

Appleby Magna Parish Council Minutes

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7 April 2022, 7.30 pm, Appleby Magna sports pavilion

Present: - Cllrs Emma Bird (Chair), Sue Mitchell, Andrew Whitehurst, Kevin Jones, Anita Hansen, Clerk Lindsay Swinfield

2233 Apologies – Cllr Peter Brown – accepted.

2234 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. **Cllr Bird – agenda item 7e.**

2235 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.

2236 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3 March 2022 unanimously **RESOLVED** and signed by the Chairman.

2237 Decisions made under delegated powers – Nil

2238 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.

2239 Planning Consultations

- a. 21/01700/FUL erection of two wind turbines & associated infrastructure – Barns Heath Farm – no comment.
- b. 22/0435/FUL 4 Wren Close, erection of a single storey side and rear extension – no comment.
- c. 22/00394/FUL 10 Didcott Way, erection of single storey rear extension – no comment.
- d. Planning committee 05/04/22 – 37a Church St, land adjacent, one detached dwelling & garage.
- e. Planning committee 05/04/22 – land east side of Austrey Lane Appleby Parva, agricultural building.

2240 Planning Decision Notices

- a. Appleby Inn, erection of single storey restaurant extension – granted.
- b. Top Street 63/65 erection of two storey side extension & rear extension, replacement garage – granted.

2241 HS2 (High Speed Train) – no further updates received.

2242 Junction 11 – we have been granted another £5k from the Mercia Park Community fund for outdoor gym equipment.

2243 Footpaths, Hedgerows, Street and Allotment Matters

- a. Allotment & orchard site – a long waiting list for plots; a successful day was had showing youngsters around the site and tasting raw rhubarb dipped in sugar – a great and tasty success.
- b. Traffic control signage – data has been analysed and is showing some interesting results – highest speeds recorded tend to be at commuting times and weekends – average speed is 33 mph and maximum speed recorded is 55 mph. Sample size was 27,000.
- c. Church Street to the recreation ground footpath was in a poor state, Council had agreed to purchase surfacing material, and Cllr Kevin Jones carried out the work on behalf of the Parish (voluntary) – our thanks go to Cllr Jones for all his hard work.

2244 **Appleby Recreation Ground**

- a. Fencing on the recreation ground – Council agreed the weather and ground conditions need to improve before the fencing can be installed.

2245 **General Items for Discussion**

- a. Resilience group and flood issues – a flood group meeting was held and flood warning equipment has been purchased by the PC – along with general flood assistance equipment stored around the village. Council wrote to Severn Trent requesting an update on proposals to mitigate the flood damage to Appleby Magna – a response can be viewed on the PC web site and notice boards. A letter to residents will be posted explaining the availability of the flood sensors etc.
- b. Community Group update – plans to commemorate the Queen’s platinum Jubilee for Sunday 5 June 2022 are under way with various stall holders, bouncy castle, food stalls etc. Council thanks Cllr Peter Brown for all of his hard work in organising and leading the family fun day.
- c. Shed for equipment storage – being researched.
- d. Revised Code of Conduct – Council agreed to adopt the Code of Conduct and to be bound by it – **RESOLVED** unanimous.

2246 Risk assessment for all relevant areas to include resilience group, flood risk (refer 2245a) & play area – the ROSPA play inspection report had been received and acted upon. A new gate for the play area is to be fitted and new floor matting to be provided. New junior swings are to be purchased later this year.

2247 **Approval of Financial Statements & Payments**

- a. The payment list and bank reconciliation were reviewed, approved and signed by the Chairman, **RESOLVED**, unanimous (£2180.10).
- b. National salary award had been emailed to all Cllrs – it was **RESOLVED** unanimous to accept the award of 1.75%.

2248 **Ideas for Written Piece – Parish News Line**

The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee celebrations in Appleby Magna – Sunday 5th June 2022 – a fantastic family fun day has been organised – led by Cllr Peter Brown who is working 24/7 to ensure this is a wonderful day for all.

We have successfully applied for and been granted another £5k from the Mercia Park Community Fund – this will enable us to provide more outdoor gym equipment – watch this space!

NWLDC has provided a Covid commemorative bench (made of recycled plastic) – this will be installed in the play area on the recreation field; a concrete plinth has been fitted.

Following complaints re the footpath from Church Street to the recreation ground – after waiting for LCC to renovate the footpath, Council decided to carry out the improvements – Cllr Kevin Jones did most of the work and we are sure you will congratulate Kevin on a fantastic job.

Council is working with various groups to mitigate the problems of flooding in the village and has provided flood sensors and other equipment to help out. Meetings have been held with Severn Trent and other groups which are ongoing, and Severn Trent is carrying out surveys to identify the key issues such as sewer flooding.

We need a village Flood Warden – if you are interested please contact the Clerk – this is a voluntary position.

Please pick up after your dog and dispose of all waste responsibly.

The meeting ended at 9.20 pm

Annual Parish Council meeting May 5 2022 @ 7.30pm