

# APPLEBY-IN-WESTMORLAND TOWN COUNCIL

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## PROPERTY COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD IN THE MOOT HALL MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2023 at 8.02pm

### Present:

Cllr Anderton (Chair)  
Cllr Connell  
Cllr Chalmers  
Cllr Hayes (Mayor ex Officio)  
Cllr Rooke  
Cllr Stephenson

### Also in attendance:

Cllr Davidson  
Cllr Heap  
Town Clerk  
Clerk's Assistant  
Andrew Keogh (Herald)

### PR1/02/23 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received and noted from Cllr Curley and Cllr Pape.

### PR2/02/23 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Connell declared a personal interest in relation to any item on the agenda that relates to Cumbria County Council and Eden District Council. Cllr Anderton declared a personal interest in anything relating to Fair Hill, as her property borders the field.

### PR3/02/23 Actions from Previous Minutes

- **Update on Low Wiend Signage:** The Clerk reported that the pre-planning request has been submitted to EDC and is pending a response. As the planning department seem to have a bit of a backlog in processing enquiries, it has been decided to erect a temporary sign in the interim, which will be attached to the West Cloisters side door with permission from the tenant. Cllr Chalmers declared a personal interest as a town centre business owner, and asked whether there were plans to erect similar signs for any of the other streets off Boroughgate, as he felt this might raise some complaints from other businesses if the Council is deemed to be 'favouring' some businesses over others. The Clerk suggested that if and when planning is approved for the sign, then the Council could look into having similar signs erected for both High Wiend and Bridge Street, in order to keep all signage unified. Cllr Anderton highlighted that the Low Wiend board has been produced to make up for the loss of the A boards.
- **Fair Hill tidy-up:** The Clerk reported that Clean Eden have removed the oil drum and rubbish from the entrance to Fair Hill. Cllr Davidson will monitor the area to see what rubbish is left and if it does become a problem, then the only option would be to install a 'proper' bin with regular rubbish collections. Eden Wombles have agreed to add the area to their route of regular litter picking. The signage is ready but pending installation.
- **Butts' footpath lighting:** The issues with some of the lights on the Butts footpath have been reported to EDC, however the officer dealing with the lights has been off sick for two weeks. Cllr Connell requested a copy of the plan showing the problematic lights so he could follow this up with EDC directly.

### PR4/02/23 Chairman's Report

There was no Chairs report in respect of this meeting.

### PR5/02/23 Cloisters Drainage

The tenants of East and West Cloisters have reported drainage issues to the rear of their properties. It is possible that these issues are due to a collapsed drain, but as there are no manholes, it is difficult to pinpoint exactly what or where the problem is. A temporary fix can be done in the meantime, but if the problem is caused by collapsed underground pipework, then it may involve digging up the area in the churchyard, including the path to the church. The Clerk has reported the problem to United Utilities to see if this might be their responsibility and they are due to visit site before the end of the week. Cllr Stephenson highlighted the sense of urgency in getting this issue solved.

### PR6/02/23 Councillors' reports and items for future agendas

- The Clerk reported that an update on Dowpitts Wood and Oaklea Trust will be brought to the next committee meeting.

### ACTION

Cllr  
Davidson

**PR7/02/23 Date of the Next Meeting**

Councillors noted that the next meeting of the Property Committee will be held in the Moot Hall on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 7.45pm** or at the rising of the Planning & GP meeting.

There being no further business the first part of the meeting closed at **8.17pm**.

*Andrew Keogh left the meeting, however requested a statement from the Council relating to item 8 on the agenda.*

**Private Section**

**PR8/02/23 Complaint received from Appleby Fair Communities Group**

The private section of the meeting closed at **8.41pm**.

AT THE COUNCIL MEETING ON: **WEDNESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023**

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE WAS AUTHORISED BY THE COMMITTEE TO SIGN THESE MINUTES TO CONFIRM THEIR BEING A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD:

*Cllr Anderton*

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