00pm**

Present: Cllr Jenny Hopkins – Chairman  
Cllr Barry Hodgson – Vice Chairman  
Cllr Tony Burden  
Cllr Denise Hodgson  
Cllr Carole Wootton

Cllr Nigel Blackmore – Vice-Chairman Penton Grafton Parish Council (PG)  
Borough Councillor Phil Lashbrook (Bellinger)  
Borough Councillor Linda Lashbrook (Charlton and the Pentons)  
Mrs Emma Moss – Pilgrim's Europe HR Manager  
Members of the Public - 21

Apologies: Mr Richard Waterman - Parish Clerk

**WELCOME**

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting, mentioning Cllr Blackmore, Mrs Emma Moss and Cllr Phil Lashbrook.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest recorded.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

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

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman thanked all who turn out to help at the various village events and tidy-ups. It is important to emphasise that any help parishioners can give to the community is much appreciated now that the official services we have relied on in the past have dwindled.

The Chairman thanked Sue Smith for her service over the last two years and for introducing initiatives to broaden the Parish Council's outreach to parishioners. Sue has kindly offered to continue to support us, not least by with keeping the telephone boxes up to date.

Steve Amey is remembered for his immense contribution to village events and activities, all mostly behind the scenes. He is missed.

A lot has been going on since the last meeting, including the consultation on the Borough Plan Revised Regulation 18 consultation of which more later.

The reinstatement of the grass verges by Southern Water contractors is ongoing. We await the start of the relining of the sewer pipeline, including the private laterals, starting at Redenham at the end of September. Ditches will be cut through by the Environment Agency later on in the autumn from the Penton boundary to the Horns. We will write to the landowners from the Horns to Biddesden. This subject was raised by a member of the public as well.

The Red Horse Chestnut tree on the Green opposite Derby Cottages is marked as important on the Conservation Area map. Dead branches have been cut away as a matter

of urgency from it on advice from Tree Technique, who also provided a written report. Given its situation, the TVBC Tree Officer was happy for the work to be done without official permission from them in order to make it safe for the public. Other advice is to relocate the bench from underneath the tree canopy to at least 8 metres away, and to advise residents to avoid parking under the canopy, both to reduce the need for more significant work.

The restoration of the Hampshire County sign at Biddesden by Yuriy Klimenko, which includes the repainting of the Lancaster rose, is much appreciated and he will be thanked for his initiative. The sign had been deteriorating for some years.

The next community Litter Pick will be on Sunday 2nd November – more information to follow.

### **VICE-CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Cllr Hodgson has met the Surveyor from Clancy, on behalf of Southern Water, who have confirmed they will fund the connection fee. The Parish Council will put some pipe work in place before the connection. All the empty plots are to be cleared and covered.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT and YEAR END AUDIT REPORT**

In the Clerk's absence, the Chairman read through each item.

#### **August and September 2025**

##### **INCOME.**

VAT Refund	= £ 2,270.56
½ Precept	= £ 9,500.00
	<b>= <u>£11,770.56</u></b>

##### **EXPENDITURE.**

R. N Waterman Admin – June and July	= £ 600.00
SBPC Storage	= £ 20.00
Lloyds Bank Charge	= £ 15.34
Flow Right New Tyres Mower	= £ 65.99
Mrs S Smith Expenses	= £ 119.60
Simon Nightingale FSS Maint	= £ 319.08
Elancity UK 2 x Speed Signs	= £5,614.80
Tree Technique Tree Work	= £ 994.40
Skrew Fix FSS Clips	= £ 31.98
	<b><u>£ 7,781.19</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
Aug and September	£11,770.56
	<b>= <u>£26,093.08</u></b>

#### **Less Expenditure**

April and May	= £3,599.52
June and July	= £2,856.87
Aug and Sept	= £7,781.19
	<b>= <u>£14,237.58</u></b>

### **FUNDS AVAILABLE**

Allotments	=	£ 398.00
Parish Council	=	£10,857.50
Play Area	=	£ 600.00
	=	<b><u>£11,855.50</u></b>

### **PLANNING**

#### **CURRENT APPLICATIONS:**

25/01718/FULLN	42 Greensey, Ragged Appleshaw - single storey and first floor read extensions. NO OBJECTION
25/01914/CLPN	The Old Laundry, Redenham. Construct temporary hard standing and mobile accommodation. Under discussion.
25/01942/FULLN	5 Greensey, Ragged Appleshaw - replace garden shed, construct retaining wall, erect fence, widen access path and lay patio. NO OBJECTION

#### **DRAFT TVBC LOCAL PLAN – REVISED REGULATION 18 CONSULTATION**

- The Parish Council has OBJECTED to the inclusion of 35 dwellings at Eastville and to the 60 at Fyfield Lane/Dauntsey Drove. The sites had been added at the last minute to meet new Government housing targets. The landowners concerned had not been contacted in advance to check the land was available for development, and neither site had been professionally assessed for its suitability.
- Another large problem if a lot of extra housing is built between Weyhill and Ludgershall is the current state of the A342, and so a Working Group has been set up comprising nine parishes under the chairmanship of PG Councillor Nigel Blackmore to see what can be done to improve the road.
- The current consultation closed on 5<sup>th</sup> September and the next round, Regulation 19, should start at the end of June 2026 once TVBC had sifted through all the comments.
- [*Post-meeting note*: a press release from TVBC on 12<sup>th</sup> September has confirmed the Appleshaw site for 35 dwellings at Eastville had been withdrawn along with part of the Weyhill proposal].

### **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

There was no report from the County Councillor

### **BOROUGH COUNCILLOR P LASHBROOK**

Cllr Mr P Lashbrook reported on the following:

- It is very good to see the pub has reopened today!
- The proposal for the erection of 35 houses in Appleshaw has been withdrawn.
- The initial proposal for 1,000 houses at Weyhill has been withdrawn, but a secondary proposal has been put in which was not included in the original draft of the Plan. Cllr Lashbrook is looking into the new proposal to see what impact this would have on the A342.
- There is not expected to be any change in the second phase of the consultation - Regulation 19 – but a lot of work has to be done beforehand. The government has told rural boroughs to build a number of houses way beyond what we should have

and to supply 1,000 new houses every year is unsustainable with no new suitable sites available. The site earmarked in Kimpton North (Ludgershall) has been impacted.

- It is not current TVBC policy to use Compulsory Purchase Orders.

### **COUNCILLOR N BLACKMORE**

Cllr Mr N Blackmore reported on the following:

- An A342 Working Group has been set up following the Borough Plan consultation to try and influence Hampshire County Council to improve and enhance the A342 to avoid any impact on surrounding villages of the proposals.
- The next meeting will be at Monxton and Amport Village Hall on 30<sup>th</sup> September.

### **PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

There were no reports from the Parish Councillors.

### **APPLESHAW ROAD SAFETY GROUP**

Andrew Smith reported on the following:

- Members of the group and other volunteers installed two devices (SIDS) on 23<sup>rd</sup> August that flash actual speeds to drivers. The data will be used to help influence driver behaviour and to provide data of actual speeds in the villages. Another device will be ordered for Redenham, probably in the next financial year. Resiting of the devices will be considered.
- A parishioner who is a data analyst has kindly agreed to download and summarise the data from SIDs on a quarterly basis.
- Andrew reported briefly on a meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> September: the minutes are attached.
- The safety of pedestrians walking along the village road to the A342 is a big issue, with the two crossroads at White House and Privet Lane particular black spots.
- The poor state of road signage in the villages and the cutting of roadside hedges will be forwarded to HCC Cllr Chris Donnelly. This subject was brought up by a member of the public as well.

### **VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS AND COMMUNITY GROUP REPORTS**

- **Pilgrim's Europe Ltd:** Emma Moss congratulated the organisers of the Village Fete. A number of their staff attended and reported how successful it was. The company had been more than happy to contribute. Pilgrim's will also contribute to the November Poppy Appeal once again if requested to do so and will continue to give their support to other village functions where needed. They will definitely be at the Litter Pick on 2<sup>nd</sup> November.  
*Road Safety:* the new speed signs had been a success with their drivers who had enquired if they were facing in the correct direction. To try and keep the road past the school free for lorries to access the plant, Pilgrim's have offered their parking area to parents of children at the school for pick up and end of term sports day etc.
- **Appleshaw Fete Committee:** a report was read out from the organisers who could not attend the meeting and it is attached to the minutes. The report thanked all who had helped and taken part, and to Pilgrim's Europe for their generous donations, and confirmed that, with a few more expenses to come in, the likely profit would be in the region of £10,000. The Parish Council congratulated them on a fantastic result. Special thanks were given to Sean Caddy for his work with the set-up, and Alice Walters, the Treasurer. Bids for funds from the profits should be with the organisers by 30<sup>th</sup> September with possible payout in October.
- **Walnut Tree Community Events Committee:** vice-chairman Pam Harris thanked the Parish Council on behalf of the Chairman for the support given to them

throughout the year. Next events will be the Hallowe'en Scarecrow trail will be the end of October and the Santa Dash and Christmas Lights switch on in December, specific dates and times to follow.

A nomination has been made to register The Walnut Tree pub with TVBC as a community asset and the outcome is awaited. The committee received 110 responses to the questionnaire sent out to support the application.

- **Appleshaw Flower Show:** Rhonda Smith stated that it was a huge success with a very high quality of exhibits. The Flower Show is a core part of the Fete tradition but it is under threat and thought might be given to joining up the management with the new Fete administration.
- **ARC:** Rhonda Smith reported that subscriptions to ARC are high and that the editors rely on volunteers to keep it going and people to send in contributions. Advertising revenue helps to keep ARC solvent.

### **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

- **Cllr Phil Lashbrook** is laying a wreath on the 23<sup>rd</sup> December at The Menin Gate (Ypres) to commemorate those fallen without a grave. The Royal British Legion will supply the wreath but he would like volunteers to help decorate the wreath in a Christmas fashion.
- **Rhonda Smith** reported that fireworks had been set off last year in the children's play park and playing field last year asked if notices would be put up in the playing field and children's play park this year as there was a report of fireworks being set off last year which scared horses and local wildlife.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

### **PARISH COMMUNICATIONS**

The Parish Council wants to reassure parishioners that we will only communicate with you via email or a paper flyer dropped through letterboxes. A short news sheet with admin details and current features has been produced for those we know are not on the internet, and its distribution may be widened in future. Unless it is a matter of extreme emergency, councillors will never knock on doors and it is recommended that all groups make use of newsletters, the website and door drops instead of door knocking, especially for those they do not know personally, to respect their privacy.

### **CLOSE OF THE MEETING**

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting at 8.05 p.m.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

12th of November 2025