



Appleton Parish Council

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FINANCIAL RESERVES POLICY

Information available from Appleton Parish Council under the Publication Scheme, adopted on 17th July 2025.

Information available	How the information can be obtained	Cost
Class1 - Who we are and what we do		
The Parish of Appleton consists of Wards and representation is as follows: Thorn Ward – Two Parish Councillors. Hillcliffe North Ward – One Parish Councillor Cobbs & Hillcliffe Ward – Ten Parish Councillors. An up-to-date list of Parish Councillors including the present Chair and Deputy are available on the two Parish Council notice boards, St. Cross Church, Appleton Thorn notice board and the Parish Council website which include their contact details and that of the Clerk to the Council. In addition, the Council has committees and working parties. Council Office – Appleton Parish Hall, Dudlow Green Road, Appleton, Warrington, Cheshire WA4 5EQ Appointments are made by telephoning 01925 268153 or email clerk@appletonparish.gov.uk. Staff – The Parish Council employs a Clerk, Assistant Clerk, a Hall Booking Secretary/Caretaker and a Parish Ranger.	Paper copy available from the Parish Office or information posted on the Parish Council website: - www.appletonparish.gov.uk	12p per photocopied sheet

Class 2 – What we spend and how we spend it		
The Parish Council is funded by a precept which is added to the council tax levied on each property in the Parish. The amount of the precept is agreed each year by the Parish Councillors at the annual budget setting meeting held each year. The Parish Council prepares/finalises a Budget for Receipts and Payments for the subsequent financial year commencing on 1 April during the previous December/January to enable a Precept request to be submitted to Warrington Borough Council. The Receipts and Payments report is then updated with monthly/year to date actual figures prior to completion of the Year End Accounts as at 31 March. The Year End Accounts are then transferred onto the required Annual Return which is subsequently checked by both an independent Internal Auditor and the appointed External Auditor. The finances of the Parish Council are managed in line with the agreed Financial Regulations subject to changes resolved on an ad-hoc basis at Parish Council meetings.	Paper copy available from the Parish Office	12p per photocopied sheet

Class 3 – What our priorities are and how we are doing		
The Parish Council's priorities are: 1. Representing the views and concerns of local people. 2. Manage the assets and finances, spending wisely. 3. Comment on the planning process ensuring that the Green Belt remains. 4. Support community initiatives. 5. Monitor and comment on the policies and activities of other bodies (both public and private) that might affect Appleton and Appleton Thorn. 6. Other priorities that, from time to time, are be agreed by the Parish Council. The Parish Council primarily operates from a standard monthly agenda augmented by initiatives by Members, local residents and external communications received including consultation papers plus annual items. A summary of work undertaken each year is provided at the Annual Parish Meeting normally held in April. All meetings are reported in the subsequent minutes and published on the Parish Council web site.	Paper copy of all written items available from the Parish Office. Paper copy available from the Parish Office or information posted on the Parish Council website until it is replaced by the following year's minutes.	12p per photocopied sheet 12p per photocopied sheet

Class 4 – How we make decisions		
Decisions by the Parish Council or confirmation of recommendations by its Committees are undertaken at the Monthly Parish Council meeting. These decisions are minuted with the Minutes of the previous month's meeting circulated to Members for approval at the following Parish Council meeting. A copy of the approved previous Parish Council Monthly meeting minutes are available on the website. The Parish Council meets on the third Tuesday of each month excluding August commencing at 7.30pm with the Planning Committee meeting beforehand at 7pm. In addition, the Parish Council has Environment and Finance & General Purposes Committees that meet as required. The Agenda for the Monthly Parish Council meeting is sent out prior to the meeting and is published on the Parish Council website. The Planning Committee reviews as a Consultee details of all planning applications received from Warrington Borough Council that affect the Parish making recommendations for subsequent approval at the later Parish Council meeting. Notices for the meetings are placed on the two Parish Council owned notice boards and St. Cross Church, Appleton Thorn notice board with the one provided at the Parish Hall detailing the full meeting agenda.	Minutes are posted on the Parish Council website, prior to this archived at Chester Records Office.	12p per photocopied sheet

Class 5 – Our policies and procedures		
The Parish Council operates in accordance with its Standing Orders. The Members obligations are as detailed in The Model Code of Conduct in accordance with The Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007.	Paper copies of both Orders available at the Parish Council Office.	12p per photocopied sheet
All staff are employed on the basis of their written and accepted contracts. Recruitment for vacant positions is undertaken in house, if appropriate, or through advertisement of the post.		
Class 6 – Lists and Registers		
Asset Register	Paper copy available from the Parish Office	12p per photocopied sheet
Members' Register of Interests	Available via the Parish Council's website.	
Details of Gifts and Hospitality received by Members	Paper copy available from the Parish Office	12p per photocopied sheet
Copies of Planning Applications affecting the Parish received from Warrington Borough Council.	Can be viewed on Warrington Borough Council website.	

Class 7 – The services we offer		
Parish Hall available for hire for suitable functions		
Parish Office – visits can be arranged by appointment by telephoning 01925 268153.		
Parish Ranger Service – Part time Ranger employed to primarily provide additional litter clearance though available for other small tasks.		
Three bus shelters located at Lumb Brook Road, Wright's Green (brick built), Bridge Lane – Wood Lane stop and B5356, Appleton Thorn Village Hall stop (owned by Warrington Borough Council but maintained by Appleton Parish Council).		
5 Green Grit Bins located throughout the Parish		
Planters on Bridge Lane		
Seating – Five Millennium benches: Lily Pit and Bus Shelter - Wright's Green, Thorn Tree - Appleton Thorn, Lychgate and Warren Drive/London Road junction.		
Volunteer Library at Appleton Parish Hall (Tuesday 10am to 12noon)		
Walks in Appleton Parish leaflet	Paper copy available for a charge and issue available through the Website.	£2.50

Additional Information This will provide Councils with the opportunity to publish information that is not itemised in the lists above		
None		

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SCHEDULE OF CHARGES

This describes how the charges have been arrived at and should be published as part of the guide.

TYPE OF CHARGE	DESCRIPTION	BASIS OF CHARGE
Disbursement cost	Photocopying @ 12p per sheet (black & white)	Actual cost
	Postage	Actual cost of Royal Mail standard 2 nd class
Statutory Fee	N/a	In accordance with the relevant legislation.
Other	Assessed/agreed on information required.	