

# Appleby Magna Parish Council Minutes

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Thursday March 4 2021, 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), Peter Brown, Anita Hansen, Andrew Whitehurst, Clerk Lindsay Swinfield, Mrs Daphne Robinson (Community focus officer NWLDC)

**2115 Apologies** – cllr Sue Mitchell – apology accepted.

**2116** 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.

**2117 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.

Mrs Robinson will be leaving NWLDC and also reported on various grants available via NWLDC web site, these include green grant, community and sports club Corona support grant, flood gel bags. Neighbourhood plans were discussed and a project being undertaken to test the water quality in the River Mease.

*Mrs Robinson left the meeting at 7.48.*

**2118** Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4 February 2021 unanimously **RESOLVED** and signed by the Chairman.

**2119 Decisions made under delegated powers** – Nil

**2120 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 2222222 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). Personal alarms are available free of charge, please email the Clerk if you require one.

## **2121 Planning Consultations**

- a. 21/00134/FUL 97 Top St, Redhill Farm, change of use of agricultural building to offices class E – no comment.
- b. 21/00191/VCU – Plots 1-4 land at Measham Rd – variation to amend lintel & cill detailing – no comment.
- c. 20/00707/FUL, land east side of Austrey Lane, erection of agricultural building – appeal to Secretary of State, comments by 15/03/21 – no further comments from original put forward.
- d. 21/00246/LBC Sir JM School, refurbishment and remodelling of outdoor WC area – no comment.

## **2122 Planning Decision Notices**

- a. The Rookery, erection of replacement dwelling – granted.

**2123 HS2 (High Speed Train)** – no further information received.

## **2124 Footpaths, Hedgerows, Street and Allotment Matters**

- a. Allotment & orchard site – the new composting area is a great success. The Allotment Society has been carrying out a nature detective project with local children.
- b. Traffic control signage – all paperwork now with LCC and waiting sign off, need dimensions to ensure correct poles are installed. Approximate size should be 630mm x 41 x 15mm & between 9 & 10 kg.

## 2125 Appleby Recreation Ground

- a. Fencing on the recreation ground – installation delay due to very wet ground conditions, being progressed. Hedging plants should arrive in April 2021.
- b. Fencing adjacent to resident's garden – all agreed picket fencing would be suitable and Clerk to ask RE and RD to quote, liaising with Cllr Hansen; Clerk to write to residents requesting any objections.

## 2126 General Items for Discussion

- a. Litter picking equipment – all agreed to purchase equipment but defer to April 2021 meeting to discuss storage facility.
- b. Junction 11 update – various updates received re building works and road works – Clerk attended the Mercia Park community liaison group meeting on 24 February 2021. Key items discussed included perception that consultation was not as requested & lack of updates re new VAS.
- c. Resilience plan and storage for flood equipment – defer to April 2021.
- d. Parish questionnaire – several footpath issues have been reported, dog waste signs and new bins placed in the village, speed VAS signage under way.
- e. Community speedwatch – due to CV-19 this is on hold.
- f. Heritage notice boards – the Heritage group has applied for match funding; waiting for update.
- g. Parish Community Group – Cllr Brown has made great progress re a new community group, it was **RESOLVED** unanimous to have 600 leaflets printed and delivered to each household with a maximum budget of £250.00.
- h. Casual vacancy – a casual vacancy for a Parish Councillor is waiting to be filled – several residents have expressed an interest in joining the council – defer to April 2021.
- i. Seventy year reign of the Queen – in 2022 the May Bank Holiday will move to Thursday 2 June 2022 and additional bank holiday will be on Friday 3 June. The nation will join together over a 4 day bank holiday weekend to celebrate. The parish Council will support various celebrations put together by the Community and other groups.
- j. Parish liaison group meeting – the Clerk attended and reported back to members. The agenda included litter picking, recycling and zero carbon.

## 2127 Approval of Financial Statements & Payments

- a. The payment list and bank reconciliation were reviewed, approved and signed by the Chairman, **RESOLVED**, unanimous (£1227.35).
- b. The bacs payment list updated and unanimously **RESOLVED** and signed when appropriate.
- c. Transfer of funds from savings account into the current account – it was **RESOLVED** unanimous to transfer £8,000 into the current account.

## 2128 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](http://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 helped residents set up and run a group & we need more group members, its great fun and you can put as much time into this as you can manage - please keep an eye out for more information - feel free to contact Peter - [cllr.peter.brown@apmagpc.com](mailto:cllr.peter.brown@apmagpc.com) to express an interest.
- c. Dog fouling in the village is still a H&S nuisance - please report to [www.nwleics.gov.uk](http://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. The Parish Council has had two more bins installed in the village & will be placing more dog waste management signs around the Parish.

**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** - > 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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If you see or hear of any suspicious or anti-social behaviour, please report to the Police using 101, 0116 222222 or contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. To check on crime reports please view at [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk) and put in the postcode you are looking for. Stay informed and sign up to [www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk](http://www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk) - been subject to a crime? Or want to prevent one - go to [www.leics.police.uk/support](http://www.leics.police.uk/support). Leics Police is keen to hear your views - [www.leics.police.uk/haveyoursay](http://www.leics.police.uk/haveyoursay).

**The meeting ended at 21.36**

**Parish Council meeting April 1 2021 @ 7.30pm, venue or Zoom to be confirmed, all welcome to attend.**