

## DEERHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 25 March 2013, in Apperley Village Hall.

### **PRESENT:**

Councillors - P Andrews  
L Attard – Chairman  
E Checkley  
W Morris  
J Natrass  
J Pollard  
J Smith (partial attendance)  
Mrs F Wallbank – Clerk  
Borough Councillor Waters  
County Councillor Awford (partial attendance)

Parishioners: 0

**1 APOLOGIES:** Borough Councillors Williams, Janet Dance. Councillor Smith and County Councillor Awford would be late.

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

The minutes of the meeting held on the Monday, 25 February 2013, having been circulated with the agenda were agreed and signed.

**3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** Councillor Morris on agenda item 5.1 planning applications 12/01210/FUL & 12/01211/LBC.

**4 PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

### **5 PLANNING:**

#### **5.1 Applications:**

**12/01210/FUL & 12/01211/LBC** Notcliffe House, Walton Hill, Deerhurst: Conversion of redundant farm buildings to form 2 holiday cottages. Construction of new entrance gates & piers.

It was agreed to defer discussing this application until Councillor Smith arrived and he could report.

**5.2 TBC Decisions: 12/01244/FUL** Oak House, Deerhurst Road, Apperley: Construction of timber studio using materials from demolition of two sheds - **Granted**

**5.3 Appeals/Appeal Decisions:** None to date

**5.4 Untidy Gardens:** No further update. Borough Councillor Waters said we would get an update on this from TBC.

**5.5 Enforcement Matters:** The Clerk had emailed David Taylor for an update but nothing further to report.

### **6 MATTERS ARISING**

**6.1 Proposed BMX Cycle Track at Apperley Village Hall:** The Chairman reported that in the DPFA minutes it said that the provision of a dirt track was not going ahead – he had advised Brian Leeke that this was not the case. The Clerk reported that Councillors Morris, Pollard and Natrass had met with Graham Ross from the GPFA and Scott Gibson to discuss the project. The outcome of the meeting was that the proposed siting of the dirt track was too close to the play area and to fence in the play area would then be a hazard for the bikes. Another location was looked at where they used to play Junior Football which is situated at the back of the tennis court towards the boundary hedge – looking at siting the track along the boundary hedge. It was agreed at the meeting that Scott Gibson should draw up some new plans for the new location and these can then be passed to Graham Ross for his comment and then to Digley Associates for them to carry out a Risk Assessment on the plans. Clerk to contact Digley Associates and obtain a quote for this work. Councillor Natrass said

that no soil would be dug out as it would be put on top of what is there now. The Clerk reported that she had made enquiries with the Clerk at Bishops Cleeve Town Council regarding their track who said that they had used existing humps, consulted with local young people on the design and had a local building contractor to build the track and maintain it

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

**Hire of Playing Field by Morris Dancers:** No further update. Clerk to email Cathy Taylor.

**Tennis Court:** The Clerk reported that unfortunately Beacon of Worcester had gone into liquidation and therefore there was no longer a guarantee for the recent works carried out. She confirmed that their invoice recently paid was only work that had been carried out. The line painting still had to be carried out but the Tennis Club is having to get quotes from other companies for this work along with providing disabled access.

The Clerk said that the Tennis Club would like to offer tennis coaching from a level 3 coach who has been CRB checked and first aid trained – he actually teaches at Breden School. The Councillors were happy for coaching to be offered.

### **6.3 Highways:**

**Parking Ringers Close:** The Clerk had received an enquiry from Severnvale Housing regarding ownership of the grassed area with no dropped kerb that was being parked on and causing a nuisance to their tenants. The Clerk had suggested to Severnvale Housing that perhaps they owned it and it turned out that they do own it and have arranged to get a couple of posts/bollards erected to stop people parking there. It was agreed that the Clerk should let them know that although some residents were complaining about people parking there some residents are complaining that there is not enough parking and require somewhere to park.

**High Kerb outside Oaklands** – Nothing further to report

**Saw Pit Lane:** One pothole has been filled but several other ones are appearing now. Also a bad one by Apperley Park.

**Tour of Apperley and Deerhurst:** County Councillor Awford was carrying out his tour the next day with Richard Waters and would show him the matters raised last month.

**B4151:** Water lying on road just before Wick Lane and the Farmers Arms when coming from Apperley. Councillors think this could be a Severn Trent problem. County Councillor Awford to raise with Richard Waters.

*Councillor Smith entered*

**Deerhurst:** Councillor Checkley informed the Councillors about how the damage to the verge outside her property and the broken flood drain had occurred. She had contacted Glos Highways and Richard Waters was going to look at this the next day (26 March). She had also informed the Police about the fact that the removal lorry had blocked the road for 4 hours.

**6.4 Deerhurst Walton Flood Alleviation Scheme:** The Clerk reported that she was still chasing Jason Westmoreland for payment to enable her to release the cheque to Parkwood Consultants. Councillor Smith asked the Clerk to send a spreadsheet to Jason Westmoreland (copies to him and Borough Councillor Waters) showing everything paid so far. Councillor Smith reported that the planning application will be dealt with by the Committee at the end of April. Some further survey work is required which is in hand.

**6.5 Public Rights of Way:** Prior to the meeting the Chairman had circulated some photos of the damage that had been done to the stile on footpath ADE75 in the far corner of the field behind the Chairman's house. Someone had sawn the top rail of the stile in half and left the pieces of wood by the stile. Councillor Pollard had sent the photos to GCC PROW for their attention. The Chairman said he had spoken to Mr Smith the owner of the land but he was not aware of anything.

**6.6 Playing Fields – Renewal of Lease:** The Clerk read out the email received from Mr Leeke that day regarding the problems in sourcing an OS plan either 1:1250 or 1:2500 which encompasses all of the allotments, the playing fields, the village hall and the pond at the rear of the village hall and then he will be in a position to progress the matter further. Then he will require all parties to agree where they want the line of the north boundary of the Village Hall land to be. The plans on the title deeds are not to OS standards and it will save enormous work in the future if all parties agree that the land

owned by the trustees of the Village Hall includes sufficient land for its current footprint and any extension envisaged to that footprint plus one metre maintenance strip. Once Mr Leeke has the plan he can approach Land Registry with a composite application to register all the titles and the new lease. Councillor Checkley showed Councillors a draft of an OS plan that her husband downloaded and this encompasses the whole site as required.

*County Councillor Awford entered*

The cost of this map in the correct format required would be £28 plus VAT. Councillors agreed this cost and thanked Councillor Checkley. She said that once her husband had the map he would forward it to Mr Leeke to progress the matter further.

**6.7 Police Matters:** Not present.

**6.8 Telephone Boxes: Apperley:** Councillor Natrass had taken some pictures of the conditions of the telephone box and these had been circulated to Councillors – the exterior is in a shameful condition, the interior is filthy; the display seems to be working but is difficult to read however the telephone is in working condition. It was agreed that this kiosk should remain in service and the Clerk should contact Payphones to get them to carry out some much needed maintenance work on the kiosk.

**Deerhurst:** In 2008 Payphones consulted with TBC regarding the removal of this kiosk but TBC objected to the removal, hence the kiosk remains in place. If the PC/Community wish to adopt this one Payphones would need to carry out a 90-day consultation and it will be 3-4 months before the PC/Community know whether they can adopt the kiosk.

## 7 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

### 7.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:

Mrs F J Wallbank –

|                            |              |        |                   |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------|-------------------|
| Salary for 1-31 March 2013 | 287.24       |        |                   |
| Less Tax                   | <u>57.40</u> | 229.84 | Cheque No: 000666 |

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| Inland Revenue – Tax for FJW |  | 57.40 | Cheque No: 000667 |
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| Apperley Village Hall – cost of meeting<br>Held on 25.3.13 | 15.00       |       |                   |
| Extra hours for meeting on 25.2.13                         | <u>5.00</u> | 20.00 | Cheque No: 000668 |

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| John Preece: Cutting hedge at Village<br>Hall | 55.00            |       |                   |
|   | <u>VAT 11.00</u> | 66.00 | Cheque No: 000669 |

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| Countrywide Grounds Maintenance<br>Cutting of football pitch 22.2.13 | 30.00           |       |                   |
|  | <u>VAT 6.00</u> | 36.00 | Cheque No: 000670 |

Mrs F J Wallbank – expenses Oct-March 2013:

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| Travelling to take TBC seminar split cost of<br>19 miles with Minsterworth PC 9.5 miles @<br>45p per mile | 4.28         |       |                   |
| Photocopying  | 7.65         |       |                   |
| Petty cash – stamps, Ink Cartridge, etc 30.77<br>Room hire, tel calls etc for period<br>1.4.12-31.3.13    | <u>50.00</u> | 92.70 | Cheque No: 000671 |

Deerhurst PCC – Parish contribution to the

PCC funds for the cost of the magazine for one  
Month and the mowing of the Churchyards 300.00  
**Total Payments** **£801.94**

Cheque No: 000672

### **Receipts**

**Total Receipts** **£0.00**

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

The Chairman asked Councillor Smith for his report on the following applications:

**12/01210/FUL & 12/01211/LBC** Notcliffe House, Walton Hill, Deerhurst: Conversion of redundant farm buildings to form 2 holiday cottages. Construction of new entrance gates & piers.

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council has **no adverse comments** to these applications.

### **8 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT:**

- The Council has set the budget – Highways will receive an extra £3M – each division will have its own “pothole gang”
- Updated the Councillors on his Highways Allocation fund of £10K which has now increased to £20K - which he is going to target road safety. This was going to be split between Twigworth and Minsterworth however Twigworth have been allocated a flashing speed indicator sign by the County Council so more of his budget can be targeted on the A48 at Minsterworth.
- Expressed his thanks to the Parish Council and Clerk for their support.

### **9 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT:**

- TBC have set their budget with no increase.
- TBC currently undergoing an organisational review with some posts disappearing
- Cascades – the preferred option is to resite the leisure centre at the Council Offices
- The management of Car Parking fees will be outsourced

### **10 CORRESPONDENCE: None**

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

**Annual Parish Meeting:** Councillors suggested asking Scott Gibson whether he would like to give a short talk at the meeting re plans for a dirt bike track.

**12 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:** Annual Parish Meeting Monday, 22 April 2013 at 7.15pm

The meeting closed 9pm.