

**Minutes of the Appleshaw Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday the
14th January 2026 in Appleshaw Village Hall at 7.00pm**

Present: Cllr Jenny Hopkins – Chairman
Cllr Barry Hodgson – Vice Chairman
Cllr Denise Hodgson
Cllr Carole Wootton
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
County Councillor Mr C Donnelly
Members of the Public - 11

Apologies: Borough Councillor Mr P Lashbrook, Emma Moss, HR Manager
Pilgrim's UK, Danielle Cummins, Alice Molony, Olivia Russell.

WELCOME.

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest recorded.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY.

Mr Tony Burden tendered his resignation after the November Parish Council meeting. T.V.B.C. were notified of the vacancy. The Clerk reported that he has received notification that the Parish Council can co-opt to fill the vacancy. The Parish Council now have 4 vacancies.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

Welcome to you all. It's been a busy period!

Many thanks to the organisers of all the community events over the Christmas period to keep us going, from the fabulous lunch to the turning on of the tree lights on the Green, probably attended by more than ever, and the Church's Christmas services. Proper round-ups will be given later on.

Water:

Verges and pipe sealing:

Work has started to seal the public and private laterals in the sewer pipeline and a timetable will be circulated when it is received. SW have set up a weekly Teams call to update the parish on progress. We have very good liaison with the Southern Water project manager so please get in touch if you have a concern. They ran a presentation in Penton Mewsey before Christmas (12th December) for the Penton and Appleshaw parishioners.

They are looking for a site with hard standing for a rest station for their contractors so let me know if anyone has an area that could be used, (max approx. 90 square metres). Work to reinstate verges is ongoing.

Ditches: we are unlikely to see the ditch running as the groundwater level is very low. Ditches up to the Horns are now clear and the owners of the rest to the Wiltshire border have been asked to cut them back. HCC has now confirmed that flood prevention is no longer under their control.

Gritting/salting of roads: the HCC gritting team did not reach us at all during the last week's snow and icy conditions – we were not alone as it looks as though only the HCC Priority 1 routes, i.e. main roads, were covered. We are on a Priority 2 route and under the old rules we would have been gritted from the A342, around Ragged Appleshaw and Tilly Down and back along the village road. Chris Donnelly may have more to add but we will have to see how we are to cope in future.

Trees: another plea if you have trees alongside roads and footpaths to do a periodic safety check, please.

FINANCE.

December 2025 and January 2026

INCOME.

Allotment Rents	= £180.00
	= <u>£180.00</u>

EXPENDITURE.

R. N Waterman Admin – Dec and Jan	= £ 600.00
SBPC Storage	= £ 20.00
Lloyds Bank Charge	= £ 11.00
Allotments Provision of Water	= £ 276.00
N Futcher Grass Cutting Redenham	= £ 250.00
Gallagher PC insurance	= £ 1,101.73
	<u>£ 2,258.73</u>

Summary of Accounts 2025/2026

Opening Balance 1 st April 2025	= £3,785.80
Plus Income – April and May	£10,536.72
Aug and September	£11,770.56
Oct and November	£ 780.00
December and January	£ 180.00
	= <u>£27,053.08</u>

Less Expenditure

April and May	= £3,599.52
June and July	= £2,856.87
Aug and Sept	= £7,781.19
Oct and Nov	= £3,324.36
Dec and Jan	= £2,258.73
	= <u>£19,820.67</u>

Total = £ 7,232.41

FUNDS AVAILABLE

Allotments	= £ 918.00
Parish Council	= £ 5,714.41
Play Area	= £ 600.00
	= <u>£ 7,232.41</u>

2026/2027 PRECEPT.

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council met in camera to discuss the budget for the next financial year. The Parish Council agreed that there would be no increase in the Precept and it will remain at £19,000. Money has been set aside for repairs to the Play Area, and it is hoped that if grants are available, we may be able to provide some new equipment.

PLANNING.

Cllr Carole Wootton reported on the most recent Planning Applications.

25/02346/FULLN – Annexe, use of outbuilding as ancillary accommodation, Elmwood House, Biddesden Bottom Road, Redenham. **NO OBJECTION.**

25/02423/TREEN – Various tree works – Appleshaw Manor, Biddesden Bottom Road, Appleshaw. **NO FURTHER ACTION.**

25/02616/FULLN – Demolition of agricultural building, change of use from agricultural to residential and the erection of a dwelling house with associated landscaping and installation of package treatment plant, Shepstone, Andover Road – **OUTSTANDING.**

25/02636/TREEN – Cut back all trees to boundary overhanging the play area, village hall and Car park, Crown lift Sycamore overhanging metal garage adjacent to the play area to a maximum of 4.5 metres – Appleshaw Village Hall, Greensey, Ragged Appleshaw – **NO OBJECTION.**

25/02683/FULLN – Temporary accommodation comprising of a timber cabin and associated hardstanding – The Old Laundry, Biddesden Bottom Road, Redenham – **OUTSTANDING.**

25/02817/VARN – Variation of conditions of approved plans to 25/00898/FULLN – 2 Appleshaw Dene, Ragged Appleshaw – **OUTSTANDING.**

DRAFT BOROUGH PLAN.

The Chairman reported that the Parishes are waiting to hear how TVBC Planning Policy will interpret the many responses they received during last year's consultation. Thanks to a team acting on behalf of the landowners, we are aware of one alternative proposal for a new 'Expansion of Weyhill' project which involves Amport parish and which we understand may not be being considered at the moment. With nothing heard from TVBC, any of the plots submitted to TVBC by landowners in the last years for possible development could be substituted for the two withdrawn areas in and near Appleshaw when the next, Regulation 19, consultation is launched this Spring. Local parishes have asked for a discussion with Planning Policy before any decisions are taken. The two plots at Ludgershall are pretty certain to be included in the next Stage.

The Chairman spoke about the sites put forward for development by landowners – A Map of Appleshaw marked up with all the plots in the SHELAA was displayed on a noticeboard. Based on the location of these plots, parishioners may wish to think about where they would like development to take place so that the Parish may keep control of its destiny.

ALLOTMENTS.

Cllr Barry Hodgson reported that the bills for the 2026 allotment rents will soon be sent along with notice of a rent increase for 2027. From January 2027 the price for a full allotment will be £50 and £30 for the smaller plots.

The water troughs are now installed on the allotments. The Parish Council would like to thank Southern Water for providing the connection to the mains at no cost. The Fete kindly gave a grant of £500 to assist with the installation of the pipework. The troughs were kindly donated by the Fairground Craft Centre. Cllr Hodgson also asked allotment holders to keep their plots free of rubbish.

GREENSEY GARAGES.

The Chairman reported that the new owner of the Greensey garages has indicated that the garages are available to rent: a notice to this effect has been erected on the site.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MR C DONNELLY.

Cllr Mr C Donnelly spoke about the following issues:

- After receiving an email from a resident regarding the faded white lines on the road leading to the School, Highways were contacted and he was pleased to report that the re-painting of the road markings is now on the Highways work schedule.
- After the recent heavy rainfall there have been several large puddles on the A342. Hampshire Highways have been made aware of this.
- Cllr Mr Donnelly is investigating why Appleshaw was left off the Priority 2 Gritting Route during the recent cold spell.
- Local Government Review – The election of a Hampshire Mayor has been postponed by the Government until 2028. Hampshire County Council have decided that they want the local elections to go ahead in 2026.
- Hampshire County Council are looking at projects that they may be able to support and urged the Parish Council to think of anything that they could apply for funding etc.

Cllr Mr C Donnelly was asked about a pothole in the parish that has not yet been repaired: when reported to Highways it was deemed that it did not require immediate repair, despite a claim for a tyre being submitted. Cllr Mr C Donnelly will take the parishioner's details and follow this up with Highways.

The Chairman reported that 'Fix my Street' is a good website to report potholes and other community issues such as blocked drains.

VILLAGE ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS.

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Andrea Holder reported that the Community Lunches held in 2025 were a great success and that the team wish to continue with further Lunches in 2026, the first being held on the 14th of March 2026. A big thank you to everyone who helped.

WALNUT TREE EVENTS COMMITTEE.

Pam Harris read out a report on behalf of the chairman. The Walnut Tree Events Committee had a good 2025. The final amount raised will be announced at the March Parish Council Meeting.

Thanks were given to:

- Emma Moss and Pilgrims UK for their support at every event.

- The Parish Council for their grant of £500 towards providing free events for the village residents.
- The Fete Committee for their grant that allowed Village Children to take part in the Santa Dash free of charge.
- The Cricket Club.
- The WTEC for all the work they do and for the many more events that are planned.

The chosen charity for 2025 was Young Lives versus Cancer. The committee had yet to choose the charity to support in 2026.

FETE.

Report from Alice Molony and Olivia Russell:

It's that time of year again when our attention turns to all the events that run throughout the year, we are very lucky that there are so many fab events that take place in this village, but help is especially needed this year for the fete. As you are aware Alice and Olivia have stepped down from running the fete and would love someone to take it on so that it continues to be another great day for the whole community raising money for many great causes in the village.

If anyone is keen to get involved, please do get in touch, it is a fab day for all and is such an integral event for the village. We're looking for volunteers to help with all aspects from organising/planning, booking events, running stalls as well as helping on the day. Any time you can spare big or small would make a huge difference and ensure that it continues this year.

If you would like to help out, have a skill to offer, or just want to find out more, please do give Alice or Olivia a call. It's always a fun event to be part of, and it couldn't happen without the support of our wonderful community, and it would be a shame if it does not go ahead this year.

Thank you so much, and we hope to hear from you soon.

ROAD SAFETY GROUP

Mr Andrew Smith gave a brief report from the Road Safety Group's meeting held on the 5th of January 2026. Issues discussed included:

- Speed Indication Devices feedback and data.
- 20MPH application.
- Top Road junction and A342 Working Group feedback.
- Traffic density and new housing.
- Influencing behaviours.
- Signage

Speed Indication Device output for the last four months:

Camera 1: Appleshaw Village Green.

Direction: heading into the village.

Data Period: 23/08/2025 – 31/12/2025

Total number of cars recorded: 97,297.

Mean Speed: 25.5mph

Mean Average Max Speed: 31.6mph

Camera 2: Ragged Appleshaw opposite fields.

Direction: heading away from the school to village green.

Data Period: 23/08/2025 – 31/12/2025
Total number of cars recorded: 28,562.
Mean Speed: 23.1
Mean Average Max Speed: 27.6

VILLAGE HALL.

Dr Graham Legg reported that the Village have had a difficult 12 months with problems with the Trustee Structure, Management Structure, Booking system and the website. Dr Graham Legg hoped that these issues are on the way to being sorted and he hoped that the Village Hall can get back to being a valuable village asset.

ARC

It was reported that subscription is lacking at the moment, and it is hoped that this will pick up.

LITTER PICK.

The Chairman suggested that a Village Litter Pick is held on the 29th of March 2026 and the 1st of November 2026. All agreed.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no issues raised.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

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

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

11th of March 2026.