

Minutes of the Annual Appleby Parish Meeting held on 5th May 2021 at 6.30 pm via Zoom

Present: Councillor I Keyes (Chair),
Parish Clerk Mrs K McGrath,
Cllr Rob Waltham, Leader North Lincolnshire Council
8 Residents of Appleby Parish

- 1) **Cllr Keyes, Chair of Appleby Parish Council**, welcomed everyone and gave the following report.

The biggest impact over the past two years has undoubtedly been Coronavirus. But I know of only two actual cases in the Parish. Residents have done remarkably well social distancing wise. Council meetings have been convened using Zoom technology, and we will be returning to face-to-face meetings from 7th May. The 2020 Annual Parish and Parish Council Annual meeting was cancelled in 2020 as a result of Covid restrictions and so this resume covers the period from May 2019 until the present day.

The Parish Neighbourhood Plan was formally adopted in September 2019 and references to the NP have resulted in amendments being made to applications for a retrospective wood burning generator, also to deter an application for a large waste material lagoon and a large intensive chicken unit on the edge of the village to the benefit of residents—albeit the latter can still be appealed. During the same period approval for a number of appropriate residential developments for residents were made.

A large Solar Park development is proposed in our Ward, the battery storage unit being within our Parish. We have been able to discuss vehicle movements to mitigate traffic issues on Parish roads, which include the movement of hardcore for certain requirements not increasing traffic at High Santon.

Issues over the last two years have been varied:

Flooding was a problem throughout the Parish for the Village, Santon and the Station Area. Backing up of sewerage on School Lane appear to have been rectified although we are now aware that there is ingress into the system via issues with pipework. We have worked closely with Anglian Water in that respect. Ongoing issues are still being worked for the Station Area as well as the village and flooding on Dawes Lane which was quite severe in 2019, although there has been a lesser impact this year. Discussions are ongoing with British Steel.

The children's playground has new tables and seating and we are in the process of obtaining a grant for new play equipment at the moment. The playground and the playing field generally is very popular, including residents from other areas.

The War Memorial head stone has been renovated and the Oak Tree, itself has been pruned back.

Parish Residents have adopted a Community Speed Watch scheme which operates on Risby Road and the Station Area, with discussion still ongoing to include High Santon. Talks are still being held with Highways regarding traffic calming measures on Ermine Street. We have been able to negotiate a Tarmac HGV curfew overnight between 22:30 and 07:00.

There are ongoing discussions with NLC and British Steel regarding concerns at Santon relating to speeding, road sweeping, verge and path maintenance, assets and responsibilities for maintenance, and PROW gating. Off road vehicles on PROW are being addressed County wide by Community Police.

Promised road repairs at Demeter house/Santon Lane junction, and the un-adopted road between Toll Cottages and Woodside Concrete, have been carried out, along with issues on Ermine Street and Risby Road corner. The footpath between the village and the Station Area has been cleared ready for resurfacing.

PC have also taken responsibility for verge maintenance in the Village along with PROW at High Santon and Keb Wood.

There has been a relatively high change of residents for the Parish during the last 2 years, some of which were due to a Trustee of the Estate wanting to dispose of properties which were rented to some long-term residents, which unfortunately we had no influence over. It was sad to see those residents having to leave.

The link between Carr Lane and the Ancholme Way has been formally approved and work is starting to make that connection more accessible for residents which is a first for the Parish in terms of it being an official walk way. This being part of a wider County objective to have the North end of the Ancholme Valley given a status of Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, to tie in with the existing designation further South

We have had a change in personnel by way of Lynne Watson leaving as Parish Clerk, being replaced by Kerry McGrath, who has fitted in very well and brings new level of experience to the position.

Councillor Ian Hook retired due to ongoing health issues, Cllr Nikki Byrne took on the role, who in turn has been replaced by Cllr Brian Horsefield.

Overall, the we have had continued input from residents which is welcomed and Councillors and our Clerk have worked very hard to resolve the concerns brought to them.

Last but not least I must mention our two most regular residents at PC meeting who are unable to attend not just because of Covid, but Sheila Hesseltine has decided to move into a care home and Mary Welch who has suffered a fall at home, but according to family is doing well and waiting in a review before returning home. They would normally never have missed a meeting.

2) Resident Participation

Santon resident thanked the parish council for the communication via the parish magazine and wanted to raise issues at Santon.

- Speeding concerns, particularly helmetless motorcyclists on Santon Lane near to High Santon Villas.
- Speeding lorries, particularly Tarmac lorries.
- Poor state of roads, verges and footpaths.
- Lack of notice when Dawes Lane is closed to through vehicles. Request early notices.
- Fly tipping and littering is a problem that is being addressed by a local litter picking team. Inviting everyone to a big litter pick on 15th May. Groups from Scunthorpe and Broughton are joining them on Santon Lane and will cover areas from Demeter House to Santon.
- The tyres that have been pulled out from the verges are being painted up and planted with plants.

Meeting ended at 6.48pm