

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF APPLETON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 15 APRIL 2014 AT 7.30PM IN THE PARISH HALL FOLLOWING THE CLOSURE OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING.

PRESENT: - Mrs. S J Benger (Chair)

Mrs. D Edwards (Deputy Chair)

Dr. I Axcell, Mrs. V P Davies, Mrs. J M Walker and Ms J C Wheeler

Mr. K J Arnett, Dr. B P Axcell, Mr. J L Price, Mr. B K Smith and Mr. P J Walker

Mrs. L E Parker (Clerk)

1. Apologies

Apologies received from Mrs. S A Harris and Mr. T M Stansfield prior to the meeting.

2. To receive Declarations of Interest and to consider requests for Dispensations

No declarations of interest or requests for dispensation were made at the start of the meeting.

3. Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)/Police Report

PCSO Dave Mahon (DM) in attendance.

Reported incidents in Appleton from 19 March to 14 April:

1 burglary (from a detached garage) and 9 reports of anti-social behaviour.

DM advised of an operation with Warrington Borough Council (WBC) Trading Standards for a Rogue Trader Enforcement Day held on 9 April with the result of 1 vehicle seized for no insurance plus intelligence on bogus builders – 48 vehicles stopped and intercepted a Rogue Trader saving £4,000.

Reference was made to the “What is a Pedlar?” notice which was copied to all Councillors with a copy displayed on the internal Parish Council notice board.

Traffic enforcement carried out on in March on the B5356 with the resultant article including photograph in the 10 April edition of the Warrington Guardian.

DM reported that contact had been made with WBC concerning a fixed speed camera on the B5356 however as speed limits were being reviewed in Appleton, this issue is being put on hold.

4. Public Participation

a) Mrs. Morse, 24 Dudlow Green Road, in attendance who raised the following issues:

- Parking of vehicles visiting the Dudlow Green shops causing “unnecessary” obstruction and lorries using her driveway to reverse into / turn around. PCSO Mahon advised that vehicles should not park within 32ft (10m) of a junction, drivers can be booked for obstruction and recommended that the registration number of vehicles be taken and reported to the Police to follow up with the Co-op.

Mr. J L Price suggested the installation of white ‘H’ lines however Ms J Wheeler advised this may involve a cost. Dr. B P Axcell agreed to speak to the Assistant Director, WBC regarding this issue and also the extending of the double yellow lines down Pineways and opposite the Parish Hall entrance.

- Condition of pavements on Pineways.
- The height and the overhanging hedge adjacent to her property and the resultant rubbish.

As ownership of the land was unknown, Members requested a quote be obtained for cutting the hedge at least once a year from perhaps Springbrook Landscapes as the contractor already carried out work on behalf of the Parish Council. The Clerk advised that the Parish Ranger had been requested to clear litter from the area and when visited the site the following morning, there was no litter in evidence.

- No more houses for Appleton.

Mr. P J Walker clarified that the “green land” remained until 2025 which was a popular decision with residents even though roads had been built and referred to the draft WBC Local Plan.

- b) Mr. David Hands, a resident of Old Pewterspear Lane, raised concerns on the surface of the road due to the large number of potholes however advised that he did not wish for the path to be tarmacked.

Dr. B P Axcell agreed to raise the issue with the WBC, Assistant Director.

Public Participation ended at 8.05pm.

5. Planning

Current Planning Applications

The recommendations of the Planning Committee on applications received since the last meeting were accepted and it was Resolved that the following recommendations be forwarded to the Development Manager, WBC:

Planning applications to 15 March 2014

- a) NO OBJECTION to the following applications:

- 2014/23368 Mr. Mike Osborne - Discharge of Condition - Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 2 (Materials), 4 (Contaminated Land), 8 (Protection of trees), 9 (Landscaping Scheme), & 10 (Proposed levels) following previously approved application 2013/21920 at land to the rear of The Foxes, Firs Lane, Appleton.
- 2014/23401 Mr. M Ashall - Full Planning - Proposed partial barn conversion to extend existing residential dwelling at Hillside Farm Cottage, Hillside Road, Appleton.
- 2014/23407 Mr. John Stockton - Householder - Proposed construction of a single storey front and side extension comprising porch, WC, utility room and kitchen at 59 Bridge Lane, Appleton.
- 2014/23422 Mrs. L Eckersley Neale - Householder - Proposed single storey front and side garage extension, single storey rear extension, external render finish and internal room re-arrangement at 23 Pineways, Appleton.
- 2014/23432 Mr. Dennis Kay - Householder - Proposed double storey kitchen and bedroom extension to rear elevation, plus loft conversion including dormers to front and rear at 7 Highwood Road, Appleton.
- 2014/23435 Richard Wooley - Householder - Proposed flat roof rear extension to replace existing conservatory at 4 Parkland Close, Appleton Thorn.

Mrs. D Edwards, as a nearby resident, did not take any part in the discussions or the recommendation made.

- 2014/23458 Mr. S Daly - Householder - Proposed single storey rear extension and two storey side extension at 32 Warren Drive, Appleton.
- 2014/23491 Mrs. Rebecca Bates - Householder - Proposed bedroom extension over existing attached garage to side elevation at 12 Chessington Close, Appleton.
- 2014/23508 Mr. A Bramhall - Householder - Proposed detached garden store and potting shed at Longwood House, Cann Lane North, Appleton.

- 2014/23526 Mr. M Gregory - Householder - Proposed replacement of 2 No recessed brick panels with windows on ground floor of gable including new stone cills at 3 Saxon Close, Appleton.
- 2014/23558 Mr. Brian Harrison - Householder- Proposed removal of an existing conservatory and replacement with a single storey rear extension at 60 Hatfield Gardens, Appleton.
- 2014/23559 Mr. Dino Manfredi - Householder - Proposed single storey front and rear extensions at 33 Ashberry Drive, Appleton Thorn.

b) OBJECTION to the following applications:

- 2014/23332 Hensmill Property - Full Planning (Major) - Proposed construction of subterranean car storage facility (Sui-Generis Use Class) with ancillary office development and associated demolition and landscaping accessed from Crowley Lane at Former Stretton Airfield, Appleton Thorn.

The Parish Council welcomes improvements to the site. However the proposal represents an inappropriate, harmful form of development in the Green Belt as by definition it is not listed as an acceptable form of development under Green Belt Policy. The supporting statement also fails to demonstrate that very special circumstances exist to clearly outweigh the harm to Green Belt and residential amenity. In addition it is questioned whether the site will be used solely as a car storage facility or to include driving of the vehicles at speed on the existing hard surfaced runway of the former Stretton Airfield.

Due to the flat, low level of land, noise travels to residents of Appleton Thorn including the local primary school thus damaging residential amenity. Therefore the cumulative impact of the proposal would not only be inappropriate by definition but would also result in encroachment of the countryside and conflict with the purpose of including land within it. As a result, the proposal is not considered a sustainable form of development and would be in conflict with Policies GRN1, GRN2 & GRN3 of the Warrington Unitary Development Plan, Policies SN1, CS1, CS2, CS5, QE7 & CC2 of the emerging Warrington Local Plan Core Strategy and the National Planning Policy Framework in particular paragraphs 11-16, 47-55 & 79-92.

The Parish Council questions whether the site should actually be marked as a heritage site due to the site history and as remnant sections of Stretton Airfield runway, 2 air raid shelters and a water reservoir remain. The Parish Council notes the comments made by the Development Control Archaeologist, Cheshire Archaeology Planning Advisory Service, Cheshire Shared Services and agrees that a programme of archaeological mitigation would be required to record those elements of the original airfield complex which will be lost under the proposal. Buildings C and J should be subject to a Level II building survey, as defined in current English Heritage guidance. The Archaeologist also advises of an archaeological watching brief and as such a suitable condition should be put in place with the necessary wording suggested.

The Parish Council strongly objects to the application and, in addition, wonders what would be the future of the site following approval if a change of ownership or the site was sold as it is understood that planning permission is given to a site and not to an individual.

If the application is considered by the Planning Applications Sub-Committee/Development Management Committee it is requested that a site visit is undertaken by members of the Committee before any decision is made.

If the Committee is still of a mind to approve the application following a site visit, it is recommended that sensible conditions should be attached to the application, in addition to the one suggested above, such as:

- No racing of cars and / or no Sunday driving and / or no driving during school times.
- Community Impact Levy (CIL) or Section 106 for improvements at the B3536 junction opposite Shearings.
- Speed in which the cars can be driven due to the noise of the vehicles thus limiting the noise.

- Temporary permission could be granted for say 1 year with a review to extend permission.
- Access to the site should only be via the remodelled entrance off Crowley Lane.
- Planning permission shall enure for the benefit of the applicant only and no other person and upon cessation of the use/occupation of the site by the applicant, the use shall cease and the authorised use revert to its former use.

2014/23420 Mr. Geoff Page - Householder - Proposed garage conversion and Construction of new garage to front of existing dwelling at 10 Chiswick Gardens, Appleton.

It is felt that the proposed development will ruin the nature of the “open” development and damage the street scene.

Consideration needs to be given as to whether the proposed construction of a new garage will breach the 45 degree code in respect of the adjacent property at 12 Chiswick Gardens.

It is wondered why the applicant does not extend to the rear of the property behind the existing garage.

- c) For INFORMATION purposes only – specific comments are not necessarily being sought from the Parish Council by WBC:

2014/23419 Mr. Brian Harrison - Lawful Development Certificate (Section 192) - Proposed removal of existing conservatory and construction of a single storey rear extension at 60 Hatfield Gardens, Appleton.

2014/23453 Mr. P Bowler – Non-material amendment – Proposed non-material amendment following previously approved application 2013/22924 at 18 Hartswood Close, Appleton.

- d) TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS (TPOs)

2014/23509 Mr. M Bramich, Stockton Heath Lawn Tennis Club - TPO - Proposed works to trees at Stockton Heath Lawn Tennis Club, Delphfields Road, Appleton.

2014/23534 Mr. John Neale - TPO - Proposed removal of Beech tree at Cedarshade, Pineways, Appleton.

2014/23544 Mrs. J Macaulay – TPO – Proposed works to trees including felling of Silver Birch (T6) located on Birchdale Crescent and reduce the overhang on Beech (T5) located on the corner of Birchdale Crescent and London Road at the Croft, London Road, Appleton.

Due to Dr. B P Axcell being a substitute member on the WBC Planning Applications Sub Committee/Development Control Committee, he did not participate in the planning discussions or the recommendations agreed.

6. Previous Planning Applications

Refusals

2014/23158 Mr. J Bryan - Full Planning - Proposed construction of a new bungalow at Birch Tree Farm, Red Lane, Appleton.

2014/23419 Mr. Brian Harrison - Lawful Development Certificate (Section 192) - Proposed removal of existing conservatory and construction of a single storey rear extension at 60 Hatfield Gardens, Appleton.

7. Adopted Constitution – Planning and other applications

Email dated 25 March from the WBC Development Manager advising that on 24 March, WBC approved the changes to the Constitution in respect of applications to be considered by a Planning Committee and at officer level. A copy of the amended Council's Constitution was attached to the email and a copy has been provided to all Members.

8. Pavement Cafe Policy-Consultation

Email dated 26 March from the WBC Senior Licensing Assistant attaching a letter from the Community Safety & Licensing Manager, Guidance Notes to applicants and WBC Pavement Café Policy January 2014.

The Licensing Committee formally approved the policy at its meeting on 25 March and the consultation will run to 25 April 2014.

The Clerk advised that following a review of the document, no mention was made to smoking in the Pavement Café Policy and an enquiry was made to WBC. An email response from WBC dated 26 March advised that at the moment people are free to smoke in these areas and this will be looked at but please put your comments in a response.

It was therefore agreed by Members to respond to WBC as follows:

The Pavement Café Policy does not address the issue of smoking at an establishment and therefore should include a section on smoking.

9. – 12. Clerk's Report

9. Accounts

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Financial Year ending 2013/2014

The Councillors noted the Statement for the year ending 31 March 2014, with the reconciliation to the Bank Statements undertaken by the Chair, and confirmed the following Expenditure excesses over Budget:

	Budget	Expenditure	Excess	Explanation
Clerk's Salary and Expenses	£12,986.00	£13,519.48	£533.48	Grade Increase agreed Feb 2013.
Clerk's NI	£750.00	£769.69	£19.69	Increase cost on higher salary.
Asst. Clerk's Salary	£3,872.70	£4,034.64	£161.94	Increase as based on 75% Clerk's salary hourly rate.
Trade Refuse Collections	£1,250.00	£1,308.84	£58.84	Increased charge by WBC.
Parish Ranger Wages	£6,630.00	£6,700.20	£70.20	Agreed increase in line with WBC.

10. ID cards

The Clerk reminded Members to forward an individual photograph in the required jpeg format via email or by visiting Business Copy Centre, Chapel Lane, Stockton Heath to have a photograph taken.

11. Parish Council Website

The Clerk advised of meetings with Connor Simpson, a student who produced the Stockton Heath Parish Council website, on 26 March and 8 April to discuss the requirements for the Parish Council.

The Clerk suggested a few members from the F&GP Committee meet to review the website on Thursday 17 April at 11am and Councillors S J Benger and P J Walker agreed to attend.

Resolved that a new budget item in the sum of £500 under the name of 'Parish Council Website' be established using the general funds brought forward.

Also, the Clerk reported on two meetings with the District Inspector of the Mid-Cheshire Footpath Society to discuss the production of a *Walks in Appleton Parish* leaflet including a footpath map with its subsequent inclusion on the new Parish Council website. A copy of the 'Walks' leaflet was distributed to all by email and a hard copy was provided to Members for their information. The Councillors welcomed the production of the booklet and it was agreed to send a thank you to the District Inspector on the "most impressive" leaflet.

It was suggested that *Village Life* may wish to include the walks in their magazine.

Mr. J L Price volunteered to contact Dingle Farm to ascertain if they wished to display copies of the Walk leaflet. However it was agreed a price for printing the leaflet was necessary and eventually this would have to be added to the Parish Council's Model Publication Scheme.

Resolved that any costs involved with the *Walks* leaflet be covered from the General Contingency Budget.

It was also suggested that an article be placed in the next Newsletter referring to the new website and the *Walks in Appleton Parish* leaflet.

12. Correspondence/Communication

The following was noted and resolutions made where appropriate:

- a) Lumb Brook Millennium Green Limited –
 - i. Letter dated 24 March from The Secretary thanking the Parish Council for the grant of £2,500 which is to be paid in two installments with £1,000 being received to date.
 - ii. Spring Newsletter, including an article advising for the second year received Green Flag Award, forwarded to Members on 31 March.
- b) Mid Cheshire Footpath Society – Agenda for the AGM to be held on 24 April.
- c) Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence Notice in 20 March edition of the Warrington Guardian advising that Currie European Transport Ltd is applying to change an existing licence as follows:

To add an operating centre to keep 50 goods vehicles and 60 trailers at Unit 3F Warrington South, Appleton Thorn Trading Estate, Lyncastle Road.
- d) Email dated 28 March from the Stockton Heath Festival Trust enquiring on the availability of the Parish Hall on Friday 27 June for the Stockton Heath Country Dance Club for a Ceilidh as part of the Festival celebrations.

The Members agreed that the Parish Hall could be used at no cost as the event was part of the 2014 Festival events.
- e) Email dated 19 March from the WBC Play Development Officer advising that that 110 children attended the summer playscheme at the Parish Hall and 79 attended the Cobbs Infants School. The report includes recommendations for improvements for 2014 however confirmation was awaited on whether Tinies Childcare North West will be appointed again to manage the playschemes.
- f) Email dated 8 April from the Governance Officer advising that The Police & Crime Commissioner has recently refreshed his Police & Crime Plan, following consultation with residents of Cheshire and stakeholders on their priorities for policing. The 2014-16 version of the Plan is available now on the Commissioner's website and can be accessed

at <http://www.cheshire-pcc.gov.uk/Document-Library/Police--Crime-Plans/Police-and-Crime-Plan-2014-16.pdf>

A hard copy of the Police & Crime Plan 2014-16 can be sent upon request.

- g) Email dated 10 April sent on behalf of the WBC Highway Asset Maintenance and Street Works Manager advising that WBC will be starting to roll out a replacement programme for Warrington's 18,000 street lights to tackle the ageing stock and reduce energy consumption from the end of April. The project will take place over three years. Further information, maps showing when WBC will be entering each area and frequently asked questions can be found on the webpages for the project:

<http://www.warrington.gov.uk/streetlighting>

The intention is that prior to the works commencing in each area, WBC will provide copies of the leaflet to the libraries, community centres and Parish Councils and also, if required, give a presentation at a future parish council meeting.

Dr. B P Axcell reported on a presentation on 24 March and added that new lights would in fact be brighter and the range of light would be greater. However it was agreed by Members to request WBC to attend a future Parish Council meeting.

13. Accounts to 31 March 2014

Letter dated 24 March from BDO LLP the External Auditor advising that the audit date for the Parish Council has been selected as 7 July and the Annual Return has to be submitted to them by that date.

The Clerk distributed to all Members a copy of the balanced Receipts & Payments Account 2013/14 and page 2 Section 1 – Accounting statements 2013/14 of the Annual Return.

The Clerk confirmed that:

- a) The Receipts & Payments Account including an analysis of the funds available and the computerised Receipts & Payments Ledger have been finalised.
- b) Page 2 Section 1 of the Annual Return has subsequently been completed

Resolved that:

- i. As the figures fairly reflect the financial position of the Parish Council, Mrs. S J Benger should sign off the Receipts & Payments Account and Ledger.
- ii. Mrs. S J Benger, as Chair and the Clerk sign Page 2 of the Annual Return prior to review by the Internal and External Auditors.
- iii. JDH Business Services Ltd, who has effectively undertaken the required internal audit previously, be appointed to undertake the Annual Internal Audit for the Accounts to 31 March 2014 in accordance with Section 4 of the Annual Return with subsequent report to be reviewed by the Parish Council on receipt.

14. Grant Request - Playability (formerly Warrington Association for Special Children)

Email dated 24 March from the Director of Playability looking for funding to provide play and leisure facilities for children and young people aged between 5 and 19 years with learning disabilities many of who have physical and health problems. Annual Report and Accounts for 2012 – 2013 included. The Clerk reported that in a subsequent email dated 26 March it has been confirmed that five children living in Appleton access their playschemes.

Resolved that a grant of £250 be made.

15. Clerks & Councils Direct

Letter confirming that the annual subscription for the bi-monthly magazine expires with the May 2014 edition and enquiring if renewal is required at £12.00 per subscriber.

Resolved that the subscription be paid for Mrs. D Edwards, Mrs. J M Walker, Ms J C Wheeler & Dr. B P Axcell at a total cost of £48 and their magazines will be made available for circulation to other Councillors if required.

16. Proposed 20mph Speed Limits in Appleton

The Clerk confirmed that a copy of the presentation given by the Traffic Management and Road Safety Officer, WBC was sent to all members on 19 March including the following clarification:

- To qualify a road should be a residential road (20 dwellings or more), not a key link road, not a primary emergency service route and not a primary bus route (less than 4 buses an hour).

Emails from the WBC Collision Investigation Principal Engineer dated:

- 19 March copied to Members reporting that Arley Road will not be included.
- 27 March attaching schedules and layouts – previously forwarded to Members.

Discussion ensued by Members on roads that should be included and also comment was made that the information was contradictory.

The Clerk advised that the roads in Appleton were covered in Batch 8 however agreed to forward the email received from Dr. B P Axcell dated 27 March from the WBC Collision Investigation Principal Engineer which attached the maps of roads to be included.

Mrs. D Edwards added that contact would be made with the Head of Appleton Thorn Primary School for his comments regarding Arley Road not being included.

17. Tree Wardens

Mr. J L Price, as Tree and Path Warden, reported on attendance at the Woodland Trust conference on 1 April advising that the Cheshire Landscape Trust did not exist anymore but was now known as Cheshire Wildlife Trust.

It was suggested by Mr. J L Price that the Parish Council should become an Associate Member of the Trust giving a £100 donation for a trial period of one year.

Resolved that a donation of £100 be agreed with funds being taken from the General Contingencies Budget.

Mr. J L Price confirmed he would forward the necessary paperwork to the Clerk.

18. Committee Reports

18.1 Environment

The Clerk confirmed that poppy seed had been given to Syd Edwards for sowing behind the War Memorial in commemoration of World War I.

i. Planters

The Clerk advised:

- The wording of 'Appleton Parish Council' has now been agreed for the planters to be sited outside the Bridge Lane Shops.
- Following a question raised by Golden Gates Housing Trust (GGHT), WAP Lawton & Son Ltd - the proposed contractor - has advised by email dated 9 April that the planters would be installed onto edging kerbs, which would not cause any damage to the tarmac surfacing underneath which has now been forwarded to GGHT.
- Following an introduction by Cllr. Celia Jordan to Peter Mercer, Chief Executive, GGHT a £50 donation is to be made towards the new planters by GGHT.

Once final approval obtained from GGHT, the planters will be ordered subject to a 4 to 6 week delivery time.

ii. Roadside verge outside no. 31 Bridge Lane

Mr. K J Arnett advised the resident of the cost of £400 for the planting of a tree who unfortunately is now unwilling to make a contribution towards the costs.

Discussion ensued between Members and it was agreed to defer any decision until a future meeting of the Committee.

18.2 Finance and General Purposes

a) Internal Redecoration/Painting of Parish Hall

Quotation dated 31 March from Embletons Decorators for the redecoration of the Parish Hall to apply two coats to walls etc at the main hall (below dado only), small hall (below dado only) and kitchen at a cost of £1,342.

Members agreed that the full walls of the Parish Hall needed redecorating and requested quotations be obtained.

b) Kitchen worktop

The Clerk advised that due to deterioration of the kitchen worktop below the hot water urn, a quotation was being obtained from Bridgewater & Sons for replacement of that part of the worktop.

c) NatWest Bank

Email dated 4 April from the NatWest Warrington Widnes and St Helens Business Manager Team advising that all the required identification for the requested Members has now been received and NatWest is awaiting confirmation that this concludes remediation.

d) Parish Hall Broken Window

Mrs. S J Benger and the Clerk met with the youth and mother on 27 March to discuss painting the fence under community payback scheme. The Police had previously agreed that a contribution towards the costs of the repair to the window and painting the side wooden fence was too much therefore suggested just the painting of the fence was the appropriate “pay back.”

The Clerk advised that contact had been made with the adjacent resident who suggested painting the fence green and a tub of paint ‘Forest Green’ has been purchased and agreed upon. The youth commenced work on 15 April but would have to return to complete the work once additional paint purchased.

18.3 Welcome Pack/Information Guide

The Clerk suggested that the introduction letter that is sent to new residents with the welcome pack/information guide, following the amendments received on Electoral Register, be revised. As the guide becomes out of date so quickly, rather than sending the welcome pack information guide in the post, the letter should be rewritten to:

- Point residents in the direction of the new website.
- Explain that a link is provided on the website to the welcome guide.

However a sentence would be included in the letter advising that if residents would like a hard copy of the document to contact the Clerk.

19. Minutes of Last Meeting

Resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18 March 2014 (copies of which had been circulated to each Member) were approved and signed by the Chair with the following amendment at Min. No. 12. c) from “25 March” to “24 March.”

20. Matters Arising for Updating and Noting Only

20.1 Community Litter Pick

Risk assessments were still awaited from the WBC Education & Promotion Officer however the Clerk suggested a meeting of Parish Councillors on 1 May at 11am to discuss the matter further.

For information, the Clerk advised of an article in the Spring 2014 *Countryside Voice* that reports, “As of next year, councils will simply be able to issue a civil penalty to the registered owner of a car responsible (for road users who throw litter out of a car).” Also in *Field Work* from CPRE it adds that litter has fallen to 15% down from 21% and the cost of clearing up litter remains at almost £1 billion a year though obviously this does not include all the ‘free’ man hours from volunteers.

20.2 HMP & YOI Thorn Cross

Email dated 21 March from the Governor thanking the Council for allowing her the opportunity to speak at the meeting, confirming that the points raised will be taken seriously and would like to continue to maintain positive relations with the community and Thorn Cross. The Governor refers to the offer of inviting select people to visit Thorn Cross to meet the staff and prisoners and wonders how best this could be pursued.

Members agreed that the Governor be advised that the Parish Councillors were interested on a visit and suitable dates be suggested for consideration.

20.3 Path from Dennow Farm to Park Lane

Email dated 27 March from the WBC Public Rights of Way Officer acknowledging receipt of the application for the addition of the lane to the definitive rights of way map and statement. Once the certificate stating that landowners have been notified as required by the legislation has been received, the application will be formally accepted and investigated.

20.4 Appleton Thorn War Memorial

Mrs. J M Walker commented that the flowers around the War Memorial looked “lovely and wished to minute the Parish Council’s thanks to Mr. Syd Edwards and “Team Thorn.”

20.5 Leaking Drain – Red Lane near the junction of Birchdale Road

Dr. B P Axcell advised that United Utilities had dug up the road and decided the leak was not a water supply issue as had carried out tests with die traces. The problem has now been passed to WBC.

20.6 Other issues

To the enquiry from Dr. I Axcell, the Clerk advised that no responses had been received from WBC on the outstanding issues below:

- Blocked drain on London Road opposite London Bridge Public House.
- No street signage on Mitchell Street.
- Mirror on Red Lane at junction with Birchdale Road.
- Retaining wall at Warren Drive/Tynwald Drive.

21. Parish and Borough Councillor Reports

- a) Mr. P J Walker reported on attendance at a South Area Board safety exhibition advising that LEDs were now available for household use and are very energy efficient.
- b) Mrs. J M Walker suggested that the Environment Committee investigate the planting of daffodil bulbs in areas around Appleton and referred to the crocuses and daffodils planted at Pilling Gardens, Stockton Heath.
- c) Dr. I Axcell referred to the Delphfields Road street name plate at the London Road junction that required replacing and again to the Mitchell Street name plate (in Stockton Heath) that was still awaited.
- d) Mr. B K Smith:
 - i. Requested articles for the forthcoming newsletter.
 - ii. Referred to the missing ‘No Horse Riding’ sign on the footpath behind Rosemoor Gardens just off Green Lane.

- e) Mrs. V P Davies advised that the three bollards on the footpath between the London Road Public House and the Stove shop to Waverley Avenue required re-painting with luminous paint due to safety concerns.
- f) Mrs. D Edwards:
 - i. Advised that a few residents had complained that there was no bus shelter on Lumb Brook Road however was aware that the resident of Bluebell Cottage did not want a shelter outside his house but wondered how this could be resolved.
 - ii. Commented that the new site for the Fire Station in Lymm appeared to be in the wrong place if there was traffic congestion on the M6 Thelwall Viaduct. However Mr. P J Walker said that there was “no perfect place” and it was hoped that drivers would move out of the way when emergency vehicles were required.
- g) Mrs. S J Bengier advised Members that a letter of ‘reference’ was written for Mr. Tim Stansfield of Dairy Farm on behalf of the Parish Council to the Homes & Communities Agency (HCA).

The meeting ended at 9.40pm.