

Appleby Magna Parish Council Minutes

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Thursday 7 September 2017, 7.30 pm, Sir John Moore Foundation Community Building,
Appleby Magna

Present: - Cllrs A Whitehurst (Chair), G Pott, D Gothard, E Bird, Clerk Lindsay Swinfield, County Cllr Dan Harrison and one member of the public.

17107 Apologies – Cllrs P Smith, P Hemmerdinger – accepted, unanimous.

17108 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest to Items on Agenda – Nil

17109 Open forum for members of the public and press

Cllr Harrison introduced himself and reported on the latest news re HS2(b), he is pleased that the effect on Appleby Magna should be minimal.

A member of the public reported that there are planning issues in Appleby Parva and suggested an invitation to Cllr Blunt to discuss planning issues and the best way to nurture relationships with the developers whilst keeping the views of residents in mind would be helpful – the Clerk to extend an invitation to Cllr Blunt to attend the October PC meeting.

17110 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3 August 2017 unanimously endorsed and signed by the Chairman.

17111 Decisions made under delegated powers – Nil

17112 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.

Report from Police for August 2017 – 8/8/17 ASB noisy youths reported in St Michaels Drive;
10/8/17 a works van broken into at the Appleby Inn – crime recorded.

Please ring 0116 2222222 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.

17113 Planning Consultations - nil

17114 Planning Decisions - nil

17115 HS2 (High Speed Train) project – no further updates received, except a meeting of MAPA had been arranged for 07/09/17. The HS2 meeting is to be held in Measham w/c 11/9/17.

17116 Footpaths, Hedgerows, Street and Allotment Matters

- a. Cllr Whitehurst queried when the Didcott Lane hedge is usually cut back – this is done once the nesting period is over, around September.
- b. Cllr Whitehurst reported that the allotment gate lock had been broken – now replaced.
- c. The allotment container is still being researched.
- d. There are some spare allotments.

17117 Appleby Recreation Ground

- a. Legal ownership of the ground has been sorted, the Clerk has signed the relevant papers and requested a copy for file.

17118 General Items for Discussion

- a. New village 3D sign – Cllr Whitehurst has investigated other sign suppliers and the Clerk forwarded information from another Parish – all agreed to defer this matter until the October PC meeting, however it seems that costs could be between £3k and £6k – the Clerk to include in the 2018 budget the sum of £6k.
- b. Play area swing – the replacement swing should be fitted around mid September, the Clerk has requested that Cllr Hemmerdinger be included re the installation to ensure it is as secure as possible.
- c. Parish defibrillator – defer to the October PC meeting.
- d. Lamp post poppies – the PC has purchased 20 poppies and LCC has approved installation as long as they are removed in a timely manner. Cllr Gothard kindly offered to install the poppies (with helpers) and to remove them.

17119 Correspondence - nil

17120 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. The grounds contract person is retiring and has suggested a replacement – Clerk to include this in the October 2017 agenda.

17121 Ideas for Written Piece – Parish News Line

- a. Due to further reports of speeding vehicles in the village, all agreed that the Speed Watch initiative is urgently required and volunteers are needed to carry this forward.
- b. Lamp post poppies will be installed throughout the parish, 20 of these have been purchased by the Parish Council from the Royal British Legion and will be installed by Cllr David Gothard and helpers.
- c. Parish allotments are available.

17122 Urgent Items – Nil to report.

17123 Councillor Whitehurst proposed the meeting move into confidential – exclusion of public and press – all agreed. The meeting moved into confidential and only members and the Clerk remained.

The meeting moved out of confidential.

The meeting ended at 8.30 pm

Date of next meeting: [October 5 2017, 7.30pm @The Stables Community room, Sir John Moore School](#)