



Appleford Parish Council

Councillors are summonsed to a Meeting of Appleford Parish Council on

Thursday 14th November 2024, at 20:00, in the Village Hall.

Members of the public are invited to attend from 19:30 for tea, coffee, biscuits and a catch-up with fellow villagers and councillors ahead of the meeting.

7th November 2024

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AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Declarations of personal and prejudicial interest
3. To approve minutes of the Appleford Parish Council meeting held on 5th September 2024
4. Public participation
5. Report from District and County Councillor Peter Stevens

6. Planning -

- a. Discussion with Didcot Town Council councillors on Neighbourhood Planning and the proposal to extend Didcot Town Neighbourhood Plan designated area to include Appleford.
- b. Discussion on the Parish Council response to public consultation for the proposed BESS development
- c. Update on HIF1 status and noise issues (GOB)

7. Volunteers and new Parish Councillors – your parish council needs you!

Appleford Parish Council needs support from volunteers and new Councillors to drive forward the work that is needed in coming years to sustain and develop the parish and to support the community.

Volunteers and new Councillors are needed in several areas including –

- Helping to manage and develop the Village Hall to keep it open in the New Year once Jim and Claire step down (31/12/2024). Please help us to ensure it can remain a valuable facility for the community in the future.
- Working to improve the safety of the roads in our parish with the introduction of additional traffic calming measures.
- Developing a plan for renovating the playground and ensuring its operational safety into the future.
- Reviewing planning applications and creating a Steering Group to drive forward a Neighbourhood Plan to benefit the whole community.

If you would like to get involved, please speak to one of our Councillors or the Clerk at the meeting or contact the Clerk via email: clerk@appleford-pc.gov.uk

8. Finance

- a. To note payments and receipts since the last meeting

Supplier/Invoice	Purpose	Net	VAT	Gross	Status
Payments made:					
Pet Waste Solutions 36555	Dog bin collection	85.80	17.16	102.96	Paid 8 th Nov
Pet Waste Solutions 35411	Dog bin collection	85.80	17.16	102.96	Paid 4 th Oct
Pet Waste Solutions 34196	Dog bin collection	85.80	17.16	102.96	Paid 6 th Sept
Scribe Accounts INV-7212	Accounts system	12.00	2.40	14.40	Paid by DD
Scribe Accounts INV-7388	Accounts system	12.00	2.40	14.40	Paid by DD
Scribe Accounts INV-631	Accounts system	12.00	2.40	14.40	Paid by DD
Clerk's Salary September				£433.42	Paid 30 th Sept
Clerk's Salary October				£433.42	Paid 31 st Oct
A&W Grounds INV-0089	Grass cutting & public waste bins	599.00		599.90	Paid 8 th Nov
A&W Grounds INV-0094	Hedge cutting	360.00		360.00	Paid 8 th Nov
A&W Grounds INV-0075	Grass cutting	599.00		599.00	Paid 4 th Oct
UKAEA CPS24.300	Playground signage	28.50	5.70	34.20	Paid
Wychwood 0090	Installation of wheelie bin	415.00		415.00	Paid
Dee Corney (Hostworld)	applefordpc.org.uk domain renewal	30.00	6.00	36.00	DC Reimbursed
Receipts					
VOWHDC	2nd Half Precept 2024/25			11,000	Received 3 rd Sept

- b. To approve and sign bank reconciliation to 31st October 2024
- c. To note Payments & Receipts Summary to 31st October 2024 and progress against budget
- d. To note transfer of funds from NS&I and closure of account. Approval to open Unity Trust deposit account.
- e. To note NALC revised pay scales for Clerk for 2024-25
- f. To discuss and approve budget for 2025-26

9. Risk Assessment

- a. **Playground Maintenance:** To report on progress on playground maintenance since last meeting
- b. **Playground Inspections:** To discuss current issues with regular playground inspections and to review costs associated with quarterly playground inspections by Play Inspection Co.
- c. **Playground renovation:** [FCC Community Action Fund](#): Grant Application for playground refurbishment – to review progress and determine next funding round for application (*2024-4 Round opens 18 September 2024 and closes at 5.00pm on 20 November 2024*). 2025 rounds will be announced during the last quarter of 2024. To seek support from the local community to put a plan together which will form the basis of the FCC application.

10. Dates of future meetings:

Appleford Parish Council meetings are now on the first Thursday of every other month.

The next meeting will be **Thursday 9th January**.

Subsequent meetings will be held on Thursday 13th March (NB, one week later than usual); 5th June (To support AGAR, and audit approval); Thursday 3rd July

Please add these to your diary; we will look forward to seeing you there.