

APPLETON WITH EATON PARISH COUNCIL

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**Appleton with Eaton Parish Council (AWE PC) Meeting
held in the Village Hall
Monday 10th January 2022, 7:15pm**

Allison Leigh – Parish Clerk

Minutes

Present: Chairman Liz Gilkes (LG), Vice Chairman Mary Carey (MC), Councillors John Adams (JA), Teresa Bennett (TB), Andy Salmon (AS), and Clerk, Allison Leigh (AL). County Councillor Juliette Ash (J. Ash)

21/186: Apologies for Absence: District Councillor Jerry Avery

21/187: Declarations of interest: None

21/188: Public questions and statements: A member of the public was in attendance to listen only.

21/189: Reports from District and County Councillors:

Vale of White Horse District Council

J. Avery sent the following report:

- There have been objections to a proposed boundary change between Fyfield and Tubney parish and the parish of Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor.
- Road safety. On 17 Dec 21 FATAC (Faringdon Area Traffic Advisory Committee) had a discussion re setting up an OCC-led A420 working group (details to follow).

21/190: Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 13th December 2021 were approved and signed as a true record.

21/191: Matters arising from the previous meetings and not appearing elsewhere on the agenda: See agenda item 21/192.

21/192: Clerk's report:

20mph speed limit:

AL reported she had heard from the school which is in favour of a 20 mph advisory speed limit in the area of the school and the shop. She has also heard from the shop which is uncertain that a speed limit of 20mph is necessary, but rather that the driving is dangerous. The council resolved to review the data from the speed cameras AS currently has in place at the bend and put on the February agenda.

War Memorial:

AL reported she is working on setting up a meeting at the War Memorial. The council asked if AL would invite Roger Mitty and/or Peter Day of the APPC as well.

21/193: Climate Change:

- Oxfordshire Treescape Project: It was noted that the parish assessment had been received from Oxfordshire Treescape Project. This was broadly discussed and the council asked SD and SS to liaise with Felicity Dick as the Parish Council climate representatives.

21/194: War Memorial Repair: See agenda item 21/192

21/195: Platinum Jubilee: The council asked if AL would do a shout out for the meeting on the 24th January closer to that date. LG reported that Jane Cranston will chair the Zoom meeting on the 24th. The council discussed the possibility of a beacon on the top of the hill on the Lock Road. It was noted that if the council would like to do this, correspondence should be sent to AH Cornish. The council asked if AL would ring Trish Wagstaff with regards to a representative from Evergreens.

21/196: Community Governance Review by Vale of White Horse District Council (VoWHDC): The council noted that it does not have any comments on the Appleton with Eaton boundary.

The council resolved to support Fyfield and Tubney in their challenge to the possible boundary change. AL will write a draft to Fyfield and Tubney Parish Council and circulate it to the council.

21/189: Reports from District and County Councillors:

Oxfordshire County Council

J. Ash arrived at this point in the meeting and gave her Oxfordshire County Council report here. J. Ash sent a report which is Attachment 1.

J. Ash gave an update with regards to the current Covid information which is in Attachment 1.

J. Ash reported there are a few consultations the Parish Council and/or residents might like to respond to. AL will do a shout out regarding these as well as put them on the website. These can be seen in Attachment 1.

The council asked if there is a deadline for putting a request in for a 20mph speed limit. J. Ash noted there is no deadline, but it is working on a first come, first served basis. J. Ash is unaware as to whether there would be a cost implication.

J. Ash noted she has sent a Highways contact to AL with regards to a transitory speed limit of 40mph area leaving/entering the village between Oaksmere and the lane leading to Tubney Manor.

J. Ash noted she had put the clearing of all of the drains in the village on Fix My Street and will follow up on this.

It was noted that there is a water issue at Oaksmere. Both AL and AS have contacted Thames Water, but have not had a response. J. Ash cannot assist with this.

J. Ash left the meeting at this point.

21/197: Appleton Chapel: It was noted that a resident had asked for the Appleton Chapel to be made an Asset of Community Value. The council noted it would be important for the resident to be aware of what is needed to apply for an Asset of Community value. MC will draft an e-mail to the resident for AL to send. If the resident would like to pursue this, the council may put this on the February agenda and ask them to attend.

21/198: The Plough Inn: The council discussed the importance of The Plough Inn as an Asset of Community value. It was noted that the pub had been closed since Christmas, partly due to Covid. It was hoped that the pub will be open again soon.

21/199: Footpaths: The council asked AL to follow up with J. Ash as to an update on the state of the footpaths.

21/200: Planning applications: To discuss the following planning applications:

New applications

There were no new planning applications.

Planning Amendments

<u>Application number</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>AWEPC Response</u>
P21/V3114/FUL	Tacoma Netherton Road Appleton Abingdon OX13 5QW	Subdivision of existing extended dwelling to provide one additional three bedroom dwelling. (Amended site plan rec 4 Jan 2022)	Appleton with Eaton Parish Council discussed the amended application and their view of it stays the same.

Planning Decisions

<u>Application number</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Vale of White Horse District Council Response</u>
P21/V2933/HH	Bridge House Oaksmere Appleton OX13 5JS	1st floor front extension to house staircase to converted roof space. New dormers to rear along with replacement render finishes and windows and doors. Internal alterations to create a utility room at the back of the existing garage	Permission granted.
P21/V3000/HH	Woodhaven Englands Lane Appleton OX13 5JF	Demolition of existing rear Conservatory, and subsequent construction of single storey Oak frame/glazed Garden Room extension with pitched roof. Additional single storey side extension with pitched roof to house new Utility Room.	Permission granted.
P21/V3096/HH	44 Oaksmere Appleton OX13 5JS	Internal reconfiguration & garage conversion	Permission granted.
P21/V2951/HH	High Trees 91 Netherton Road Appleton OX13 5LA	Extension and refurbishment to existing house England's, including replacement porch, side carport and pool store/plant room.	Permission granted.

21/201: Finance:

- Finance Report

Payments authorised

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Cheque number</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>
Lloyds	Ink	Direct Debit	42.99	16/12/2021
Southern Electric	Electricity at the sportsfield	Direct Debit	134.59	29/12/2021
Unity Bank	Service charge	Direct Debit	18.00	31/12/2021
Staff costs	Staff costs – January	Online payment	574.11	31/1/2022
Allison Leigh	Clerk expenses	Online payment	26.00	10/1/2022
Geosphere	Parish Online mapping subscription	Online payment	72.00	10/1/2022
Playdale Playgrounds Ltd	Balance for Toddler equipment	Online payment	2766.72	10/1/2022
Dave Woods	WordPress updates and hosting	Online payment	30.00	10/1/2022
Wellers Law Group	Solicitor's fees	Online payment	564.00	10/1/2022
Appleton Village Hall	Baby and Toddler group donation	Online payment	72.00	10/1/2022

Receipts since the last meeting

<u>From</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>
J. Morris	Donation to Neighbourhood Plan	851.98	14/12/2021

Bank Reconciliation

Bank balance as of 31/12/2021	50,218.58
Less Unpresented cheques	0.00

Plus unrepresented receipts	0.00
Reconciled balance as of 31/12/2021	50,218.58

- **Budget for 2022/2023:** The council reviewed the draft budget for 2022/2023. The council resolved to accept a budget of £32,935 and a precept of £29,000. The council is aware this is higher than last year. However, it was noted that last year's precept was lower due to Covid. This year there are extra elements such as the Queen's Jubilee as well as there was a lack of income at the sportsfield due to Covid.

21/202: Website and Advertiser: The council asked for the following items to be put in the February Advertiser:

Covid support information
Speed data
Consultation information
Call for help for Queen's Jubilee

The council would like the following to be put on the website:

Current Covid support information
Speed data
Consultation information

21/203: Publications and correspondence: The council reviewed the correspondence since the December meeting. It was noted that the council had received an e-mail from Chris Sheehan with regards to the Eight Bells pub. He noted that there has been a complaint made to the District Council and asked if the Parish Council can help. AL noted Chris didn't provide detail as to the issue and the council asked if she would obtain more information to inform the council whether or not it can assist. The Parish Council is keen to provide whatever support it can to the Eight Bells pub and its tenant.

21/204: Matters for report: SS and MC sent their apologies for the February meeting.

21/205: Date of the next meeting: The council resolved to change the date of the next Parish Council meeting to the 7th February 2022 at 7:15pm in the Village Hall.

21/206: Legal Advice: The council reported it had a response from the solicitor engaged in December and the council is acting on their advice.

The meeting closed at 9:00pm

ATTACHMENT 1

County Councillor Juliette Ash REPORT- All parishes- Jan 2022

Happy New Year!

Covid-19

New precautions are in place, testing processes have been planned and extra care is recommended for all as schools and workplaces re-open. The Secretary of State for Education has rightly prioritised enabling child education and well-being by deciding to re-open schools and closely monitoring cases brought about by the Omicron variant. This is welcome news and will support both children and parents alike in Oxfordshire.

Vaccination programme

Significant additional capacity has been added to Oxfordshire's vaccination programme including extending the opening hours of primary care network sites and pharmacies.

Residents can:

- book an appointment via the [national booking system](#) (or call 119).
- book a booster appointment two months after your second dose, with the jab taking place at the three-month marker.
- Use a number of walk-in opportunities at GP practices. These are being advertised locally by GP practices whenever there is availability. For **a full list of walk-ins, which is updated on a daily basis, please visit the [CCG website](#).**

Changes to testing rules

From 11th Jan people in England who test positive from a lateral flow test and do not have symptoms will no longer be required to take a follow up PCR test. They should self-isolate immediately and report their result on gov.uk.

HAVE YOUR SAY:

Surveys and call for evidence

Consultations this month are taking place on:

1. Local transport and connectivity.

The Local Transport and Connectivity Plan consultation formally opens on the 5th Jan. Closes 16th March.

<https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/ltcp>

This is a HUGELY IMPORTANT subject that affects all residents and our division is particularly affected by issues around and the status of our key road, the A420.

In addition, proposals include reducing car journeys by a quarter by 2030 and by a third by 2040. An aspiration to increase cycling journeys from 600,000 to 1 million by 2031 is also included. Comments welcome .

I will be supporting all areas that improve the safety of the A420, supporting the reduction in car journeys where funds and associated improvements can support other sustainable options and calling for increased availability of electric charging points in our Division. I have already called for support and installation for users with no independent off-street parking and will press for this to be available in our Parishes as soon as the requisite technology and solutions are tested.

2. Special Educational needs and Disabilities (SEND)

More funding has been committed by The Government for this important area of provision and proposals have been drafted to make more high-quality SEND support available closer to home i.e. in-County, here in Oxfordshire. There are many children in mainstream provision who would benefit for additional support in their current setting and so it is important that parents are able to have their say. **The consultation launches on the 10th Jan and will be live until the 10th March.**

<https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/send-2022>

3. Use of libraries and heritage services:

Residents are invited to share their thoughts on their usage of Oxfordshire's library and heritage services in order to feed into a new strategy for usage up to 2027. **The consultation will open on the 24th Jan.**

I am very supportive of an increase in digital inclusion support services being made available and this is something I will press for on behalf of all residents.

Unauthorised encampments update: South and Vale.
Nothing to report.



