Appleton with Eaton
— Parish Council —

Thursday, 1st October 2026
Parish Council Meeting
DRAFT MINUTES

Councillors present: Stephen Day (Chair), Sue Sternberg (SS), John Adams (JA), Rob Filbrandt (RF) and Chris Mitty (CM)

In attendance: Allison Leigh (Clerk)

26/114: Apologies for Absence: Vice Chairman Liz Gilkes and Councillor Mary Carey, County Councillor James Plumb, District Councillor Mark Coleman

26/115: Declarations of interest: None

26/116: Public questions and statements: Approximately 18 members of the public were in attendance.

Chair of the Tennis Club was in attendance and noted the following:

- Successful club with need of a 3rd court
- Recognises concerns of lighting and car park
- Not seeking to increase membership of club
- New car park – an idea arose to help community for extra parking. They understand some residents feel it is dangerous and would be happy to withdraw from the car park but would like to build 3rd court.
- Extend exiting into field – three to four spaces if needed.
- Chair accepts personal responsibility for delay in communicating with local residents.

Other attendees' comments included:

- A member of the Tennis Club noted there is a need for more court time and that more facilities for teens in village would be welcome. They noted that pay and play is available to nonmembers.
- It was noted that the position of the car park is not ideal and should be revisited.
- Headlights of vehicles are an issue for neighbours.
- Earlier engagement would have been useful.
- Concern about light sky and wildlife
- Concern about access to 3rd car park
- There was a query as to where the bridleway begins and ends.
- Some residents noted there is an issue with parking on Badswell Lane, and some have not.
- Badswell Lane is not always a quiet lane.
- There should be consideration of the neighbourhood affected.
- There is a need to find the best balance for the community.

26/117: Planning:

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Appleton Tennis Club, Badswell Lane Appleton OX13 5JN
Proposed change of use of agricultural land to provide an additional tennis court, floodlighting, associated car parking and associated works

AWEPC resolved to make no objection to a third tennis court but has concerns about car park on the basis of safety due to the proximity of children and the nuisance of lighting from headlights from cars.

AWEPC would like the District Council to consider this prior to making its decision.

26/118: Matters for report: None.

26/119: Date of the next meeting: The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Monday the 7th October at 7:15pm in the Village Hall.