

Appleby Magna Parish Council Minutes

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Thursday April 1 2021, 7.30 pm, remote access via Zoom meeting

Cllr Emma Bird read the annual Parish report from the Chairman – this had been previously distributed.

The meeting held via Zoom remote contact – no queries received prior to the meeting – this meeting recorded and hard copy notes taken.

Present: - Cllrs Emma Bird (Chair), Peter Brown, Anita Hansen, Andrew Whitehurst, Sue Mitchell, Clerk Lindsay Swinfield,

2129 Apologies – nil.

2130 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 – nil to record.

2131 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 – nil.

2132 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4 March 2021 unanimously **RESOLVED** and signed by the Chairman.

2133 Decisions made under delegated powers – Nil

2134 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. Personal alarms are available free of charge, please email the Clerk if you require one.

2135 Planning Consultations

- a. 21/00358/FUL, caravan site Measham Rd, demolition of existing welfare block, erection of single storey welfare block, decrease to number of plots from 15 to 5, associated works, no comment.
- b. 21/00358/FUL, caravan site redevelopment, decision set at 29/04/21, queries to David.moxon@nwleicestershire.gov.uk, no comment.
- c. 21/00412/FUL 3 New Road, erection of single storey rear extension, double garage & new boundary wall with electric gates, no comment.

2136 Planning Decision Notices

- a. 33 Measham Road, erection of 1 dwelling – granted.
- b. 10/10a Rectory Lane, demolition of garage and erection of double garaging – granted.
- c. Plots at land, Measham Rd, variation of condition 2, to substitute and amend the lintel, cill and parapet – granted
- d. 28 Black Horse Hill, erection of first floor extension – granted.
- e. Plot 3 land at Measham Rd, variation to amend lintel and cill – granted.

2137 HS2 (High Speed Train) – no further information received, workshops were delayed.

2138 Footpaths, Hedgerows, Street and Allotment Matters

- a. Allotment & orchard site – a couple of plots have not been cultivated yet, tenancy agreement will be brought into management of this. All new equipment is working well and the grants are much appreciated.

- b. Traffic control signage – LCC approved all pole measurements and will install the poles when manpower allows – at no cost to the Parish Council. There are two main traffic suppliers – ElanCity and Westcotec. Further investigation to take place and a decision made at the May 2021 meeting.
- c. A resident had requested changes made to a locally used access route to Jubilee Farm – all agreed to try and ascertain who owns the land and the best way to improve the access. The footpath is Q25 and the Clerk will report this to the Footpath Officer and ask for advice. A request was also put forward for benches to be placed along Measham Road and Snarestone Lane – defer to May 2021 meeting.

2139 **Appleby Recreation Ground**

- a. Fencing on the recreation ground – installation should be around 19/04/21. Play area fencing is an ongoing matter.

2140 **General Items for Discussion**

- a. Litter picking equipment – it was **RESOLVED** unanimous to order x6 litter picking sticks and x6 reflective vests. Cllr Mitchell agreed to store the equipment and Cllr Brown to purchase black bin bags, Cllr Mitchell to purchase hoops – pass receipts to the Clerk for reimbursement.
- b. Junction 11 update – the Clerk had applied for £5k towards outdoor gym equipment – this had been approved and the grant should be paid into the PC account within two weeks. Discussion ensued re best positions for the new equipment on the recreation field.
- c. Resilience plan and storage for flood equipment – Cllr Mitchell wished to thank the flood and resilience group for their hard work in trying to find a resolution to the flood issues within the village. Levels of ammonia are being measured in the brook; work is to be carried out re the manhole covers and sewage leaks; data collection and analysis is being carried out by the Rivers Trust, Severn Trent etc.
- d. Sir John Moore Foundation trustee – Cllr Peter Brown is the representative for the Parish Council.
- e. Heritage notice boards – the Heritage group has applied for match funding; waiting for update – defer to June 2021 meeting.
- f. Parish Community Group – Cllr Brown reported that the web site is up and running and the first of many competitions for the Parish is complete and prizes awarded. Cllr Brown will look into the Community Group running a Queen’s Platinum Jubilee 2022 celebration day to mark the weekend 2/3 June 22.
- g. Dog waste signs – more signs have been installed in the village – Cllrs to let Cllr Brown know of any possible positions for the two remaining signs.
- h. Neighbourhood Plan – defer for 6 months, all agreed.
- i. County and Police elections 2021 – noted.

2141 **Approval of Financial Statements & Payments**

- a. The payment list and bank reconciliation were reviewed, approved and signed by the Chairman, **RESOLVED**, unanimous (£2180.10).
- b. The bacs payment list updated and unanimously **RESOLVED** and signed when appropriate.
- c. Internal audit booked for April 2021 – noted. Agar has been received.
- d. Planter contract – members discussed the proposal to renew the planter contract, but decided to investigate diversion of funds to the Scouts if they would be willing to take this task on.

2142 **Confidential Item, exclusion of public and press**

All agreed to move the meeting into confidential.

Parish Councillor casual vacancy – following discussion it was **RESOLVED** unanimous to accept the application for a Parish Councillor from a resident. Four applications were received in total.

All agreed to move the meeting out of confidential.

2143 Ideas for Written Piece – Parish News Line

- a. Parish Councils have little direct influence on key issues, but we are always keen and happy to help and support with your questions or liaise with the relevant council on your behalf. Please report any issues you have to the relevant council (details can be found on the PC web site www.applebymagnaparishcouncil.co.uk) or social media and notice boards; issues are likely to be resolved more quickly.
- b. Feedback from the Parish questionnaire seems to align with thoughts from Councillors that an Appleby Magna Community Group is a good idea. Councillor Peter Brown has set up and is running the community group - feel free to contact Peter - councillor.peter.brown@apmagpc.com - new members most welcome.
- c. Questionnaire results show a 20% return and key points will be addressed; thanks to everyone who completed the questionnaire.
- d. The new Nautilus ship for the play area is a great success and will provide hours of fun.
- e. Dog fouling in the village is still a H&S nuisance - please report to www.nwleics.gov.uk or 01530 454545. You can report overflowing litter bins by going to <https://nwleics-self.achieveservice.com/MyServices> then clicking on Report It, Dog fouling, graffiti, littering, abandoned vehicles and similar and raising a report as Accumulation of Rubbish. We have provided two more bins for the Parish.
- f. The Parish 3D signs are up and are proving a huge success - we have received at least 8 requests from other Council's asking for details so they can budget for similar signs.
- g. Parish Councillor vacancy - has now been filled, more news on this later.

HOW TO REPORT:

Please report Highways issues such as blocked drains via <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/road-maintenance/report-a-road-problem>

Flood information - Thank you to the Flood Resilience Group for their continued efforts in working with NWLDC, Severn Trent, Rivers Trust and Environment Agency in getting issues in the village addressed.

> Floods - check out the NWLDC web site via this link:

> <https://www.nwleics.gov.uk/pages/flooding>

> If floods include sewers - contact Severn Trent on 08007834444

> floods include roads flooding contact LCC on 01163050001

> include main rivers contact Environment Agency on 08459881188

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Police advice re dog theft: ensure your dog is microchipped, contact details up to date with an ID tag. Have clear photos of your dog with identifiable marks; do not leave your dog tied up outside a shop or unattended in a vehicle; try not to let your dog off al lead, always keep in sight; ensure property is secure, don't leave dogs unattended in a garden; try to buddy up with someone when going for a walk; be careful what you post on social media; consider a GPS tracker collar; only buy from a reputable breeder or centre.

The Parish Council meeting is on May 6 2021 (annual PC meeting) at 7.30pm via Zoom remote access - all welcome to attend - if you have any queries to put before Council, please email the Clerk.

The meeting ended at 9.43pm

Annual Parish Council meeting May 6 2021 @ 7.30pm, via zoom, all welcome to attend.