

Appleby Magna Parish Council Minutes

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Thursday September 3 2020, 7.30 pm, remote access via Zoom meeting

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), Andy Whitehurst, Sue Mitchell, Anita Hansen, Peter Brown
Clerk Lindsay Swinfield, Mr Charlie Clay – wind turbine proposal, Barns Heath Farm

2079 Apologies – Cllr Aaron Parmar.

2080 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. Cllrs Bird and Whitehurst re sports club membership.

2081 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 attendance.

Mr Clay attended the meeting via Zoom and updated members on the planned new wind turbines, the existing turbine has been running for 5 years. The new turbines are in the pre-planning stage with NWLDC and community consultation is to take place showing location, visuals, acoustics, heritage, ecology and shadow flicker assessments which will be submitted. The size, shape and noise levels will be similar to the existing turbine. Members asked what the benefits would be to residents – turbines will provide green power and will enable local works (Forterra) to continue. Members asked if there would be the possibility of a grant to benefit the Parish community – such as outdoor gym equipment, Mr Clay said he would investigate this further and liaise with the Clerk. Council emphasised they would like to minimise the impact of the wind turbines as much as possible – Mr Clay agreed to pass planning papers to the Council before submitting to NWLDC. *Mr Clay left the meeting.*

2082 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6 August 2020 unanimously **RESOLVED** and signed by the Chairman.

2083 Decisions made under delegated powers – Nil

2084 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 222222 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.*

2085 Planning Consultations

- a. 20/01103/FUL The Rookery New Rd, erection of replacement dwelling, comments include concern over flood risk – this area has a history of flooding.
- b. 20/01118/OUT land adjacent to 37a Church St, erection of two detached dwellings/garages – strongly object to this application – clear flood risk, major access issues with poor visibility onto the road, the school bus stops close to this area, major drainage issues and this is a conservation area.
- c. 20/01150/FUL 1 Bowleys Lane, demolition of conservatory & erection of single storey rear extension – no comment.
- d. 20/01204/FUL 235 Tamworth Road, erection of single storey extension – no comment.
- e. 20/01090/TCA 7 Black Horse Hill, works to group of trees (unprotected) conservation area – no comment.
- f. 20/01091/TCA Church Barn, Church St works to one Eucalyptus tree (unprotected) conservation area – no comment.
- g. 20/01242/FUL 6 Iris Close, creation of first floor conversion above garage inc roof lights, raising of eaves & ridge height – no comment.

2086 Planning Decision Notices

- a. 56 Top Street, variation of condition 2 to alter appearance and layout – granted.
- b. 5 Iris Close, single storey extension – granted.
- c. 71 Top Street, conversion of ancillary building to one dwelling with two storey extension – granted.

2087 HS2 (High Speed Train) – consultation meetings organised, the joint County and City Council response is available on www.leicestershire.gov.uk/HS2 - NWLDC submitted their response to the NIC 'call for evidence' which will be available on the NWLDC web site.

2088 Footpaths, Hedgerows, Street and Allotment Matters

- a. Allotment & orchard site – the new mower and trailer are being used and a working weekend is planned, also the apple press will be tested. HS2 community programme; following previous discussions with HS2 it was agreed to request toilet and cleaning facilities along with some materials – still waiting for an update – Cllr Whitehurst will chase this.
- b. Residential encroachment onto Parish Council land – court proceedings to take place, Clerk to obtain quotes for re-instatement of the area including fencing – this is being organised.
- c. Traffic control signage – still waiting for LCC to respond to placement suggestions, these include Top Street – heading into the village and Rectory Lane inbound and outbound, grid locations required. Liaison with Measham PC re utilising maintenance employees.
- d. Benches/kissing gates – Cllr Hansen to follow up the comprehensive report on the Parish furniture – to ask for quotes for repair where necessary. **RESOLVED** unanimous – to set a budget of a maximum of £700.00 for a new gate onto the recreation ground - to include installation.

2089 Appleby Recreation Ground

- a. New play equipment – existing train to be removed by 11/09/20, a full plan of works has been put in place for the new play ship which should be installed by mid-September
- b. Fencing on the recreation ground – **RESOLVED** unanimous – Cllr Bird proposed, seconded by Cllr Whitehurst it was agreed to replace the fencing – to include installation at a cost of £3780 plus vat, Cllr Hansen to oversee the works once the order has been placed. All agreed that the area will also be planted with hedging and trees – Clerk to contact the Woodland Trust and also find out when NWLDC will offer free trees/hedging to local people/initiatives.
- c. Outdoor gym equipment – following discussion it was agreed that this item be added to the Parish questionnaire the Clerk is compiling – various ideas were muted and all agreed this would be an ideal initiative for funding via Forterra (wind turbines) and other funding bodies.

2090 General Items for Discussion

- a. New village 3D signs – still waiting for LCC to approve sites, plans have been sent to LCC, Cllr Whitehurst to pass grid locations and contractor details to the Clerk and LCC, also to ask Castle Donnington Council for details of the contractor who installed their 3D sign.
- b. Wind turbines – refer item 2081 open session.
- c. Junction 11 liaison group – dates have been arranged to review the applications.
- d. Resilience plan and storage for flood equipment & early warning equipment – storage cabinets have been delivered, these need to be assembled and safe, secure locations need to be established by the flood group with relevant permissions. Flood defences are being reviewed.
- e. Christmas tree and lights – the Christmas tree has been organised but due to CV-19 we will organise the light switch on nearer to Christmas. A resident of the Alms Houses will be asked to switch the lights on.
- f. Outdoor gym equipment – following discussion it was agreed to consult via the PC web site and social media – to ascertain type of equipment and funding available, all agreed this to be added to the Parish community questionnaire.

- g. Community Speed Watch – Cllr Parmar to consult with public via social media and the PC web site to request assistance/gauge interest – we have several volunteers to date, more will be most welcome. Cllrs agreed that a letter to residents should be sent out asking for queries/objections to the first speed indicator signs being placed along Top Street and Rectory Lane.
- h. Village defibrillators – Cllr Hansen has been carrying out regular checks and the defibs have been added to the circuit – more first aid items need to be ordered. A further defibrillator for the Parish was discussed and all agreed this would be a sensible addition – defer to October 2020 meeting.
- i. Government planning white paper – ‘Planning for the Future’ some concerns raised re the Government proposals – this item to be added as a link to the PC web site.
- j. Road sweeping in the village – Clerk to find out when the next road sweeping will take place, there is a lot of debris and leaves along the roads now causing drain blockage – due to CV-19 there has been a delay in road sweeping, but this issue has been raised with NWLDC – if anyone wishes to report items of this kind they should contact: <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/road-maintenance/roadside-drains>. Link to be added to the PC web site.

2091 Approval of Financial Statements & Payments

- a. The payment list and bank reconciliation were reviewed, approved and signed by the Chairman, **RESOLVED**, unanimous (£4556.01).
- b. The bacs payment list updated and unanimously **RESOLVED** and signed.
- c. Notice of conclusion of audit, annual governance & accountability return for year ended 31 March 2020 approved by external auditor – no matters raised.

2092 Ideas for Written Piece – Parish News Line

- a. Allotment waiting list.
- b. Speed Watch – we have volunteers (thank you) and if you would like to join the Speed Watch team to help reduce speeding vehicles in the village, please contact the Clerk.
- c. The play train will depart shortly – to be replaced by a brand new ship – Nautilus.
- d. The Parish Council will be replacing the fencing on the recreation ground with something more robust – there will also be hedging planted along this area to make it look ‘greener’.

The meeting ended at 9.17 pm

Parish Council meeting October 1 2020 @ 7.30pm, venue or Zoom to be confirmed.