

# Appleby Magna Parish Council Minutes

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24 November 2022, 7.30 pm, Appleby Magna sports pavilion  
(replacing 01/12/22 meeting)

**Present:** - Cllrs Emma Bird (Chair), Kevin Jones, Lynne Jones, Rochelle Truggelaar, Clerk  
Lindsay Swinfield

**22150 Apologies** – Cllrs Andrew Whitehurst and Sue Mitchell – apologies accepted.

**22151** 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.

**22152 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.

**22153** Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3 November 2022 unanimously **RESOLVED** and signed by the Chairman.

**22154 Decisions made under delegated powers** – Nil

**22155 Police / Neighbourhood Watch Matters** – all crime reports can be viewed at [www.Police.uk](http://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](http://www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk) or [www.leics.police.uk/support](http://www.leics.police.uk/support). To have your say [www.leics.police.uk/haveyoursay](http://www.leics.police.uk/haveyoursay).* Police invited to attend a PC meeting.

## **22156 Planning Applications**

- a. 22/01740/FUL, 50 Top Street – extension to annexe – no comment.
- b. 21/01654/FULM, land north of Little Wigston, change of use of land for parking HGV, boundary treatment and widening of unadopted road – no comment, but some concern re access/egress.

## **22157 Planning Decision Notices – nil to report**

## **22158 Footpaths, Hedgerows, Street and Allotment Matters**

- a. Allotment & orchard site update, nil to report as weather conditions poor.
- b. Removal of Poplar tree on Didcott Way – following two quotes from expert arboriculturists, members **RESOLVED** unanimous to accept the quote from LCC (Leics County Council).
- c. Didcott Way/Wren Close knee rail fencing – following a risk assessment of the existing fencing it was **RESOLVED** unanimous, to remove the fencing (dependent on weather conditions) – making it easier to mow and maintain the grass area. It was also **RESOLVED** unanimous to purchase and fill a planter to be placed on the grass (maximum budget of £150.00).

## **22159 Appleby Recreation Sport ground**

- a. A proposal was raised to fit matting to the recreation ground Church Street entrance and to the entrance to the play area – the Parish Council bought the matting and thanks go to Cllr Kevin Jones for fitting all of the matting, thus making the previously muddy areas much safer and dryer to walk on.
- b. Fencing request from Appleby Magna Cricket Club – following discussion it was unanimously agreed that permission be granted to AMCC to install the fencing if no higher than the hedgerow, and if this proceeds the Parish Council to be informed. However, the Parish Council feels that as this would only really benefit AMCC and the adjoining field owning farmer, there is no obligation to contribute to the cost – the Parish Council already contributes in many other ways – field and pitch maintenance, fitment of new perimeter fencing etc.

- c. Replacement swings for the play area – a quote had been received from Hand Made Places, members discussed and agreed that some clarification was needed. Clerk to ask for a representative to visit the site and ascertain exactly what is required re the removal of the existing swings; ideas for replacement within budget and suitability for the play area.

**22160 HS2** – Junctions 9-10 on the M42 will have some closure re bridge works.

#### **22161 General Items for discussion**

- a. Resilience group update & flood issues in the village & flood equipment – ongoing item. Recent poor weather conditions led to flooding in the village – this has been reported to relevant bodies.
- b. Community Response Plan – **RESOLVED** unanimous to adopt the plan (second draft), all Cllrs have an e-copy.
- c. 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 to be reviewed in 2023.
- d. Speed awareness ideas – several ideas were discussed to help keep vehicle speed down in the village – however these require Highways input.
- e. Footpath Q25 to Jubilee Farm – this matter has been discussed previously and as the land belongs to Highways, it is difficult to find a solution. The Parish Council has obtained quotes for installation of steps and rails, but these would need experts to review and approve from a H&S viewpoint, as well as ongoing maintenance, safety solutions such as gritting and salt application in cold weather. Steps and rails may prevent those with pushchairs or wheelchairs from using this section of footpath; but would assist others in using this short cut to Jubilee Farm. Clerk to seek advice from LCC footpath officer.

#### **22162 Financial Matters**

- a. Approve payments & reconciliation reports – as this meeting replaces the 1 December 2022 meeting, the reconciliation and payments reports will not be available until the 1 December 2022, so these financial statements will be signed off at the February 2023 PC meeting; Cllrs will receive these by email prior to the February meeting.
- b. Local Government pay award for 22/23 – the salary scales for 22/23 have been confirmed, an increase of £1925 on every salary point for all staff employed on the Nalc/Slcc contract of employment was agreed on 01/11/22. **RESOLVED** unanimous.
- c. ROSPA recreation equipment inspection costs increase – **RESOLVED** unanimous.

**22163 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.

#### **22164 Ideas for Written Piece - Parish News Line**

You may have seen the new matting that has been installed to the play area entrance and the Church Street/recreation ground entrance - this will certainly help alleviate muddy conditions - special thanks go to Councillor Kevin Jones for fitting all of the matting. A special plea to all dog owners/walkers - please pick up after your dog; we are receiving horror stories of kids shoes caked in dog waste, smelly pavements etc., and there are dog waste bins all around the village to help keep all areas clean and pleasant to walk along.

**The meeting ended at 8.54 pm**

**Parish Council meeting February 2 2023 @ 7.30pm, Sports pavilion**