

Appleby Magna Annual Parish Meeting

Thursday 5 April 2018, 7.30pm, Sir John Moore Community Building Appleby Magna

Present: - Cllrs Hemmerdinger (Chair), G Pott, E Bird, D Gothard, A Whitehurst, Clerk Lindsay Swinfield, two members of the public.

1801 *Cllr P Hemmerdinger welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened the meeting with an annual report from the Parish Council:*

Precept – to be £18,000, this is now made up of £17296.50 Precept and £703.50.00 Government grant, which includes a Band D Parish Council tax of £34.66 per household, this grant is being reduced by the Government each year until it ceases.

To explain:- **Precept** = the amount raised by Council Tax;

Council Tax (Band D) = the Council Tax per band D property (all property precept valuations are based on Band D - mid range).

Total Budget Requirement = Grant + Precept

Various 'street scene' improvements and repairs carried out, stiles mended, trees and hedges cut back, two new benches are on order – made of recyclable material therefore no maintenance. We are having the notice boards refurbished too.

The Parish Council has bought a defibrillator which will be placed in the old phone box on Top Street – we are waiting for permission from BT.

Street lighting repair costs amounted to £63.07 (the street lights we have to pay for are for Appleby Parva).

The Allotment Society is working well, with many improvements being made to the site and an orchard in the making.

Work to the recreation ground, such as ditches being unblocked, trees cut back etc has been carried out; the PC is supporting grant applications for a new sports pavilion, and has applied for Section 106 funding to assist the funds raised.

The Tesco grant of £12k with £2k donated by the Parish Council – enabled a brand new play area to be installed in 2017 on the recreation field at a total cost of £14k. Sadly the special round swing was stolen, but with insurance and a bit more we have replaced this.

Crime figures in the village have dramatically reduced this year.

The Parish Council is looking to have a 3D village sign installed, and further signage in the Parish is planned to help reduce dog fouling and vehicle speeding.

We placed lamp post poppies around the Parish to commemorate those who fought in WW1 and WW2 and other conflicts – we will do the same this year.

Various planning applications have been considered.

Budget is looking healthy, but government cut backs and further control of the Precept will mean belts will have to be tightened.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the existing Councillors for their time and commitment, and to the Clerk and volunteers.

End of meeting.