

Appleby Magna Parish Council Minutes

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2 February 2023, 7.30 pm, Appleby Magna sports pavilion

Present: - Cllrs Emma Bird (Chair), Kevin Jones, Lynne Jones, Sue Mitchell, Clerk
Lindsay Swinfield, one member of the public.

2301 Apologies – Cllrs Andrew Whitehurst & Rochelle Truggelaar – apology accepted.

2302 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.

2303 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.

2304 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 24 November 2022 unanimously **RESOLVED** and signed by the Chairman.

2305 Decisions made under delegated powers – Nil

2306 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 222222 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. Allotment site has been broken into.

2307 Planning Applications

- a. 22/01778/FUL Appleby Hall, erection of single storey front, side & rear extension together with external alterations, new access, erection of brick piers & a driveway – no comment.
- b. 22/01892/FUL 26 Snarestone Road, erection of single storey side garage extension – no comment.
- c. 22/01853/CLP 30 St Helens Lane, installation of solar panels on rear of roof & wall mounted battery unit – no comment.

2308 Planning Decision Notices – nil to report

- a. 24 Mawbys Lane, rear and side extensions – approved.
- b. 50 Top Street, annexe to side – approved.
- c. 37 New Road, erection of single storey front, side & rear extension, new access to front & provision of brickworks and driveway – approved.
- d. Land adjacent to 37a Church St, erection of one dwelling – outline & garage – outline planning granted.

2309 Footpaths, Hedgerows, Street and Allotment Matters

- a. Allotment site – some plots to be re-allocated; still a long waiting list for plots.
- b. Footpath Q25 – following a comprehensive report from LCC's Footpath Officer, it was agreed (unanimous) that the Parish Council does not have authority to make alterations to the access route as suggested. The full report is available and an excerpt is included below:

You will be aware that, since we corresponded about the start of bridleway Q25, the gate at the top of the slope has been replaced. The route is officially a bridleway and the Leics & Rutland Bridlways Assn pointed out that the previous gate was narrower than the 5ft minimum width specified in the Highways Act 1980 section 145. Arranging this involved an exchange of emails with the owners of the Jubilee Business Park. As part of that I did float the idea of steps, as last financial year the PRoW team we were given a little money for improvements (which was a covid related windfall). The owners of the Jubilee Business Park and my manager were both concerned that steps and/or a handrail on the alignment of the bridleway (or beside it) was a potential hazard for horses (and pedal cycles). As a result the idea was not pursued. In addition as you say there is the challenge of maintenance of such steps and pushchairs would not be able to use them.

Chair Signature:
Date:

- c. Litter and dog waste reports – the PC complained about dog waste issues in the village – especially along Measham Road. An inspector from District Council visited the various sites and reported that along Measham Road he only found one item of dog waste, however he has left dog waste signs along Measham Road. Council feels the report is not a true reflection of the problem in the village.

Litter is a major problem in the area – and the PC proposes to carry out a community village litter pick in March. Any volunteers to would be most welcome and all equipment will be provided. Further information can be found on social media, the PC web site and notice boards.

- d. Verges in the village – especially along New Road and adjacent to the Alms Houses – as the land in question belongs to Highways, the PC does not have authority to place bollards or any other obstruction to stop people from parking on and spoiling the verges.

2310 Appleby Recreation Sport ground

- a. Removal of old goal posts – all agreed these to be removed at the same time as the old swings are removed from the play area.
- b. New swings for the play area – the new swings have been ordered (double flat junior swing and double cradle swing), and the old equipment will be removed. Funding towards the new swings was kindly donated by Mercia Park Community Fund. Council **RESOLVED** unanimous to obtain the swings (option 2) and to ask Newbuild to remove the old equipment and fit the new swings.

2311 HS2 – Council notified that some inspection (by plane) would be carried out.

2312 General Items for discussion

- a. Resilience group update & flood issues in the village & flood equipment – ongoing item Community Response Plan – all agreed this to be removed from the agenda – the plan is available to view on the PC web site.
- b. The Speed Sign – records the speeds along (30mph) Rectory Lane which may be a straight road, but it is also 30mph – along the whole length. Updates are available on the PC web site. A proposal to install two posts had been discussed and it was **RESOLVED** unanimous to place the posts as agreed – at a cost of £190.00 to supply and fit.
- c. Sir John Moore Trustee – the previous trustee has resigned and a replacement to represent the PC is required – Cllr Kevin Jones offered and all agreed.
- d. Parish Christmas tree and event – following a disappointing turn out at the 2022 event, all agreed to include this in the next Parish questionnaire to gauge public opinion.
- e. Election year 2023 – a discussion took place to understand the procedure and ensure that candidates come forward to represent the Parish.
- f. Defibrillator status and telephone box paint-work. The defibrillators are maintained and managed on an ongoing basis and pads/batteries have been replaced. The Top Street telephone box which houses one of the defibrillators is looking a bit faded. Special British Telecom approved paint has to be used and a quote for painting will be obtained.

2313 Financial Matters

- a. Approve payments & reconciliation reports – Payments list (£1349.61) unanimously **RESOLVED**, reconciliation report unanimously **RESOLVED**.

Auditor appointments for smaller authorities for the financial years from 2022-23 to 2026-27
Moore,Rutland House,Peterborough PE2 6PZ Email: east.midlands@moore.co.

2314 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. Rospa report reviewed and steps are being taken to ensure all areas comply with the report.

2315 Ideas for Written Piece - Parish News Line

- a. Community litter pick to be organised for March – if you would like to join in please check notice boards, social media and the PC web site for more info; we would be delighted to see you and the village needs your help. All equipment will be provided.
- b. Inconsiderate parking is causing many problems in the village – please take care when parking your vehicle – don't block paths or cause obstructions.
- c. Speed sign data is always available on the PC web site – hopefully some New Year's resolutions will be to keep speed to the legal limit.

The meeting ended at 8.50 pm

Parish Council meeting March 2 2023 @ 7.30pm, Sports pavilion