

## DEERHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday, 27 January 2014 in Apperley Village Hall.

### **PRESENT:**

Councillors - P Andrews  
L Attard – Chairman  
W Morris  
J Natrass  
J Pollard  
J Smith  
Mrs F Wallbank – Clerk

Parishioners: 1

**1 APOLOGIES:** Councillors Checkley, County Councillor Awford, Borough Councillor Waters, Village Agent Ann Vaughan, Janet Dance, the Police

### **2 MINUTES OF MEETING:**

The minutes of the meetings held on Monday, 25 November 2013, having been circulated with the agenda were agreed and signed after a few slight amendments

**3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** Councillor Smith agenda item 9.4.

**4 PUBLIC COMMENT:** None present

**5 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT:** Not present

In his absence the Clerk reported that the County Council would not be increasing their precept nor Tewkesbury Borough Council however there would be a 2% increase on the Police precept.

**6 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT:** Not present

### **7 PLANNING:**

#### **7.1 Applications:**

**14/00001/FUL** Dunroamin, Apperley: Single storey front, side & rear extensions to provide bedroom, porch and dining room. Creation of new vehicular access.

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council has no adverse comments re this application.

**14/00018/FUL** 31 Lower Apperley: Proposed side/rear single storey extension to living accommodation

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council has no adverse comments re this application.

**The following application was consider prior to the meeting:**

**13/01129/FUL** Bushey House, Court Drive, Apperley: Change of use of land for stationing of domestic solar panels. Proposed 64 solar PV panels on A Frames.

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council has no adverse comments re this application.

#### **7.2 TBC Decisions:**

**13/01129/FUL** Bushey House, Court Drive, Apperley: Change of use of land for stationing of domestic solar panels. Proposed 64 solar PV panels on A Frames - **Granted**

**13/00394/FUL & 13/00395/LBC** The Priory, Deerhurst Road, Deerhurst: Change of use of traditional barn to holiday let and community use with parking and turning area (Retrospective) - **Granted**

**7.3 Appeals/Appeal Decisions:** April Cottage, Deerhurst: Proposed two storey side extension. Applicant has gone to Appeal. – The Planning Inspectorate **allowed** the appeal.

## **8 FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

### **8.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:**

Mrs F J Wallbank –

Salary for 1-31 December 2013           295.86

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Less Tax for December                   59.20

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473.72

Refund to FJW for tax paid for

December                                   59.20       532.52                   Cheque No: 000726

Inland Revenue – Tax for FJW                                   59.20                   Cheque No: 000727

Apperley Village Hall – cost of meeting

Held on 25.11.13   15.00                   Cheque No: 000728

Countrywide:

Carrying out 8th cut on 25.11.13           84.00

16.80       100.80

Cheque No: 000730

G M Morris: Providing soil and the management

Of Apperley BMX Track   854.00                   Cheque No: 000731

**Total Payments   £1561.52**

### **Receipts**

**Total Receipts   £0.00**

**8.2 Financial Statement:** Noted and signed by the Chairman.

**8.3 Budget 2014/15:** The Clerk had circulated a revised budget with the agenda. The Clerk reported that the final figure for the Community Support Grant was £1118. It was agreed that the precept for 2014/15 would be £6,000 therefore no increase for the last three years.

## **9 MATTERS ARISING**

**9.1 BMX Cycle Track at Apperley Village Hall:** Councillor Morris reported that the track was being used however it was too wet to bring the gravel to site. He proposes to dump the gravel and get Scott Gibson and his friends to spread it. Also the noticeboard was no longer in place and he said that he would erect the new one asap. Councillor Natrass spoke with Scott Gibson and said he had to seriously think about raising some funds to cover the ongoing costs that the track was costing the Parish Council. The Clerk said that she was disappointed that Scott had not been along to a Parish Council meeting since the track had been created and had asked for on several occasions photographs as requested by the GPFA. The Chairman said he would speak with Scott.

The Clerk said that TBC Capital Grant Board had awarded the Parish Council the sum of £411 towards the costs incurred to create the track – the Councillors were very pleased.

### **9.2 Apperley Village Hall, Playing Field/ Play Area/Football Club:**

**Play Area:** Nothing to report

**Village Hall:** Advertising for a Secretary.

**Football Club:** The Clerk said that she had sent Wayne Lippett an invoice but had been informed by him that the Club were short of funds to pay the whole invoice of £280. The Chairman had said for the Football Club to pay when they had the money. Councillor Pollard hoped this would be before the end of the financial year.

**9.3 Highways:** The Clerk reported that Phil Awford was meeting the next day with Richard Waters so if there were any areas in the Parish that they needed to look at then she was to let him know.

**Court Lane, Apperley** – on Churchyard side – bad flooding water hanging around.

**B4213 before the turning to Wick Lane** when coming from Tirley there was considerable ponding which had the potential to freeze in icy conditions. Richard Waters and his team looked at this back in June 2013 and found that the pipe was broken and during heavy rainfall water backed up and then surcharged through the break. Not sure whether this work was done?

**9.4 Deerhurst Walton Flood Alleviation Scheme:** Councillor Smith reported that he had sent the Chairman and Clerk draft tender documents as the Parish Council will be the client/employer so will need to be happy with the contractual arrangement. The invitation to tender will go from the Parish Council. They are looking at doing the work in the early summer but this will depend greatly when material to build the clay bund will be available. Before the Parish Council instructs any contractor to do the work the monies to meet the contractors invoice must be in the Parish Council's bank account as they will be liable to pay the contractor as they instructed them.

**9.5 Public Rights of Way:** The Clerk reported that GCC are currently in the early stages of mobilising AMEY as the Council's new contractor. GCC hope to be able to improve communications but little can be done in terms of budget. A meeting will be arranged between volunteers/interested parties and AMEY in the near future. Clerk to advise Councillor Pollard of date.

Councillor Morris said he was due to meet Ian Soule re the track from Hoo Lane that was used by motor vehicles. Best solution would be to install a barrier on Hoo Lane to stop vehicles driving down and finding the bottom gate locked and they cannot get back up the hill. Also he will sort out the incorrect gates.

Councillor Smith said that he would speak to Ian Soule about a temporary closure on the footpath at Deerhurst Walton whilst the bund was being built.

**9.6 Playing Fields – Renewal of Lease:** The Clerk had sent several emails to Mr Leeke for an update on the situation but still not received any update.

**9.7 Police:** 3 crimes during January – theft of money from the Church in Deerhurst, theft of heating oil in Gabb Lane and damaged to a car in Ringers Close. In the same period last year there were 6 incidents.

The Chairman reported that the arrangements for a Neighbourhood Policing meeting were still ongoing.

**9.8 Noticeboards: Deerhurst, By School and Top of Saw Pit Lane:** The Clerk had circulated Mr Lovejoy's report on the three noticeboards prior to the meeting. The Councillors were extremely grateful to Mr Lovejoy for undertaking this task. It was agreed that the Councillors would very much like Mr Lovejoy to carry out the necessary repairs at a cost of £225 for labour, £70 for materials plus cost of new posts. Clerk to speak to Mr Lovejoy and re the cost of posts. The Council authorised expenditure of up to £500 for the total work involved. Several Councillors said they would be willing to help Mr Lovejoy to put in the posts. Re locating the noticeboard at Deerhurst Councillor Morris would give this some consideration.

**9.9 Moving of Dog Waste Bin – location Court Drive:** Councillor Morris had been to site and taken pictures of the lane showing the current position of the bin. It was agreed that he would relocate the bin – 50 yards towards Court Drive. It was agreed that the Clerk should email Ms Lewis and ask if they would be willing to contribute any costs incurred ie a new post.

**9.10 Parish Council Historical Records:** the Chairman said that he would contact Janet Dance prior to the next meeting – Clerk to remind him.

## **10 CORRESPONDENCE:**

### **Other Correspondence:**

**Play Gloucestershire:** Play Gloucestershire's Play Rangers have been delivering free, outdoor play activities since 2008. More than 65,000 play visits have been recorded in 75 rural and urban communities, and external evaluators described our work as 'outstanding'. Each year Play Glos continue to provide a range of outdoor community based play activities for Parish, Town and District Councils, and other community groups across the county. Their activities have been shown to be

good for children, families and communities and the response they have had to their work had been amazing. Play Glos were seeking funding from the Parish Council to fund some play provision in the area.

Councillors felt that with the play area, tennis court and BMX track Apperley was adequately covered for play provision and the budget had been spent on creating the BMX track.

#### **11 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION:**

**Food bank:** The Chairman reported that he had circulated the email from Mr Lewis from Apperley to all Councillors prior to the meeting. Mr Lewis' role was to help develop Food bank partners to help distribute vouchers and wanted to call on the Parish Council to help guide them in reaching those people who may be in need of a voucher.

It was agreed that the Chairman would email Mr Lewis and say that the general consensus was that the Parish Council would like to support but don't feel that they could identify suitable recipients - a task more suited to Doctors, Village Agents and Schools. However, if he wished to attend the next meeting to make a presentation he would be welcome.

**Bus Route Consultation:** Councillor Nattrass said that contracts for subsidised bus routes were up for tender at the end of February 2014 and Worcestershire County Council were considering withdrawing their funding for the 351/361 bus route. She felt that the service is a vital lifeline for the elderly and the many who do not own a car but it could be organised in such a way to generate more income by enabling paying passengers to get to work in Tewkesbury before 9am and home after 5 pm. At the moment it serves Gloucester schools very well. The bus is known to us as the 351 but a year ago it split in theory into two parts (although the bus kept going from Upton-Gloucester and vice versa. It could be, therefore, that the run is too long and inflexible so it would be better to split into the 361 (Upton-Tewkesbury) and 351 (Gloucester-Tewkesbury). Although the consultation period ended on the 17 February the Clerk would feed in these comments.

**Western Power Seminars:** Councillor Pollard said that he would attend one of the seminars as he had received an invitation direct.

**Faster Broadband:** The Chairman said that Parishioners needed to be encouraged to sign up for faster broadband – currently Deerhurst/Apperley was serviced by 3 exchanges.

**12 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:** Monday, 24 February 2014 at 7.15pm

The meeting closed 8.54pm.