

Appleby Magna Parish Council Minutes

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Thursday 6 April 2017, 7.30 pm, Sir John Moore Foundation Community Building,
Appleby Magna

Present: - Cllrs A Whitehurst (stand in Chair), G Pott, D Gothard, E Bird, Clerk Lindsay Swinfield,

1736 Apologies – Cllrs Hemmerdinger and Smith - accepted, unanimous.

1737 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest to Items on Agenda – Nil

1738 Open forum for members of the public and press

1739 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2 March 2017 unanimously endorsed and signed by the Chairman.

1740 Decisions made under delegated powers – Nil

1741 Police / Neighbourhood Watch Matters – all crime reports can be viewed at www.Police.uk and type in the relevant postcode – however reports are always one month behind.

Please ring 0116 222222 or 101 or Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 to report suspicious behaviour or crimes. Police Sergeant 531 Mark Watson, mark.watson@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk

1742 Planning Consultations

- a. 16/01285/VCI, 7 Appleby Fields Close, variation of condition 1 to allow a first floor rear window to be openable to no more than 50mm & to not be fully obscure glazed, invitation to attend planning meeting at NWLDC on 7/3/17 at 4.30pm. Noted, no comment.
- b. 17/00245/FUL White House Farm Tamworth Road Measham, proposed conversion of two former hunt lodges to single residential dwelling and new vehicular access – no comment.

1743 Planning Decisions

- a. Land east to 26-28 Snarestone Road, erection of 1 dwelling – approval of reserved matters. Noted.
- b. 24 Black Horse Hill, works to Sycamore, Willow & Birch trees – unprotected in conservation area – granted.
- c. 7 Appleby Fields Close, retention of first floor window to open not more than 50mm – granted.
- d. Greenacres Atherstone Road, new roof and side extension to garage to form 2 bed annex – granted.

1744 HS2 (High Speed Train) project

HS2 update – Clerk to try to obtain a copy of the NWLDC consultation document.

1745 Footpaths, Hedgerows, Street and Allotment Matters

- a. A mower has been purchased and the Parish Council will reimburse the cost of £150.00, storage required on site.

1746 Appleby Recreation Ground

- a. Legal ownership of the ground still ongoing – Clerk to ask Crane & Walton for an update.
- b. No development re the insurance claim – remove from the agenda.
- c. A request had been put forward for a local junior football team to play on the recreation field – members unanimously approved this. Another junior team has also been given approval to play on the field, however the Parish Council was not consulted re this matter.

1747 Neighbourhood Plan – nil to report.

1748 General Items for Discussion

- a. New village 3D sign – Cllr Whitehurst had produced several draft pictures depicting the sign – Number 1 was selected for further design work by Cllr Whitehurst.

- b. Appleby Magna Recreation Ground - a meeting took place with Crane & Walton Solicitors to take this matter forward – waiting for response.
- c. Play area grant from Tesco Bags of Help of £12k, with £2k pledged by the Parish Council – Cllr Bird reported that work will start on 24 April 2017 and will last approximately 8 days. A Grand Opening will be held at an agreed date. Cllr Bird to ask Mr Denson for a quote to remove the existing play equipment – with a maximum cost of £300, but much less if possible.
- d. AMCC annual invoice of £1k towards upkeep of the sports field has been paid.
- e. Residents of Garton Close had suggested that a play area be built on the small piece of PC land – the Parish Council does not support the idea of a play area at this time as there will soon be a brand new play area on the recreation field and another within the Charles Church development. However, members asked the Clerk to request suggestions for the Garton Close land that would benefit the whole community.
- f. A resident who lives in Bowleys Lane asked if the small area of land adjacent to their garden and backing onto the recreation field could be cleared of brambles etc., members approved this if the resident wishes to carry out the work.

1749 Correspondence - nil

1750 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 Annual Governance Statement 2016/17 was read out, signed and approved – **RESOLVED**, unanimous.
- d. The Accounting Statements for 2016/17 were read out, signed & approved – **RESOLVED**, unanimous – unaudited at this time.
- e. Exercise of Public Rights Accounts for year ended 31 March 2017 was agreed, to be published from 05/06/17 to 14/07/17.
- f. The completion checklist was completed where feasible.
- g. The Annual Governance Statement, Accounting Statement and Exercise of Public Rights and the Declaration of the status of the Accounts to be published on the Parish Council web site

1751 Ideas for Written Piece – Parish News Line

New play area equipment – work will start on the recreation ground play area on the 24th April 2017 – the play area will be closed for several days. Keep an eye out for the Grand Opening – check out the web site and notice boards.
Speed Limits in the village – please adhere to the speed limits in the village (most are 30mph) – we are receiving reports of vehicles travelling over 60mph.

Appleby Allotments –there are a few vacant allotment plots available – if you are interested, please contact Cllr Peter Smith on 01530 272061.

Dog waste – it is an offence to leave dog waste in public areas – please pick up after your dog. You will see stencils on the pavement along Church Street – this denotes an area where people are letting their dogs foul and not picking up after the dog – this is your responsibility, not your dogs.

1752 Urgent Items – Cllr Gothard asked if the Government Pension scheme had been addressed, the Clerk said this was being resolved. Cllr Gothard also asked if the NJC national salary award had been addressed – it has.

The meeting ended at 9 pm

Date of next meeting: [May 4 2017, 7.30pm @The Stables Community room, Sir John Moore School – Annual Parish Council Meeting.](#)