

APPLETON WITH EATON PARISH COUNCIL

c/o 26 Eaton Village, Eaton, Oxfordshire OX13 5PR

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Appleton with Eaton Parish Council (AWE PC) Meeting

held in the Village Hall

Monday, 9th October 2023, 7:15pm

Allison Leigh – Parish Clerk

Minutes

Councillors present: Vice Chair Liz Gilkes (Acting Chair), Councillors Teresa Bennett (TB), Mary Carey (MC) and Valentina Brito-Marquez

In attendance: Allison Leigh (the Clerk)

23/97: Apologies for Absence: Chairman Stephen Day (Chairman), Councillors John Adams (JA) and Sue Sternberg (SS) and Mark Coleman (District Councillor)

23/98: Declarations of interest: None.

23/99: Public questions and statements: No members of the public were present.

23/100: Reports from District and County Councillors:

Vale of White Horse District Council (VoWHDC)

It was acknowledged that the District Councillor had sent a report the afternoon of 9/10. It was not discussed, but would be circulated to the Council after the meeting. See Attachment 1.

Oxfordshire County Council (OCC)

The County Councillor was not in attendance and did not send a report.

23/101: Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the meeting of the 11th September 2023 were agreed and signed.

23/102: Clerk's report: The Council acknowledge the Clerk's Report. The Clerk noted the following:

- The Clerk has not heard from the County Councillor as to a decision on the application for a grant for the Eaton defibrillator to the Councillor's Priority Fund sent in July. The Clerk will follow up with OCC at a meeting at the end of the month. If this is not successful, the Clerk will apply for further grants.
- The Clerk has only heard from 2 residents of Eaton with regards to a new noticeboard. The Clerk will send a follow up letter to Eaton residents noting that the plan will be to not proceed with a new noticeboard unless there is more interest.

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23/103: Finance:

- **Finance Report:**

Payments authorised

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Payment Method</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>
EDF	Electricity at the Sportsfield	Direct Debit	223.29	5/9/23
Lloyds card	Wix, 365, Mobile phone for Clerk, phone case, Google storage, prime, external hard drive, monthly fee	Direct Debit	395.97	18/9/23
EDF	Electricity at the Sportsfield	Direct Debit	64.69	27/9/23
Unity Trust Bank	Service charge	Direct Debit	18.00	30/9/23
Staff Costs	Staff Costs	Online	616.67	31/10/23
Staff	Clerk expenses	Online	26.00	9/10/23
Dark White Digital	WordPress Updates	Online	30.00	9/10/23
Appleton Community Shop	Refreshments for Rights of Way meeting, card for The Plough Inn	Online	23.36	9/10/23
Clear Councils	Insurance premium through 30/9/24	Online	1267.23	9/10/23
Ady Podbery	Mowing of Sportsfield – September	Online	382.80	9/10/23
BGG	Mowing of Jubilee Park – September	Online	156.00	9/10/23
Hallmaster Ltd	Sportsfield booking system	Online	238.80	9/10/23
The Abingdon Bridge	Donation	Online	100.00	9/10/23

Receipts since the last meeting

<u>From</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>
Vale of White Horse District Council	Precept	15250.00	8/9/23
9 th Appleton (Abingdon) Scout	Hire of Sportsfield	240.00	8/9/23

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Bank Reconciliation

Opening balance as of 1/4/2023	49920.26
Receipts	33,934.70
Payments	17145.20
Cash book balance	66,709.76
Bank balance as of 30/9/23	66,709.76
Unpresented cheques	0.00
unpresented receipts	0.00
Reconciled balance as of 30/9/23	66,709.76

- **Budget against spend:** The Council acknowledged the budget against spend.
- **Budget items for 24/25:** The Clerk noted she will begin work on a draft budget for 24/25. The Council did not have any additional budgetary items to add at this time.
- **Donation**
 - **Appleton School:** The Acting Chair will speak to the school as to the need for a defibrillator cabinet.
 - **The Abingdon Bridge:** The Council resolved to donate £100 to The Abingdon Bridge.
 - **Appleton Cricket Club:** The Clerk will follow up with Crowdfunder as to the donation to Appleton Cricket Club

23/104: 20mph Speed Limit Survey: The Council resolved to proceed with a survey with 2 options:

- A blanket 20MPH speed limit replacing all current existing 30MPH.
- A 20MPH zone in a small selected area of the village. This will be as follows:
 - Netherton Road – from South Lawn to Whites of Appleton
 - Oaksmere – from the Village Hall to the bridge
 - Eaton – the entirety of the 30mph section

The Clerk will circulate a revised draft with a view to it to go in the November Advertiser.

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23/105: Planning applications:

<u>Application number</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>AWEPC</u>
P23/V2180/DIS	Thatched Tavern Eaton Road Appleton	Discharge of conditions 3 & 6 on application ref. P22/V0719/HH and condition 3 and 4 on P22/V0713/LB Demolition of the former tap room on the gable end of the west, rear kitchen extension and part of the detached garage including a two storeys side extension and the introduction of a new entrance and single storey rear kitchen extension	Appleton with Eaton Parish Council has no comments on this planning application.

Planning Decisions

<u>Application number</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Vale o White Horse District Council Decision</u>
P23/V1668/FUL	56 Netherton Road Appleton OX13 5JZ	Proposed replacement dwellinghouse and associated works and operations. (Amended existing/proposed site plan received 7th September 2023- showing car parking layout) (Amended elevation plans received 29th September 2023- correcting the elevation labelling)	Permission granted.

23/106: Survey for bridge across the river at Bablock Hythe: The Clerk noted she has received several responses in favour of a bridge across the river at Bablock Hythe from Appleton residents and one response NOT in favour from an Eaton resident.

The Acting Chair will speak to OCC about this. The Clerk will speak to a local resident about putting an article in the Advertiser. The Clerk will put this on the November agenda.

23/107: 80th anniversary of D-Day: The Council asked for this to be on the November agenda.

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23/108: Publications and correspondence: The Council acknowledged the publications and correspondence received since the last meeting.

23/109: Website and Advertiser: The Council would like the following in the November Advertiser:

- To note that there are defibrillators in the Village Hall and at the Sportsfield. The Council will be purchasing one for Eaton and is waiting to hear about a grant from the County Council. Also to ask residents to get in touch if they are interested in training on the defibrillator
- 20mph survey

23/110: Matters for report: It was noted that several residents have expressed concern over the safety of tractors in the village. The Clerk will write to all farmers thanking them for driving safely, but to please ask their contractors to consider the safety of pedestrians and other motorists whilst driving.

23/111: Date of the next meeting: The date and location of the next Parish Council Meeting were confirmed as the 13th of November 2023 at 7:15pm in the Village Hall.

TB sends here apologies.

23/112: Exclusion of members of the public and media due to the confidential nature of agenda item 23/113: The Council resolved to exclude members of the public and media due to the confidential nature of agenda item 22/113 per the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s 1 (2).

23/113: CONFIDENTIAL AGENDA ITEM: The Council resolved to proceed with an evaluation of the Clerk's contract and the job banding.

The meeting closed at 8:24pm.

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Attachment 1 (unedited)

Vale District Council – Member for Thames Ward Report to the Appleton with Eaton Parish Council – 9 October 2023

Please accept my apologies for not being able to attend your Parish Council meeting, but I must attend a Joint Local Plan workshop in Didcot.

Designation

I am pleased to advise that the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities has determined that the Vale DC should not be designated. You might recall the Council had failed to meet some of its planning application targets during 2021 and has been working hard since then to improve. The SofS has reviewed our performance and recognised that we have improved significantly. The consequence of this is that the government will not remove our authority to decide on planning applications.

Local Authority Boundary Commission

A couple of months ago I advised that there was a boundary commission review of the Vale DC this year. The first phase is nearly complete in that the council has advised the commission how many councillors it believes are required to run the authority. Our proposal is 41, an increase of 3, which reflects the increase in population in the Vale since the last review in 2010. The commission will now decide whether they accept this recommendation before proceeding to phase 2, which is consultation with the Vale residents on the Warding patterns starting 19 December.

Yours,

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