

# Appleby Magna Parish Council Minutes

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3 November 2022, 7.30 pm, Appleby Magna sports pavilion

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

**22135 Apologies** – Nil.

**22136** 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.

**22137 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.

A member of the public attended to ask if the sloping access to Jubilee Farm could be changed – either steps or something more secure. The owners of Jubilee Farm have previously stated that they put the new fencing and gate up, and commented that the slope has been there since they purchased back in 1988. The LCC Footpath Officer had also previously commented (July 2021) when this matter was raised, that it would become the responsibility of the Parish Council if they installed steps/rails and insurance matters would also rest with the PC. In July 2021 Council resolved to leave the slope as it is – some people would not manage steps etc. To be discussed again in early 2023.

The member of the public then asked if there was a Tree Warden for Appleby Magna – despite many attempts to secure a warden there is not one. Cllr Lynne Jones volunteered to become the Tree Warden for Appleby Magna.

**22138** Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6 October 2022 unanimously **RESOLVED** and signed by the Chairman.

**22139 Decisions made under delegated powers** – Nil

**22140 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.

**22141 Planning Applications**

a. 2201581/FUL, 24 Mawbys Lane, erection of single storey side & rear extensions, formation of a porch – no comment.

**22142 Planning Decision Notices**

a. 5 Duck Lake, side extension – granted.

**22143 Footpaths, Hedgerows, Street and Allotment Matters**

- a. Allotment & orchard site update – hedges along Rectory Lane allotment site have been cut back and major composting work has been carried out on site.
- b. A tree removal quote has been received (Poplar on Didcott Close) – following inspection by Tree Surveyor - Forestry & Arboriculture LCC. To be discussed at the Nov 24 meeting.

**22144 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 – it was **RESOLVED** unanimous to set a budget of £200 for purchase. Cllr Kevin Jones kindly offered to fit the matting.

Chair Signature:  
Date:

- b. NWLDC and Serco have organised sports coaching for the refugees on a Tuesday morning (10.30 – 12.30) and are providing full sized goal posts; the Parish Council has authorised use of the recreation ground.

**22145 Junction 11** – Mercia Park grants have donated £5k towards new swing equipment for the play area – Council will provide the additional amount required. Following receipt of a quote there are some queries to be put to the company (these include inspection cost, removal of concrete etc).

**22146 General Items for discussion**

- a. Resilience group update & flood issues in the village & flood equipment – refer to item b below:
- b. Community Response Plan / Community resilience group – land ownership confirmation queries do represent things are slowly moving forward, additionally addressing pollution risk means we remain some way off being able to be definitive about timescales for actual improvement work.

Not a Severn Trent update, but it was great to hear from Andrew Smallwood (LCC) that a brook relief basin opposite 15/19 Old End appears to be a fairly well developed LCC proposal. From our understanding of overall flooding risk (brook as well as sewerage), it is believed that could be one of the single most significant interventions to be made.

- 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. The Speed Sign records every vehicle pass & of the 24,246 passes in October nearly half (42%-46%) were over the 30mph limit; this is potentially dangerous in a housing environment and it is also illegal.
- d. Christmas light switch on event – will be on Saturday 3 December 2022 at 5pm outside the Alms Houses – there will be free refreshments making this a smashing community event.

**22147 Financial Matters**

- a. Approve payments for works undertaken – were reviewed, approved and signed by the Chairman, **RESOLVED**, unanimous (£3309.66). Payments for previous month were also approved & signed.
- b. The budget for 2023 was **RESOLVED** unanimous – this includes forecast projects and general increase in standard costs.
- c. The Precept for 2023 was **RESOLVED** unanimous – to remain at £28,000. Council feels that with prudent management the proposed projects and capital and revenue costs can be managed with the same precept as 2022.

**22148 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.

**22149 Ideas for Written Piece - Parish News Line**

- a. Happy Christmas
- b. Christmas light switch on event
- c. Speed sign update
- d. Parking – don't block paths, pavements and access points

**The meeting ended at 9.20 pm**

**Parish Council meeting November 24 2022 @ 7.30pm, Sports pavilion (change of date from 1/12/22)**