

Appleby Magna Parish Council Minutes

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**Thursday 4 August 2016, 7.30 pm, Sir John Moore Foundation Community Building,
Appleby Magna**

Present: - Cllrs P Hemmerdinger (Chair), G Pott, E Bird, D Gothard, A Whitehurst, Clerk Lindsay Swinfield, Mr David Rowse (Austrey Parish Council, to discuss HS2), 3 members of the public.

1692 Apologies – Cllr Smith – apology accepted.

1693 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest to Items on Agenda – Nil

1694 Open forum for members of the public and press

Ms Sue Mitchell attended re the Community bus – governance, who will have responsibility for running the bus? Members reiterated that this will be down to the bus committee, the Parish Council has supported the grant application but will not have any responsibility re the management and running of the bus. Delivery of said bus should be around September 2016.

Mr David Rowse, Parish Councillor for Austrey attended to discuss concerns re HS2. There seems to be a lack of co-ordination between Leicestershire and Warwickshire. One key concern is whether agreement could be reached to ‘flatten’ the line in crucial places, reduce the elevation and ‘hide’ the line as much as possible. Members agreed it would be useful to liaise with other Parishes re HS2.

Ms Sonia Liff attended to inform Council that she is the Community Bus representative for Appleby Magna, however she has issues with the proposed routes. A questionnaire will be placed in the Parish News to find local opinion re the routes proposed.

Ms Liff also updated members on the NWL Local Plan – the Measham Road site limits to development now reduced; the definition of ‘sustainable villages’ has been changed – ‘growth will take place within defined limits’; green spaces won’t be changed therefore Appleby Environment will submit a case re green spaces (CPRE are assisting with this). Ms Liff will copy the draft paper to be submitted to members, if the majority agree with the content, then the Parish Council will fully support the submission (as long as further changes are not made without prior consent). Closing date for submissions is 15/08/16.

A member of the public attended to express concern re a planning application that members had only received at the meeting (it arrived in the post on 04/08/16, too late for the agenda). Key concerns are that this is a Conservation area and such a large development would affect the heart of the village. Members to discuss this item under Planning Consultations.

All guests left the meeting.

1695 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on June 2 2016 unanimously endorsed and signed by the Chairman.

1696 Decisions made under delegated powers – Nil

1697 Police / Neighbourhood Watch Matters – no report received

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1698 Planning Consultations

- a. 16/00587/FUL 50 Top Street, erection of single storey annex accommodation – no comment.
- b. 16/00624/FUL 26 Black Horse Hill, erection of two storey & single storey side extensions and attached double garage – no comment.
- c. 15/00778/VCIM Land at Measham Road, conditions 19 and open space scheme under 106 agreement – no comment.
- d. 16/00658/FUL Spring Cottage 30 Bowleys Lane, demolition of existing garage & erection of annex building – no comment.
- e. 16/00729/PDNATR land off Bowleys Lane, prior approval notification for change of use from an agricultural building to one dwelling – no comment.
- f. 16/00825/VCI Redhill Farm, erection of extensions to agricultural buildings without complying to conditions 2/3 of pln perm 15/00123/FUL to amend elevations & materials to extension – no comment.
- g. 16/00568/FUL land east side of Austrey Lane Appleby Parva, agricultural storage building & drive – no comment.
- h. Planning application received after the agenda had been issued, decision made to object – this will be listed in September 1 2016 agenda. 16/00833/FUL 6 Top Street and land to rear of 6 Top Street, erection of one dwelling, ancillary outbuilding, car port to serve no's 6 and 10 and alterations to no 6 Top Street, demolition of existing outbuilding and wall and creation of new access. **All agreed to object** – conservation area, not in keeping with design form and appearance, affects heart of the village, loss of trees, main house much too large, poor access (new development opposite will increase traffic too).

1699 Planning Decisions

- a. Refusal of permission 91 Tamworth Road, erection of two storey & single storey extensions – not in keeping by reason of design, form and appearance.
- b. Notice of confirmation of public footpath order Q21 (part) off Botts Lane – no objections received.
- c. Jasmine Cottage 24 Snarestone Road, creation of new vehicular access – granted.
- d. 71 Top Street erection of two storey extension and other alterations – granted.
- e. 50 Top Street, erection of single storey annex accommodation – granted.

16100 HS2 (High Speed Train) project – keep on agenda

16101 Footpaths, Hedgerows, Street and Allotment Matters

- a. Kissing gates – all gates in the Parish now repaired/replaced with the exception of Church Street – Cllr Hemmerdinger to look at the site re appropriate gate for this area.
- b. Allotment orchard site – only space for 3-4 trees available. Funding is available for this type of project. As the grass around the orchard will need mowing, Cllr Hemmerdinger proposed, seconded by Cllr Bird, it was **RESOLVED** unanimous to purchase a second hand mower for £150.00. Clerk to add to asset list and to insurance policy. Clerk to advertise for a container or large shed (lockable, foc or reasonable cost).
- c. Swap land close to the allotment site – matter closed.

16102 Community Mini Bus update – refer to open forum (1694).

16103 Village Design Statement & Neighbourhood Plan – a copy of the NWL Local Plan and maps had been received and reviewed. Links are on the Parish Council web site and via NWLDC's site; Cllr Hemmerdinger to ask the Post Office if they would hold the booklet on site for people to view if they wish. Refer item 1694, open forum.

16104 General Items for Discussion

- a. New village 3D sign – draft illustrations had been received, these were discussed, and it was agreed that the illustrations were not suitable; items needed to be moved around, the church spire should not stick out of the whole 'picture' of the sign, the church should be smaller, and all buildings be of the same size, there should be two coats of arms showing. Cllr Whitehurst to try and produce drafts via Photoshop – and Cllr Smith if possible.
- b. Appleby Magna Recreation Ground – the Clerk had written to Crane & Walton Solicitors asking if they would look into the matter of ownership of the recreation ground, but had not received a response – Cllr Hemmerdinger to contact Crane & Walton.

- bi. Allianz Insurers had written requesting witness evidence and a disclosure statement re a claim for supposed injury due to the goal post holes. Members completed the forms and the Clerk will return these to Allianz.
- c. HS2 update – refer item under open forum (1694).
- d. Play area grant update – the Clerk had completed the grant application and is waiting for a response.
- e. Parish Community Resilience Plan – NWLDC has offered a plan to each Parish and Town Council within its remit – this would cover emergency matters such as flood, fire etc. Noted, but no action to be taken at this time.

16105 Correspondence - nil

16106 Approval of Financial Statements & Payments

- a. The payment list and bank reconciliation were reviewed and approved, **RESOLVED**, unanimous.
- b. The bacs payment list unanimously approved and signed when appropriate.
- c. Following a financial discussion Cllr Hemmerdinger proposed, seconded by Cllr Bird, it was **RESOLVED** unanimous to move £10k from the HSBC current account into the savings account.

16107 Ideas for Written Piece – Parish News Line – Kissing gates repair and replace – most works carried out, Church Street outstanding. Speed Watch. Local children to provide fruit trees for the orchard, they can then pick the fruit. NWL Local Plan. Container or large shed required.

16108 Urgent Items

- a. A Section 137 request had been received from the Scouts – Cllr Whitehurst proposed, seconded by Cllr Hemmerdinger, it was **RESOLVED** unanimous to donate £1,000 towards a new scout hut.

The meeting ended at 10 pm

Date of next meeting: September 1 2016, 7.30pm @The Stables Community room, Sir John Moore School