

DEERHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 22 September 2014, in Apperley Village Hall.

PRESENT: L Attard – Chairman
E Checkley
W Morris – Vice- Chairman
J Pollard
J Smith
Mrs F Wallbank – Clerk
Parishioners: 2 (partial attendance)

1 APOLOGIES: Councillor Natrass, Andrews, Borough Councillor Waters and County Councillor Awford.

2 MINUTES OF MEETING:

The minutes of the meetings held on Monday, 28 July and 4 September 2014, having been circulated with the agenda were agreed and signed.

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

4 PUBLIC COMMENT: None

5 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT: Not present.

6 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT: Not present

7 PLANNING:

7.1 Applications:

P14/00830/FUL Land adjacent Bria Leen, Deerhurst Road, Apperley: Proposed 2 no dwellings with garages, access drives and parking spaces.

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council has **no adverse** comments.

7.2 TBC Decisions:

14/00626/FUL Rose Cottage, Deerhurst Road, Deerhurst Proposed two storey extension at side - **Granted**

14/00610/FUL Oak House, Deerhurst Road, Apperley: Construction of timber studio (revised scheme) – **Granted**

14/00745/FUL Apperley Hall, Lower Apperley: Construction of new farm gateway and access track onto the B4213 - **Granted**

7.3 Appeals/Appeal Decisions: None to date

7.4 Service Village Forum: Councillor Pollard said there had been no further meetings.

8 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

8.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:

Mrs F J Wallbank –

Salary for 1-30 September 2014	303.26		
Less Tax for September	<u>60.60</u>	242.66	Cheque No: 000775

Inland Revenue – Tax for FJW	60.60		Cheque No: 000776
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Apperley Village Hall – cost of meeting Held on 22.9.14	15.00		Cheque No: 000778
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Countrywide 10 & 23 July, 1 August, 8, 22 & 27	528.00		
	VAT 105.60		
Football pitch 30 July	30.00		
	<u>VAT 6.00</u>	669.60	Cheque No: 000779
Severnside Senior Citizens Club: 10 members @£1.50 per months from April 2014 -March 2015		180.00	Cheque No: 000780
Grant Thornton: Audit fees for the year ended 31 March 2014	100.00		
	<u>VAT 20.00</u>	120.00	Cheque No: 000781
Refund due to Len Attard in respect of Additional materials required for refurbishing Play area equipment		4.43	Cheque No: 000782
Mr Brian Lovejoy: cost of materials for Renovating noticeboards		237.00	Cheque No: 000783
Total Payments		£1529.29	

Receipts

TBC grant for hedge cutting at Deerhurst Walton	220.00
Total Receipts	£220.00

8.2 Financial Statement: to the end of August 2014 agreed and signed.

8.3 Grass Cutting Contract 2015-2017: It was agreed that the Clerk should request in the tender that the playing field is cut with either a cylinder or a mulch mower. Quote for 12 cuts per growing season for a period of 1 year and 3 years with a quote for additional cuts

8.4 Audit for the year ended 31 March 2014: The Clerk reported that the external auditor had signed off the accounts and did not raise any points. The Audit Completion notices had been placed on the noticeboards.

8.5 Clerk's PC: The Clerk had circulated a note with the agenda about her PC which she had to replace. She had to purchase new software to enable her to do her job and proposed that the cost of £189 plus VAT be split between the three Parish Councils with each paying £63. Westbury-on-Severn Parish Council had agreed to pay the whole cost so that the VAT could be claimed back. The Councillors agreed to pay £63.

9 MATTERS ARISING

9.1 Apperley Village Hall, Playing Field/ Play Area/Football Club: Speak to Chris Freeman about the Football Club's financial situation and how many local residents were part of the Football Club
Apperley Village Hall: Nothing to report.

Play Area: Good feedback had been received following the painting of the play equipment.

Playing Field/Allotments: The Chairman and Councillor Morris had put up the notices that the Clerk had made stating that there was No public Right of Way through the allotments. The Clerk said she had spoken with Penny Williams who felt that there was less of a problem with owners not clearing up after their dogs.

9.2 Highways: B4213 Speed of Traffic: The Clerk had chased up the Coroner's office for an update but no update available.

Parking at Ringers Close: The Clerk had arranged a site meeting for Thursday, 25 September at 2pm – in attendance, Councillors Attard and Pollard, County Councillor Awford, Richard Waters and Steward Chandler from SVHS.

Overgrown Hedge: by 19 School Road – this would be reported to Richard Waters on Thursday.

Winter Maintenance: Councillor Pollard confirmed he had spoken to Nigel Blayney who was happy to be the flood warden for Gabb Lane.

Verge Cutting: It was agreed that Councillor Morris should ask Mr Reece to carry out a cut of the villages

9.3 Deerhurst Walton Flood Alleviation Scheme: Councillor Smith reported:

- Confirmed that the funding was in place - £40,000 to come from TBC and just under £40,000 from the repair and renew grant scheme.
- Currently in the process of the landowners signing the legal documents which he required the Chairman also to sign.
- Compensation will be paid to the landowners for the loss of crops for the year. Three main landowners are Mike Smith, Janet Smith and Brian Morris.
- The legal agreement setting up the company would be costly.
- Some work to the culverts may commence this year but most of the work will be done in 2015.

9.4 Public Rights of Way: Councillor Pollard that still no real progress had been made and he would draft a letter for the Clerk to send regarding the lack of essential works not taking place.

9.5 Playing Fields – Renewal of Lease: The Chairman reported that he had spoken with Councillors Morris about the draft lease and there are some issues that needed to be resolved with the parties concerned. This mainly related to the maintenance of the fences around the playing field and keeping the ditches cleared which was the responsibility of the DPFA but Councillors were concerned that did not have any funds to cover this work. The Chairman to chase Brian Leeke re setting up a meeting with the various parties concerned and Andrew Leeke to move this matter forward.

9.6 BMX Cycle Track at Apperley Village Hall: Councillor Morris said that he had spoken with Scott's mum and it would appear that Scott has still not been able to do any fund raising. The track is being used but not greatly. The grass bank is being cut but not sure who is cutting it.

9.7 Police: No report sent.

9.8 Noticeboards: Clerk had liaised with Mr Lovejoy who informed her that materials had amounted to £237.00. Councillors were very grateful to Mr Lovejoy for revamping the noticeboards.

9.9 Revision of Standing Orders: The Clerk reported that there had been an amendment to Nalc's 2013 Model Standing Orders - *photographing, recording, broadcasting or transmitting the proceedings of a meeting by any means is not permitted with the Council's consent*. This has been amended by the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014. The Clerk read out the new proposed standing order and the Councillors were happy with this. Clerk to amend the Standing Orders accordingly.

10 CORRESPONDENCE: Any Other Correspondence:

Changes to Bus Timetable for Service 351: The Clerk said that she had not heard back from Bill Carr following Councillor Natrass's query. Clerk to chase.

Bloor Homes: The Chairman reported that he had received an email from a resident in Apperley Park who was following up on rumours and speculation regarding possible plans by Bloor Homes to develop the field they own behind Apperley Park. The Chairman had asked the Clerk to reply to the resident saying that the Parish Council had a briefing from Bloor Homes about a possible development of their land and to also send a copy of the Parish Council's response to the approach in which stated that Councillors had decided that until further and more detailed proposals were presented they were unable to comment further without consultation with their Parishioners.

11 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION: None

12 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Monday, 27 October 2014 at 7.15pm

The meeting closed 8.40pm.