

Appleton Wiske Parish Council – Minutes Nov 22

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Monday 7 November 2022 commencing 7.30 pm.

Present: Appleton Wiske Councillors Richard Johnson, Shirley Duffield, Ken Blackwood, Derek Partington, Richard Hauserman (Chaired meeting) Jackie McReddie, Helen Johnson (clerk), Cllr Annabel Wilkinson (NYCC) (left early, at 8.35pm) and Cllr Steve Watson (HDC) (left early, at 8.35pm)

1. Public Participation.

No members of the public attended.

2. Apologies and approval for absence.

Michelle Thompson was absent. Her reason was approved.

3. Dispensations and Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Approval of Minutes of the October 2022 Meeting.

The minutes were approved and signed.

5. Matters Arising and Action Log.

5.i Footpaths – strim Rounton/riverside. The landowner has offered to trim the riverside path when the hedge is trimmed.

5.ii Hedge on Cheesecake: Has been reported (twice) to NYCC. Noted that hedge trimming is a landowner responsibility. Moved to report to NYCC again.

5.iii Crime prevention. Deferred. A question has been put to a forthcoming online session with the Police and Crime Commissioner.

5.iv Trees – trim for grass cutting access. Completed.

5.v Trees – safety survey. Enquiries made with NYCC tree survey person. Noted that a councillor would like to accompany the surveyor when the task is undertaken.

5.vi Trees – replace dead rowans. Deferred, due to absence.

5.vii Storage. Broadacres are not repairing derelict garages. Resolved to suggest to Broadacres that Appleton Wiske Parish Council shares the cost of re-roofing a garage, in return for use of it.

5.viii Bank account, open dual authorisation a/c. Lloyds bank requires personal details of all signatories, in order to open an account. Moved to open an account using details for clerk and KB, and add others at a later date.


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5.viv Councillors' expenses. Moved that Task and Complete group update policy.

5.x Newsletter: Deferred, due to absence. Noted that Newsletter has been delayed.

5.xi ARA management agreement: 1985 agreement still stands. Task completed.

5.xii Hornby road footpath sign. NYCC have scheduled a new sign for the new financial year.

5.xiii Night noise survey. Advice from HDC Environmental Health officer circulated. No further action.

5.xiv Litter. Anti litter signs in process of being erected. Moved to congratulate Cllr Duffield for her work on this task.


5.xv Waste bins by bus shelter. Still awaiting response from HDC.

5.xvi River bank erosion. Noted that the River Wiske Drainage Board no longer exists. The landowner is reluctant to move the fence back from the river, as this has already been done once, and more land would be lost. Moved to contact NYCC Footpaths officer for advice.


5.xvii Access/repairs to greens The Paddock. Completed.

6. Planning Matters.

(Resolved to change the order of the agenda, because AW and SW had to leave early, and wished to hear the discussion on Planning.)


6.i Outline application for the construction of 2no dwellings. 
Land To The North Of Greencroft Appleton Wiske Northallerton North Yorkshire
DL6 2AJ
Ref. No: 22/02441/OUT | Received: Thu 20 Oct 2022 | Validated: Fri 21 Oct 2022 | Status: Awaiting decision

Moved to object, on the basis that the site is open land, so development there would be against existing policies.

6.ii Certificate of Lawful Use (Existing) Relating to Use of Existing Building for B1(c) Light Industrial Use Class (now Class E Use Class) Purposes 
Buttons Alterations Prospect House Farm Appleton Wiske North Yorkshire DL6 2AS
Ref. No: 22/02290/CLE | Received: Wed 05 Oct 2022 | Validated: Wed 05 Oct 2022 | Status: Awaiting decision

No comments.

6.iii Appeal under section 78 Land East of former Shorthorn Inn, Hornby Road, Appleton Wiske, North Yorkshire. Ref Application for Outline Planning

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Permission with some matters reserved (considering access) for the construction of 4no dwellings.

Application Ref: 22/00331/OUT 22/0034/REFUSE

Appeal Ref: APP/G2713/W22/3304618

Moved to write to Planning Inspectorate, maintaining previous objections.

7. Police Report.

The police reported no crimes in Appleton Wiske in October.

Crime prevention deferred until after zoom session with Police and Crime Commissioner.

8. Task and complete group – Financial standing orders – progress report.

Draft NALC financial regulations have been circulated for amendment to Appleton Wiske's specific needs. Standing Orders awaiting. Noted this is for Task and Complete group, not full Council.

9. Budget 23-24 draft. Consider objectives for year 23-24.

A budget must be approved at the December 5 Parish Council meeting, as HDC must receive the precept request by 31 Dec.

Resolved to set up a separate meeting, before 5 Dec, to consider the budget in detail.

10. Northern Powergrid – greens ownership, report.

Northern Powergrid have been informed that the green in Hunters Ride is Registered Open Space. Matter closed.

11. Playing field/ARA/Pavilion.

The Pavilion is an ARA responsibility. AWPC may consider sharing storage space in future.

12. Road safety/20mph speed limits/Rounton/Picton junction verge.

NYCC have painted 'slow' on the approach to the junction, and installed a new sign warning of a junction. NYCC has no funds for any further work at this site.

The 20mph campaign looks unlikely to progress further unless/until there is change at national level.

Hence, no further action from AWPC at present.

13. Grass cutting contract tender, specification and maps.

Maps of the village green were presented. Moved that maps indicating the grass to be mown be produced. This includes verges, that are cut for NYCC.

Historically, some households fronting the village green have wished to cut the grass outside their houses. Noted that leaving such areas out of a two year grass-cutting contract risks grass going uncut should the householder move away, etc.

Resolved to write to all householders fronting the village green, allowing them to opt out of contract mowing outside their house, provided they make a signed undertaking to cut the grass, to a standard approved by the Parish Council, for two years.

14. Village green tubs: repair/replace/replant.

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Resolved to buy plants to replant tubs on Front Street.
Resolved to buy two new tubs, to replace worn out ones.

15. Proposal to buy new laptop, consider price/model.

Resolved to replace outdated laptop used for Parish clerk's work, with a large screen model to facilitate viewing spreadsheets.

16. Financial Matters:

16.i Monthly financial report

Bank balances total £20,221.49.

Of this, £2,173.24 is Appleton in Bloom money (earmarked for planting, etc.)

£7,246.99 is Construction Industry Levy money, and may be spent only on infrastructure/capital projects.

Hence, cash 'available' to AWPC is £10,801.26.

Expenditure budgeted for the remains of the financial year is £6,106.61.

Significant deviations from budget so far are:

Clerks' tax - £309 more than budgeted (due to changing clerks, handover/training time)

Grass-cutting, £189 more than budgeted.

16.ii Resolved to pay the following invoices:

15.i.a C Baines/Whitegates for compost, topsoil, and violas for tubs.

Value as yet unknown.

15.i.b Village Hall, invoice 74, hall hire 5 Sept, £12.00

15.i.c H Johnson, stamp to post change of address form to Northern Powergrid, £0.68

15.i.d H Johnson, printer paper for Parish Council use, £9.50

15.i.e H Johnson, training hours 1 Aug, 8 Aug, 5 Sep, 29 Sep: 4.5 hours in total.

15.i.e YLCA, VAT training for clerk, Invoice 696-2223, £30.00

15.i.f YLCA, Budget training for clerk, Invoice 714-2223, £30.00

15.i.g H Johnson, stamp and envelope (post to Santander bank) £1.75

16.iii Payments Noted:

Payment made to PT landscapes, grass cutting, invoice 4231, £390.

The Clerk will pay PT landscapes' October grass-cutting invoice, when it arrives, under current Standing Orders.


16.iv Receipts Noted:

Northern Powergrid, 15 September, wayleave, received £5.75

17 Correspondence.

17.i Cherry Tree Cottage, cracked concrete outside house/request gutter drain.

Resolved to grant permission for repairs to cracked concrete, at householder's expense.


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Noted that the current gutter drains onto the open concrete. If this were to be taken underground, it would need Yorkshire Water to connect it to the storm water drain.

17.ii Pre-school, grant towards fireworks. Moved to make a grant of £200.

17.iii Horby Road, obscured road sign outside Winfell. Noted, no action from AWPC.

17.iv NYCC, Prepare, Act, Survive invitation to flood risk webinars, 7-11 Nov. Noted.

17.v Design Art, web host, notification of retirement, Jan 23. Moved to get quotes from alternative suppliers.

17.vi HDC, District council tax harmonisation following Unitary Authority. Noted.

17.vii HDC, request AW Parish Precept by 31 Dec 22. Noted.

18 Clerk's report.

Noted that clerk's hours working continue to exceed budgeted 14 hours. Clerk monitoring activities. Hope is that after a year, experience will provide efficiencies.

Noted that six month probationary period will expire in mid -November.

19. Reports from Representatives.

There were no reports from representatives

20. Items for information or next month's agenda.

Village Shop.
Repainting of village signs.
Replacement Internal Auditor

Date and time of next meeting Monday 5 December 2022 at 7.30 p.m.
Helen Johnson, Clerk, Appleton Wiske Parish Council


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