

## Appleton Wiske Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held by **Zoom** on **Monday 11th January 2021** that commenced at 7.30 pm.

### Present

Cllrs Derek Partington (DP (Chair)), Ken Blackwood (KB (Vice-Chair)), Richard Hauserman (RH), Richard Johnson (RJ), Michelle Thompson (MT), Neil Slade (NS), David Hugill (DH (NYCC)), Sue McDonnell (SM (Clerk)) and 1 member of the public.

<b>1.</b>	<b><u>Public Comment</u></b> – LF owns one of the plots on Hornby Road and has already emailed the PC about this. Her internet connection prevented her adding to this email but she wanted to listen to the discussion about the planning application for it.	
<b>2.</b>	<b><u>Apologies &amp; Declarations of interest for any agenda item</u></b> Apologies were received from Jackie McReddie (JR), and Steve Watson (SW (HDC)). RH declared an interest in item 4d.	<b><u>Action</u></b> none
<b>3.</b>	<b><u>Minutes of the December 2020 meeting</u></b> KB had proposed 2 amendments to the Minutes of the December 2020 meeting and the amended minutes were approved. SM to circulate them and DP to sign.	<b>SM/DP</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b><u>Financial Matters</u></b>	
	Resolved to pay the following, all electronically:- a) Clerk's salary Oct – Dec £387.46. b) HMRC for Clerk's PAYE £96.80. c) Alverton Press for winter newsletter £195.00.	<b>SM</b>
<b>d)</b>	Received since the last meeting:- £8.33 from JH for allotment rent to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2022.	None
<b>5.</b>	<b><u>Planning Matters</u></b>	
<b>a) and b)</b>	Application for construction of 2 stone built four bedroom detached dwellings with double garages (plots 1 and 2) - land to West of Smithy Green, Hornby Road – refs 20/02642/FUL and 20/02643/FUL – Chair had e-mailed HDC's Planning Officer for clarification before the meeting. Decision notice from outline application stated buildings were to be single storey only, with a ridge height no more than OS 54m datum (above sea level), i.e. the same height as the Smithy Green bungalows, otherwise they would detract from character and form of the village. No dimensions on the drawings with the planning application but plans clearly shows two storey dwellings and not single storey bungalows, although the second storey is in the roof space. AWPC had expressed concerns when the outline planning application was submitted for this site and it was noted that the developer is the same one who did the Prospect Garage development which was built higher than indicated on undimensioned plans. Resolved that DP respond to HDC to reiterate the PC's original position and stressing the effect on character and form as in HDC's original Decision Notice.	<b>DP/SM</b>
<b>c)</b>	Certificate of Registration for New Property/Address – Plots 1 and 2 adjacent Village Hall, Front Street to be named The Hideaway and Meadow View respectively – noted.	None
<b>d)</b>	Application for variation or removal of condition 3 (hedge and fence) for previously approved application 14/01240/FUL – construction of a stable block & the change of use of agricultural land to private equestrian and agricultural as by amended plan received by HDC 5 <sup>th</sup> August – Whinfell, Hornby Road. Resolved that the PC had no observations.	<b>SM</b>

<b>6.</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	
<b>a)</b>	<b>Police Report</b> – for December received listing 1 incident of Anti-Social Behaviour in Appleton Wiske. PC Christopher Hughes had been invited to attend a PC Zoom meeting to discuss the reports and parking issues in the village. A response had been received from PCSO Kim Laws and her colleague offering to attend a meeting. Resolved to defer this as Police occupied with more important issues due to covid and lockdown.	<b>SM</b>
<b>b)</b>	E-mail received from resident DY complaining about mud on the road at the site of the 2 proposed dwellings on Hornby Road. DP had contacted DY but rain had now washed the mud away. No proposed action.	None
<b>c)</b>	Letter and poster received from Office for National Statistics stating that the census takes place on 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2021. It will be the first digital census and asking that the PC contact them re people needing help in completing it or lack digital skills. Discussion held re item for next newsletter but may be too late. Poster already on notice board. Resolved that SM scans letter and circulates them to PC members and KB checks who is missing from his list of village contacts with a view to distributing letters to those where the PC do not have emails or including in the next newsletter if early enough. For action next meeting	<b>SM/KB</b>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b>	
<b>a)</b>	Improvements to the centre of the village – members’ ideas. Most PC members had replied so far. Several options were discussed and the general view seems to be to re-lay the path to the Post Office/shop and to block pave the area to the south of this. There were various ideas regarding improving/paving the area to the immediate north of the path including hard surfacing part of this area to create more space for locals and visitors to be able to sit outside. Resolved that remaining PC members to circulate their ideas to KB who will collate them before next meeting.	<b>All/KB</b>
<b>b)</b>	20’s plenty update – DH joined the meeting. A speed survey had been done in the past and RH suggested requesting that it is done again in the area over the bridge and down Front Street. If speeds average over 20 mph it would put forward a good case for 20 mph in the village but if less than 24 mph signage would be adequate. Speed activated signs are expensive and could cost in excess of £1,000. Resolved that RH progress the speed survey when the lockdown is over, as currently there is reduced traffic, and discuss again at next meeting.	<b>RH</b>
<b>c)</b>	Reply from Northern Powergrid re complaint of incident near the school. Members felt reply was fine. KB reported a problem on 11 <sup>th</sup> January in Hunters Ride, barriers had been put up outside his house and that of several neighbours meaning people couldn’t get their cars off their drives. After enquiring he found that the company were putting new telecoms in and was told that there was no obligation to inform householders in advance.	None
<b>d)</b>	Purchase and siting of replacement trees in the village including e-mails from HJ and Helen Arnold the arboriculturalist. – discussion was held re Yorkshire Water and whether the PC could find out where water pipes ran across the village green. Both SM and NS replied that they can only supply information about the clean and dirty water pipes into the village and under the roads. Resolved to order the trees after the next meeting for planting in February/March.	None
<b>e)</b>	Donation to Appleton Wiske Pre-School – thanks received from EH. Resolved that SM reply and mention that the Pre-School could apply to the Educational Foundation for a grant.	<b>SM</b>
<b>f)</b>	Extension of grass cutting contract for 2021 season – Resolved that the contract be extended for this season but SM to remind the contractor which areas should not be cut.	<b>SM</b>

<b>8.</b>	<b>Reports from Representatives</b>	
a)	Newsletter – MT is hoping to have next newsletter printed and delivered by 20 <sup>th</sup> March and needs articles by 1 <sup>st</sup> March, the Census to be included if possible. PC members to write their personal article if not done so yet. Village history articles are always popular – suggestions to MT. DP replied that feedback had been fantastic from the winter newsletter and MT was thanked.	<b>MT/AII</b>
b)	Update on ARA land transfer from HDC - KB. KB had circulated the draft documents along with his comments on them. Resolved that if there is no more feedback by the end of this week he will forward the queries to the Solicitor using the Parish Clerk's contact address.	<b>KB/AII</b>
c)	Village green registration – RJ had obtained feedback from Ravensworth PC through the Village Hall Facebook page on their experience and is waiting for replies from 1 more PC which he will bring back to the next meeting. KB had contacted YLCA to find out why they had not circulated other parishes asking about pros and cons of doing this and they said they had e-mailed the Clerk on 26 <sup>th</sup> November and were awaiting her reply. SM didn't remember seeing the e-mail. Resolved that SM replies to YLCA to answer their query.	<b>KB/SM</b>
d)	Pruning of shrubs at the side of Willow End – KB. The weather has been too cold and wet to do this but it will be done when weather improves.	<b>KB</b>
e)	Possible use of Village Hall for coronavirus vaccinations – KB. KB had contacted Mowbray House to offer to assist if they wished to use the hall for the vaccinations. MT replied that from her experience so far it was unlikely they will do this as they are using the Forum in Northallerton as a centre and Appleton Wiske is within 10 miles from the Forum. Probably not worth pursuing this for a couple of weeks.	
<b>9.</b>	<b>Items for information or next month's agenda</b>	
a)	Flooding outside Willow End, Front Street. SM took photographs and e-mailed them to PC members. SM had recently reported the problems there to Highways DP and had spoken to the Highways workman who had come to repair the pavement from the corner to the allotments. He had been asked to repair any holes 40 mm deep or larger. She also mentioned that the main problem on the corner was that the kerbs had never been raised since the house was built in 1998 and the water there was also flooding the BT box in the lowered pavement. DP said that Highways usually responded quickly to blocked gulleys. Resolved that SM report the blocked gully and need to raise the pavement to NYCC Highways.	<b>SM</b>
b)	DP reported that someone had crashed into the Baker Street road sign. Resolved that he will repair it.	<b>DP</b>
c)	RH mentioned the signs the PC had previously attached to village benches during lockdown and asked whether they were needed again. PC members didn't think they were.	None
d)	KB said that the grassed areas outside 2 The Paddock and 2 Prospect View had been damaged by cars running over it. If a wider access strip was required the owners would need to apply to the PC. Resolved that KB and DP respectively speak to the owners.	<b>KB</b>
e)	The HDC dog warden had told KB that if the PC required an additional dog waste bin it would cost £341. The PC did not think it was necessary at the moment.	None
f)	RH stated that the PC should start looking at the policies which MT had prepared and suggested that a few should be reviewed at each meeting starting with the Finance group of policies. Resolved that MT re-send this group of policies to PC members for comment before the next meeting.	<b>All</b>
g)	KB had noticed the General Power of Competence rules on an e-mail from YLCA. Resolved that he looks into this on the PC's behalf.	<b>JM</b>

Meeting closed at 9.25 pm. Next meeting Monday 1st February 2021 at 7.30 p.m.

Sue McDonnell, Clerk, Appleton Wiske Parish Council