

Appleby Magna Parish Council Minutes

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7 September 2023, 7.30 pm, Appleby Magna sports pavilion

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

23099 Apologies – Cllrs Matt Woodford, Andy Whitehurst – approved.

23100 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 – gave assistance re the planning application for x2 heritage boards.**

23101 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 request was put forward to make Botts Lane a one way system. There is no footpath and traffic volumes are increasing with some lorries getting stuck. Clerk to contact Highways and request this area be made into a one way street – this has been requested on previous occasions. **RESOLVED** unanimous.

Action point: contact Highways.

23102 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3 August 2023 unanimously **RESOLVED** and signed by the Chairman.

23103 Decisions made under delegated powers – Nil

23104 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.

23105 Planning Applications

- a. 00953/ADC – Sir John Moore – non illuminated heritage boards x 2 – no comment.
- b. 00907/FUL – Whitehouse Farm, erection of agricultural barn – no comment.

23106 Planning Decision Notices – nil to report

- a. 55 Rectory Lane, listed building consent, internal and external alterations – granted.

23107 Footpaths, Hedgerows, Street and Allotment Matters

- a. Allotment & orchard site – a new pathway has been laid. Tenant issues had been reported – damage to wild flower areas and the gate lock. Clerk to write to the tenant – all agreed.

Action point: contact tenant of allotment field.

23108 Appleby Recreation Sport ground

- a. Rules of the recreation ground – bicycles to be ridden around the perimeter – not across the main football and cricket areas. Football to be played on the football pitch, not on the cricket pitch. Clerk to email Serco and request that the refugees are made aware of the rules, and also ask for training on the Highway Code as some young men are riding down one way streets the wrong way – also ask if helmets are being provided.

Action point: contact SERCO

- b. A new sign to be installed on the recreation ground gates – **RESOLVED** unanimous.

Action point: have new sign manufactured.

23109 HS2 – No further information received.

23110 General Items for discussion & HS2 update

- a. Resilience group update & flood issues in the village & flood equipment – ongoing item with Trent Rivers Trust liaising with the PC and other departments; all invited to the October 2023 PC meeting. All agreed the flood equipment container on Black Horse Hill to be removed following vandalism. Clerk to ask if any specific flood warden training will be available.

Action point: remove damaged flood equipment box; ask if any flood warden training is available.

- b. Speed sign data shows serious speeding in the village – police are monitoring data.
- c. Parish questionnaire update – being compiled.

Action point: produce draft questionnaire before October PC meeting.

- d. Update from Councillors if relevant: a full and comprehensive data report had been produced by Cllr Jones – listing all street furniture, trees and signs in the village – this will help with maintenance issues to ensure H&S and asset management are maintained.

23111 Financial Matters

- a. Approve payments & reconciliation reports – Payments list (£8954.65) unanimously **RESOLVED**, reconciliation report unanimously **RESOLVED**.
- b. Annual Audit sign off from external auditor & notice of conclusion of audit posted.

23112 Risk Assessment for all relevant areas & play area inspection report from ROSPA also includes flood risk – ongoing, carried out on a regular basis.

23113 Ideas for Written Piece – Parish News Line

New speed sign has been installed along Top Street, data showing some speeds over 70mph. Please be mindful of hedges/trees/shrubs encroaching onto footpaths, pavements and roads – the nesting season is over and all can be cut back – also remember your plants may affect your neighbours.

The meeting ended at 8.45 pm

Parish Council meeting 5 October 2023 @ 7.30pm, Sports pavilion