

APPLETON WITH EATON PARISH COUNCIL

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Appleton with Eaton Parish Council (AWE PC) Meeting

held in the Village Hall

Monday, 15th January 2024 7:15pm

Allison Leigh – Parish Clerk

Minutes

Councillors present: Stephen Day (Chair), Liz Gilkes (Vice Chair), Councillors Teresa Bennett (TB), John Adams (JA), Mary Carey (MC)

In attendance: Allison Leigh (the Clerk), District Councillor Mark Coleman

23/166: Apologies for Absence: Sue Sternberg (SS), Valentina Brito-Marquez (VBM)

23/167: Declarations of interest: None

23/168: Public questions and statements: Several members of public were in attendance.

23/169: Village Flooding:

- **To consider any reports from the Flood Group and recommendations: logistical and/or financial**

The Council considered information from the Flood Group.

The Council thanked all who assisted on the night of the 4th of January when the flood occurred.

The Council resolved to have a Flood Group which will be a working group of the Parish Council.

The Flood Group has put an updated contact list group is on the noticeboard and the Clerk will put on the website.

The Flood Group noted the following:

- The Flood Group will ensure everyone in the Group knows how and where to access the signs and pumps. The container used to store the pumps is currently locked and keys are held by the group. The Flood Group needs to recruit more people who can operate the pumps (currently there are three) and in general get more volunteers willing to help.
- The Flood Group did not have enough flood warning signs. The approach to the bridge at Oaksmere when the car was stranded was a danger to motorists. The village has 2 Flood warning signs. At least 4 more are needed. Likely places needed:
 - Each side of Oaksmere Bridge

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- Entering Oaksmere from the war memorial
- Entering Netherton Road from end of village
- Entering Eaton Road from the War memorial and entering from the Eaton end of village.
- Centre of the village.

Two flood signs and three parking cones (property of the PC) were used. All equipment should be marked as property of AWEPC so there isn't confusion of who owns the equipment.

On another note, it would be useful if the speed limit sign is placed further away from the village.

The Clerk will ask Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) about more signs and look to purchase.

The Clerk will speak to OCC re moving of speed limit signage.

Purchase of aqua sacs: The Council resolved purchase 150 aqua sacs and ask the Village Hall Committee if these could be stored at the Village Hall.

The Council resolved to put a note in the Advertiser about the Flood Group with information and asking anyone who might be interested in assisting/being on the WhatsApp group to contact the Clerk. A note will also be put in asking residents to keep ditches clear.

The Council asked the Clerk to write to OCC regarding drainage.

The Clerk will contact Sovereign Housing with regards to what their procedures are with regards to flood defences.

23/170: Date of the next meeting: The date and location of the Parish Council Meeting as the 11th February 2024 at 7:15pm in the Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8:15pm.