

APPLEBY HORSE FAIR

Discussion Document for MASCG

Background

Murton residents raised concerns about the traveller encampment which had arrived the day before the opening of the June 2023 Horse Fair. Residents brought their concerns at the Parish Council meeting on 4 August and subsequently organised a well attended public meeting (19 September) where residents were able to express their concerns about the implications of the encampment. There was overwhelming support for efforts to prevent it happening again.

At the meeting on 7 November the PC agreed to take forward recommendations which would lead to clarification of the law regarding camping in the parish.

Contact with W&F Council regarding this matter has led to the presence of MASCG at this PC meeting (5 February).

Discussion Points

The PC is asking MASCG to investigate the following:

- The request that Murton be included in the designated zone for control and policing.
- Clarification from Cumbria Police regarding the legal aspects of encampment on village green, common land and the MOD car park.
- Police patrols before and during the Horse Fair.
- Appropriate signage for parking in the parish.

The Chairman is seeking clarification on the access and use of the MOD car park during the Horse Fair with the MOD.