

Appleby Magna Parish Council Minutes

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6 October 2022, 7.30 pm, Appleby Magna sports pavilion

Present: - Cllrs Emma Bird (Chair), Kevin Jones, Andrew Whitehurst, Sue Mitchell and Lynne Jones.

22120 Apologies – Clerk Lindsay Swinfield - apology accepted

22121 In accordance with Section 31 of the Localism Act 2011, members to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda. Clerk to report any written requests for dispensation in respect of items on the agenda.

22122 Open forum for members of the public and press, 3 minutes per person allowed with a maximum of 15 minutes for the session– meeting adjourned to allow participation.
Lucy Leyland brought her concerns to the meeting concerning recent re-surfacing that had covered over the double-yellow lines outside her property, by the school, and was recommended to report the issue to the Leicestershire Highways Authority.
Sonia Lear, Appleby Magna’s representative for Community Recovery Workers was keen to engage with anyone or any groups in the village to help build resilience for individuals who needed support predominantly following the pandemic. Her details are posted in the village noticeboards.

22123 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1 September 2022 unanimously **RESOLVED** and signed by the Chairman.

22124 Decisions made under delegated powers – Nil

22125 Police / Neighbourhood Watch Matters – all crime reports can be viewed at www.Police.uk and type in the relevant postcode – however reports are always two months behind.
Please ring 0116 2222222 or 101 or Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 to report suspicious behaviour or crimes. www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk or www.leics.police.uk/support. To have your say www.leics.police.uk/haveyoursay. Police invited to attend a PC meeting.

22126 Planning Applications

- a. Land East Side of Austrey Lane, Appleby Parva - The erection of a detached agricultural building and chicken coop and the provision of a track and hardstanding 21/02107/FUL – application appeal.

22127 Planning Decision Notices

- a. Works to one (T1) Oak tree (Unprotected tree in a conservation area) Location: Sebring House 20 Black Horse Hill Appleby Magna NOTIFICATION REFERENCE 22/01321/TCA – **granted**.

22128 Footpaths, Hedgerows, Street and Allotment Matters

- a. Allotment & orchard site update – confirmation of funding grant is being used for maintenance equipment, essential tools and hardware roadways so to best keep it dutifully clear and tidy.

22129 Appleby Recreation Sport ground

- a. Notice boards for sports pavilion – deferred to November PC meeting.
- b. Outdoor gym equipment/swings/gate/fencing – more Gym equipment has been fitted bringing together a variety of exercise pieces to seven and an asset to the villages community to enjoy. Funding for new swings has been applied for and approved.
- c. The work to stain the play area fence, repair the gate and replace the post to Bowleys Lane entrance was duly completed. Cllr Kevin Jones volunteered and completed further staining to the nearby gate posts and fencing to complete the overall improved appearance.
- d. Recreation facilities for refugees – pending response from District Council.
- e. Cricket Club committee email request (for low level fencing) – was considered but needed more information on location, height, effect on other Rec. users, before a decision could be made.

22130 Junction 11 – a grant application has been made for funding towards new play area equipment. We now have three more pieces of gym equipment in place, seven in total, for the village community to evaluate, train with and enjoy that was generously funded by Mercia Park grants.

22131 General Items for discussion

- a. Resilience group update & flood issues in the village & flood equipment plus Community Response Plan / Community resilience group – Cllrs updated the document, which will be reviewed and further updated. Latest status reports of their progress were submitted by Severn Trent and Leics County Council explaining that positive progress in flood-prevention matters continues to be of importance for Appleby Magna, and work continues to map risks and seek investment for more fundamental solutions.
- b. The Speed Sign – records the speeds along (30mph) Rectory Lane which continues to be quite alarming. Too many travel in excess of the LIMITS. Steps are being considered to relocate for wider awareness in a village where 30mph is the maximum. **PLEASE KEEP SPEEDS BELOW 30MPH.**
- c. Parish Council meeting dates for 2023 – are on first Thursdays of each month at 7.30pm start on February 2 (no meeting in January), March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1, there is no meeting in July, August 3, September 7, October 5, November 2 and December 7.
- d. Christmas lights switch on & tree contract – plans are in progress and hopes for a community event in early in December for the Christmas tree arrival (as part of a three-year contract).
- e. Theft of flood equipment – it was agreed to review the security of the equipment and replace contents in due course, having alerted theft to the Police. It was saddening to hear that ‘individuals’ had broken-into and removed equipment intended for potential flood assistance.
- f. Quote for removal of Poplar tree & quote for recreation ground tree survey – ongoing assessment to obtain best value-for-money, but agreed in principle to take the action sooner (rather than later).
- g. NWL Joint Charter – Appleby Magna Parish Council is signing-up to this wide-ranging, enhanced services and support arrangement.

22132 Financial Matters

- a. Approve payments for works undertaken – were reviewed, approved and signed by the Chairman, **RESOLVED**, unanimous. Payments for previous month were also approved & signed.

22133 Risk Assessment for all relevant areas & play area inspection report from ROSPA also includes flood risk. Due diligence is being undertaken to appreciate risks are understood so that decisions for action can mitigate this.

22134 Ideas for Written Piece - Parish News Line

- ‘Christmas Tree lights on event’ in the centre of Appleby Magna for early December
- Speed Sign captures road speeds and list the numbers that ‘break the law’ in 30mph village
- Play Area equipment grants add to the generous Mercia Park funds for the Outdoor Gym
- Village planters now have winter-season flowers (pansies) provided by AM PC funds and support from Cllr Sue Mitchell and the AM Scout Group members.

The meeting ended at 9.30pm

Parish Council meeting November 3, 2022 @ 7.30pm, Sports pavilion