

DEERHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday, 24 June 2013 in Apperley Village Hall.

PRESENT:

Councillors - P Andrews
L Attard – Chairman
W Morris
J Pollard
J Smith
Mrs F Wallbank – Clerk
Borough Councillor Waters
Parishioners: 2 (partial attendance)

1 APOLOGIES: Councillors Checkley and Natrass, County Councillor Awford and Janet Dance.

2 ELECTION OF OFFICERS DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE Not required

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

4 MINUTES OF MEETING:

The minutes of the meeting held on the Tuesday, 28 May 2012, having been circulated with the agenda were agreed and signed after an amendment to the financial page.

6 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT: Not present

7 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT: As follows:

- June Council meeting was cancelled due to lack of business
- A lot of work was taking place on the JCS and will be out for consultation in September.

8 PLANNING:

8.1 Applications:

13/00549/FUL Abbots Court Farm, Deerhurst: Conversion of single dwelling into two dwellings

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council has **no objections** to this application.

13/00602/FUL Little Orchard, Walton Hill, Deerhurst: Proposed re-building of garage with first floor extension over (to provide addition refuge accommodation). (Renewal of 10/00514/FUL)

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council has **no objections** to this application.

13/00646/FUL Land South of Green Farm, Apperley: Erection of 1 no dwelling with associated garage, vehicle access and parking.

As this application was only received from TBC Councillors felt that they required more time to research the planning history on this application. Also Borough Councillor Davies said he would look at what policies were still in place that related to the reasons why this application was previously refused by TBC and the Planning Inspectorate.

8.2 TBC Decisions:

12/00739/FUL: 10 Severn Way, Apperley: Erection of bungalow to rear of 10 Severn Way - **Granted**

13/0054/FUL: Land at Walton Hill: Flood defence scheme for Deerhurst Walton – **Granted**

13/00252/FUL: The Priory, Deerhurst Road, Deerhurst: Proposed extensions to agricultural building - **Granted**

8.3 Appeals/Appeal Decisions: None to date

9 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

9.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:

Mrs F J Wallbank –

Salary for 1-30 June 2013	295.86		
Less Tax	59.00		
Less Tax underpaid for last month	<u>5.40</u>	231.46	Cheque No: 000682

Inland Revenue – Tax for FJW	64.40		Cheque No: 000683
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Apperley Village Hall – cost of meeting Held on 28.5.13	15.00		Cheque No: 000684
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Countrywide:

Carrying out 2 st cut 7.5.13	84.00		
Carrying out cut to football pitch 30.5.13	30.00		
	<u>VAT 22.80</u>	136.80	Cheque No: 000685

SLM & APW Joint Liquidators of Beacon
Of Worcester LLP: Final 20% of account –
Originally £1978 plus VAT renegotiated to
£1500 plus VAT as no guarantee
now

	1500.00		
	<u>VAT 300.00</u>	1800.00	Cheque No: 000686

Total Payments		£2247.66	
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Receipts

Morris Dancers – Camping fees 15 tents and 7 vans at £5 per pitch per night	220.00		
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Total Receipts	£220.00		
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9.2 Financial Statement: Noted and signed by the Chairman.

Any Other Financial Matters:

Grass Cutting: The Chairman reported that the Clerk had spoken with Countrywide who said that it was proving very difficult to keep the grass in acceptable condition as 8 cuts was just not enough. Up until 2012 the Parish Council always had 16 cuts per annum and that had been halved for 2012 and 2013. Roger Bowden from Countrywide felt that for May, June and July 2 cuts were really required. It was agreed that the Parish Council would order an extra cut for July but there should be a minimum of 2 weeks between cuts.

10 MATTERS ARISING

10.1 Proposed BMX Cycle Track at Apperley Village Hall: A discussion took place on the design of the track. Councillor Checkley's husband had produced a plan of the proposed track but it was not quite correct. Scott Gibson said he would contact Mr Checkley and ask him to re-do the plan. Councillor Morris reported that a local resident had a lot of soil available and he would be prepared to bring it to the site with this tractor and trailer. Marcus Smith has experience of creating bike tracks and Councillor Morris thought he would take about a day and a half at £14 per hour. The Clerk reported that she had spoken with the Clerk at Bishops Cleeve Town Council about their dirt bike track. The Bishops Cleeve Clerk did not feel £212 was an excessive amount to cover the insurance – their insurance premium is £6,500 per annum. Regularly maintenance was require ie strimming the grass on the sides, clearing weeds, clearing litter and checking for broken glass etc. They employ a man to do this. Re the insurance the Clerk had spoken with Came & Co who said the following:

- The PC in conjunction with the interested youths obtain advice from qualified play area consultant.
- The track preferably built by a contractor with their own Public Liability Insurance
- Recommendations on the ROSPA website being adhered to
- Signs being erected noting safe use prior to opening.
- The track being inspect by the play consultant before being opened and then inspected at least weekly by a competent person.

The Clerk said that Scott Gibson had produced a draft for the rules but it was agreed that Scott should visit the Bishops Cleeve site and have a look at their rules.

Borough Councillor Waters reported that he had made enquiries at TBC to ascertain if any grants were available and he thought that there was a possibility of some funding.

10.2 Apperley Village Hall, Playing Field/ Play Area/Football Club:

Apperley Village Hall: No update.

Play Area: The Clerk reported that John Hicks had carried out the annual inspection and had circulated the report to all Councillors and Brian Leeke. There was nothing really flagged by John Hicks just a few points to monitor.

The GPFA were running a seminar on Thursday, 4 July for Play Areas and the Clerk asked if any Councillors could attend. Several Councillors would see if they were available.

The Chairman said that the play equipment would be painted when the weather allowed it.

Hire of Playing Field by Morris Dancers: The Clerk reported she had received payment re the hire of the playing field and Cathy Taylor had thanked the PC for allowing the Morris Dancers to use the playing field and said they had an excellent time.

Tennis Court: The Clerk reported that the Tennis Club had solved the problem of creating a disabled access to the court and this had been tested and all OK. The Clerk explained that the invoice drawn above had been the final balance of 20% which was due to Beacon on completion of the works ie the white lining. As Beacon went into liquidation and therefore could not complete the white lining – which had not been paid for – the above invoice was due. However, the original invoice was for £1978 but the Clerk got this reduced to £1500 as she pointed out to the liquidators that there was now no valid guarantee. The Clerk added that she had applied to TBC for 47% of the £1500 due and that this was the final payment

10.3 Highways:

Pothole – Sawpit Lane: Clerk to report large pothole near entrance to Village Hall.

Parking Ringers Close: Nothing further to report. Councillor Pollard looked at the bollards which are quite substantial.

Footway on Saw Pit Lane: Councillor Natrass had reported that the nettles were overhanging the footway. The Clerk had looked earlier in the day and had not seen anything and Councillors felt that the nettles had been cut back.

10.4 Deerhurst Walton Flood Alleviation Scheme: Councillor Smith reported that there were quite a few planning conditions that needed to be discharged and future funding had to be secured.

10.5 Public Rights of Way: Councillor Pollard said that he had nothing further to report until he had spoken to Ian Soule.

10.6 Playing Fields – Renewal of Lease: The Clerk said she had received no update from Andrew Leeke. Clerk to email again.

Councillor Morris reported that he had spoken with Mr Upton and he purchased the land from the Parish Council on September 2005 and confirmed that Mr Upton had registered the land. Mr Upton had agreed to forward the Parish Council details of the sale for Mr Leeke.

10.7 Payphones: Apperley: The Clerk reported that British Telecom had confirmed that this box was due to be painted from now until October which will improve the appearance greatly.

Deerhurst: Second consultation period open until Friday, 5 July. The Parish Council confirmed that they wished to adopt the kiosk for use by the Community. The Clerk said she had received no further objections.

The Clerk reported that there had been a letter in the Severn Sider from someone visiting the area who said how lovely the village was but what let it down was the Post Box and Telephone Kiosk.

Clerk to contact the Post Office re repainting the post box.

10.8 Police: The Clerk reported that PCSO Birch had informed the PC that as from July she will be a PC

11 CORRESPONDENCE:

11.1 GCC – Local Flood Risk Management Surve: GCC are carrying out a Local Flood Risk Management Strategy which will set out the vision and framework for managing local flood risk. This is out for consultation from 19 June until 12 August. GCC want to work together with organisations and local communities to better understand and manage flood risk. It was agreed that the Clerk should respond with three locations, namely The Dinney – A48, Watery Lane and The Bridge (over the railway) – A48.

12 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION:

13 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Monday, 22 July 2013 at 7.15pm

The meeting closed 9.07pm.