

Appleby Magna Parish Council Minutes

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5 October 2023, 7.30 pm, Appleby Magna sports pavilion

Present: - Cllrs Emma Bird (Chair), Kevin Jones, Sue Mitchell, Andrew Whitehurst, Matt Woodford, Charles Sainty, Clerk Lindsay Swinfield, two members of the public, representative from Severn Trent (Mr Simon Parkinson, Principal Engineer).

23114 Apologies – Nil.

23115 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.

23116 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.

Mr Parkinson (Severn Trent) outlined the issues with works to be carried out in the village – S/Trent use a model to decide on repairs and replacement priorities. Cost and risk are the two main factors, in 2021 it was hoped that the two key factors would meet, but they have diverged – risk has dropped (risk = sewer flood risk). Using the model of the sewer network it is quite difficult to identify sewer flood levels in Black Horse Hill and Old End, therefore they require a revised plan for these areas. Acknowledging the flood (sewage) along Black Horse Hill is an issue, eventually they plan to install a larger sewer but the cost factor is huge = £millions.

The LCC natural flood management proposal is supported by S/Trent, however Appleby Magna is not unique in its flood problems/risk. Andrew Smallwood (LCC) aims to secure funding for the natural flood management system and the Environment Agency seem to support the funding which is encouraging.

Members of the public stated that in 2021 LCC stated they would cut vegetation back in the brook and mentioned changing the structure of the brook in Old End – this has not happened. Duck Lake had some clearing carried out.

Council members recommend that residents/members of the public report any sewage leaks (not just in properties, but on pavements, roads too) every time they encounter any flood/sewage issues: 0800 783 4444 <http://stwater.co.uk/reportaleak>

23117 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7 September 2023 unanimously **RESOLVED** and signed by the Chairman.

23118 Decisions made under delegated powers – Nil

23119 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.
A vehicle was stolen from a driveway – Police are investigating the theft.

23120 Planning Applications

- a. 23/01102/VCIM, Jubilee Park, change of use to allow up to 6 people on site at a time, change of use re dog walking facility.

23121 Planning Decision Notices – nil to report

- a. 24 Black Horse Hill (Holme Leys Farm), works to various trees – TPO to be made to T8 Silver Birch, work may continue – granted.
- b. Whitehouse Farm – erection of an agricultural barn – granted.
- c. 14 Top Street. Listed building consent – granted.
- d. Red Gables Farm – erection of agricultural building – granted.

23122 Footpaths, Hedgerows, Street and Allotment Matters

- a. Hedges – Clerk to arrange for hedges to be cut back from the recreation field to junction with Church Street. Parts of the recreation field hedge to be cut back too.
- b. Botts Lane one way system proposal. 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 – *Highways response was to state that according to their research a one-way system is not required, and would not stop large vehicles from using the local roads.*

23123 Appleby Recreation Sport ground – nil to report.

23124 HS2 – No further information received – refer to public news reports.

23125 General Items for discussion

- a. Resilience group update & flood issues in the village & flood equipment – ongoing item with Trent Rivers Trust liaising with the PC and other departments; LCC representative invited to the November 2 meeting. **Action point: invite Andrew Smallwood (LCC) to the meeting.**
- b. Speed sign data shows serious speeding in the village – average speed showing at 35mph, but persistent motorists reaching 70mph; police are monitoring data.
- c. Parish questionnaire update – being compiled. **Action point: send draft questionnaire to all Cllrs & Clerk.**
- d. Parish assets – Cllr Jones to email details of the asset register (every asset such as benches, gates, trees etc., has been logged) to all Cllrs. Cllrs Jones, Whitehurst and Woodford to compile a list of benches/gates that need attention. **Action point: send asset details to all Cllrs, compile a list of benches/gates that need attention.**
- e. Christmas tree for the village – it was **RESOLVED** unanimous to provide a real Christmas tree (planted) and battery operated lights for the village – but there is not enough time to organise a tree light switch on event. An approximate budget of £500 was set. **Action point: Cllr Woodford to research tree – with roots, and lights.**
- f. Bulbs to be planted around the village signs, noted.
- g. NWLDC Community Grant – apply for funds to improve security around the sports pavilion (not a PC funding application).
- h. Free tree scheme returning in the Autumn – log into www.nwleics.gov.uk from Monday 9/10/23.
- i. D Day 80, 06/06/24 – correspondence had been received re lighting a beacon in suitable areas of the UK – Appleby Magna does not have this facility but Cllrs wish to commemorate 80 years from D Day – further discussion will take place.
- j. Remembrance service 11/11/2023 – ask Highways if the pavement around the Church can be cleared of leaves. **Action point – contact Highways.**

23126 Financial Matters

- a. Approve payments & reconciliation reports – Payments list (£2232.98) unanimously **RESOLVED**, reconciliation report unanimously **RESOLVED**.

23127 Risk Assessment for all relevant areas & play area inspection report from ROSPA also includes flood risk – ongoing, carried out on a regular basis.

23128 Ideas for Written Piece – Parish News Line

A comprehensive list of all assets (including benches, gates, trees etc) has been compiled and this will be used to monitor condition and help form the relevant section of the budget to allow for future maintenance/replacement.

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The meeting ended at 9.12 pm

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