

Appleby Magna Parish Council Minutes

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Thursday March 5 2020, 7.30 pm Sir John Moore Foundation Community Building,
Appleby Magna

Present: - Cllrs Emma Bird (Chair), Sue Mitchell, Anita Hansen, Garth Nethercot, Clerk Lindsay Swinfield, Mr Andrew Smallwood (LCC), County Cllr Dan Harrison, Adam Boucher (Severn Trent) and 22 members of the public including members of the Parish Flood Group.

2016 Apologies – Cllrs Andy Whitehurst and Aaron Parmar – apology accepted, unanimous.

2017 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.

2018 Open forum for members of the public and press, 3 minutes per person allowed – meeting adjourned to allow participation.

A member of the public reported that some pavements in the Parish are in an awful state, and some hedges so overgrown that people cannot walk past on the pavement – this has been reported to LCC and will be re-reported.

Members of the Appleby Magna flood group attended to report on progress and concerns re flooding in the Parish – the group had compiled and distributed 200 leaflets to households in Appleby Magna. Members of the PC agreed to keep floods as an agenda item until further notice (within Government guidelines). The formation of a Resilience Plan/group was discussed and the Parish Council will nominate two representatives to join the group – this needs to be formalised. A member of the flood group wished to complain about GDPR – this item to be discussed under confidential.

Various items were put forward by members of the flood group including funding for telemetry equipment, storage facilities for flood equipment, grants available, key contacts to help resolve flood issues, a programme re flood risk and maintenance of the brook, ditches etc.

Mr Adam Boucher reported on actions being taken by Severn Trent re waste water – pumping station investigation, remedial works proposed to assist in the protection of certain properties from flood, installation of return valves to keep river water from entering properties and in the long term, a hydraulic model for the village – a feasibility study is being carried out to help protect the Parish from flood water. Mr Boucher emphasised the importance of residents reporting issues to Severn Trent. Attendees asked if Severn Trent would, in conjunction with NWLDC contribute to a telemetry system for flood warning, this matter would have to be discussed. A resident asked if Severn Trent could reject future development proposals in the Parish due to flood risk – Severn Trent are not consultees in planning developments.

Mr Andrew Smallwood (LCC) reported that a bid to Defra for emergency flood assistance may be successful and there may be a grant of £5k per household affected by flood water ingress available via NWLDC.

County Cllr Dan Harrison emphasised the importance of residents and the Parish Council, along with key contacts all working together to mitigate the risk of flooding in the Parish, and the importance of a formal approach via a resilience plan. The Parish Council is represented on the Junction 11 committee and has requested funding from the grant management committee towards flood management.

Public left the meeting at 9.05pm and the meeting re-convened.

2019 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6 February 2020 unanimously **RESOLVED** and signed by the Chairman.

Chair Signature:
Date:

2020 Decisions made under delegated powers – Nil

2021 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 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.

Crime in the Parish details may be viewed as above, www.Police.uk.

2022 Planning Consultations

- a. 20/00254/FUL 231 Tamworth Road, erection of detached garage – no comment.
- b. 20/00071/AGP Hall Farm New Rd, prior notification for a new agricultural building – no comment.
- c. 19/00406/FUL 37a Church St, conversion of outbuildings to form one dwelling including extensions – no comment.

2023 Planning Decision Notices

- a. 6 Iris Close, first floor conversion above garage – granted.
- b. 33 Measham Rd, erection of one dwelling, outline, granted, reserved matters.
- c. Land adjoining Botts Lane, erection of two dwellings – granted.

2024 HS2 (High Speed Train) – no formal communication to report.

2025 Footpaths, Hedgerows, Street and Allotment Matters

- a. Allotment & orchard site – serious flooding reported.
- b. Residential encroachment onto Parish Council land – court proceedings to take place, Clerk to obtain quotes for re-instatement of the area including fencing.
- c. Flood issues – refer minute item 2018.
- d. Traffic control signage – positions required before application to LCC can be made.
- e. Benches and kissing gates in the Parish – a full and detailed list and assessment has been made and a plan to repair or replace is being put together.
- f. Highways issues reported to LCC – 15 items have been reported via the LCC Highways system, some have been reported on more than two occasions. To report Highways items: <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/road-maintenance/report-a-road-problem>

2026 Appleby Recreation Ground

- a. Update re play equipment: a quote has been received to provide a boat, at present this seems very expensive so more quotes are to be obtained (S106 will pay for this).
- b. A quote was requested to paint the new fencing around the play area – this item to be resolved at a later date.

2027 General Items for Discussion

- a. New village 3D signs – on hold until installation resolved.
- b. Junction 11 liaison group – no further information received.
- c. Defibrillator for sports pavilion and area – a quote has been requested.
- d. Resilience plan and storage for flood equipment – **RESOLVED**, unanimous, Cllrs Sue Mitchell and Anita Hansen to form part of a formal resilience group (to cover all emergencies, flood, fire general emergencies), working closely with the flood group and other key inter-dependents. The Parish Council wishes to lead a resilience plan but input is required from the whole Parish. Highways to be asked if they will allow storage facilities for flood equipment on their land.
- e. All agreed to investigate the cost and H&S implications of holding a Christmas tree installation and celebration in December 2020 – possibly in front of the Church Hall. Further investigation required re Christmas lights and H&S implications.
- f. Parish Plan workshop – noted.

2028 Approval of Financial Statements & Payments

- a. The payment list and bank reconciliation were reviewed, approved and signed by the Chairman, **RESOLVED**, unanimous (£655.79).
- b. The bacs payment list unanimously **RESOLVED** and signed when appropriate.
- c. Plans to include flood and other emergency situations in the Parish budget were discussed, once details of requirements are confirmed all agreed an emergency contingency budget should be included.
- d. Section 106 funding was discussed, NWLDC had confirmed that within the Top Street development S106 funding, only recreation items would be considered.

2029 Ideas for Written Piece – Parish News Line

- a. Allotments available.
- b. Flood Warden volunteers needed.
- c. Resilience group volunteers needed.
- d. Severn Trent works – all areas to be reinstated and made good once works are complete and the weather allows.
- e. Various Highways issues reported (over 15 in last few weeks).

Cllr Bird proposed the meeting move into confidential – unanimous, exclusion of public and press – public excluded from meeting to consider a complaint re GDPR and to consider legal advice.

The meeting moved out of confidential.

The meeting ended at 10.35pm

Parish Council meeting April 2 2020 following the Annual Parish meeting @ 7.30pm, Sports Pavilion on the recreation ground