

Appleby Magna Parish Council Minutes

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4 November 2021, 7.30 pm, Appleby Magna sports pavilion

Present: - Cllrs Emma Bird (Chair), Sue Mitchell, Kevin Jones, Anita Hansen, Clerk Lindsay Swinfield, 3 members of the public and Mr Andrew Smallwood Asst Engineer LCC to discuss flood risk management.

21127 Apologies – Cllrs Andrew Whitehurst & Peter Brown – apologies accepted.

21128 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.

21129 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.

Council agreed to move agenda item 13a forward as part of the public session & with exceptional circumstances waived the meeting time limit for public and press:

Flood issues: The telemetry system will be for community use for the most flood risk parts of the village – to give prior warning of flood and will be managed via a Whatsapp group. Council had agreed to purchase x3 units and has now also resolved to purchase the additional part required (£174.00) The Parish Council will also pay the £39 annual cost for the initial warning stage pack. Flood wardens need to be involved too. Flood equipment and storage needs to be in situ asap; Clerk to contact NWLDC re replenishment stocks and to ask advice re recycling of the gel flood bags. Flood warden training is available online for those who are interested in joining. Andrew gave an update on water course clearance whereby members of the community can be trained to clear those sections of the brook that need attention. Council is also looking to provide further flood equipment and storage and is reviewing suitable locations.

Speeding traffic issues: There are several areas of the village where motorists feel they can drive at speeds outside of the legal limits. Members of the Council have addressed this area of concern and the new auto speed sign should be up and running along Rectory Lane by the end of November; another sign will be ordered soon. Council has also asked for traffic control signage to be erected outside the SJ Moore School – but has not received a response from LCC.

Mr Smallwood and 3 members of the public left the meeting.

21130 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7 October 2021 unanimously **RESOLVED** and signed by the Chairman.

21131 Decisions made under delegated powers – Nil

21132 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. **Personal alarms are available free of charge, please email the Clerk if you require one.**

21133 Planning Consultations - Nil

21134 Planning Decision Notices

- a. 3 New Road, erection of single storey rear extension & new gates – granted.
- b. 11 Black Horse Hill, erection of single storey rear extension – granted.

Chair Signature:
Date:

21135 HS2 (High Speed Train) – one online report received, no decisions made yet by the Government.

21136 Junction 11, JLR site - Waiting for release of new funding application.

21137 Footpaths, Hedgerows, Street and Allotment Matters

- a. Allotment & orchard site – hedges have been cut.
- b. Traffic control signage the poles are in situ and the equipment has been delivered, will be installed by end of November 2021.
- c. Hedges affecting pedestrian areas need cutting back – Cllrs to distribute LCC ‘tree/hedge overhanging the Highway’ cards to relevant households/land owners. Areas include: corner of Bowleys Lane and Church Street, Duck Lake and Didcott Way junction with Top Street. Clerk has reported these to the relevant department.

21138 Appleby Recreation Ground

- a. Fencing on the recreation ground – fencing has been ordered but the contractor has to clear his workload before he can install fencing.

21139 General Items for Discussion

- a. Resilience group and flood issues: refer to item 21129 open forum. Cllr Sue Mitchell will continue to represent the PC and Cllr Kevin Jones will join Sue.
- b. Community Group update – plans to commemorate the Queen’s platinum Jubilee for 2/3 June 2022 are under way, village fun day to be held on the 5 June 2022. Cllr Brown had sent a full report and will update at the next PC meeting.
- c. Small shed for general storage – all agreed a secure shed is required – perhaps erected on Parkfield – all agreed that a metal shed would be suitable – defer to December 2021 meeting.
- d. Christmas tree installation will be on 26 November 2021 at the front of the Alms houses. There will be a Christmas tree/light celebration **at 6pm on 27 November 2021**, all residents invited, there will be free refreshments available. The Church Hall has been hired from 5.30 – 7.30, carol singers (from the Scouts) will be joining the celebration.
- e. Heritage boards – Council agreed that the boards are to be placed in the Parish with locations agreed by Cllrs and the Heritage group.
- f. Best Western Hotel – We recently learned from the Home Office that the hotel’s allocation has now been changed to provide overspill accommodation for asylum seekers. This arrangement is initially in place for three months. Serco will be managing the centre on behalf of the Home Office and local partners including Leicestershire County Council, NHS, police and fire services are involved in supporting its operations, ensuring the site is safe and secure for people staying, as well as the wider resident population.
- g. Benches in the Parish – the new recycled bench along Top Street is a success and the bench for Measham Road should be installed soon.
- h. Speed awareness – Cllr Kevin Jones agreed to look into training and carrying out speed awareness sessions.

21140 Risk assessment for all relevant areas to include flood risk & play area (at the time of inspection play area ok).

21141 Approval of Financial Statements & Payments

- a. The payment list and bank reconciliation were reviewed, approved and signed by the Chairman, **RESOLVED**, unanimous (£526.17).
- b. Budget for 2022 – Cllr Mitchell proposed, seconded by Cllr Hansen it was **RESOLVED** unanimous to accept the budget for 2022/3.
- c. Precept for 2022 – Cllr Bird proposed, seconded by Cllr Mitchell it was **RESOLVED** unanimous to set a precept of £28000 for 2022/3.
- d. All agreed to purchase cable ties to fix the poppies to posts etc at a cost of £7.44.

21142 Ideas for Written Piece – Parish News Line

- a. Speeding in the village.
- b. Wish everyone a Happy & Healthy Christmas and New Year.

The meeting ended at 10.37 pm

Parish Council meeting December 2 2021 @ 7.30pm