

## DEERHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 26 January 2016, in Apperley Village Hall.

### PRESENT:

Councillors L Attard – Chairman  
B Oldham  
J Pollard  
J Smith  
A Wilkes  
Mrs F Wallbank – Clerk  
County Councillor Awford (partial attendance)  
Parishioners: 3 (partial attendance)

**1 APOLOGIES:** Councillor Checkley and Ridal and Borough Councillor Waters.

### 2 MINUTES OF MEETING:

The minutes of the meetings held on the Tuesday, 24 November 2015, having been circulated with the agenda were agreed and signed.

**3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None**

### 4 PUBLIC COMMENT: Received

The Chairman agreed to bring forward agenda item 10.2 as the Allotment representative, Penny Williams was present.

**Email from Mr Butcher re Allotment no 12:** Email had been circulated to all Councillors for their attention. Mr Butcher rents Allotment no 12. He was unhappy that the PC had made a decision to rent out the area to the left of his allotment (that had recently had some clearance work) without consulting him. He had kept the grass cut and had cultivated a small area to grow leeks. The Clerk said she was unaware that Mr Butcher wanted a second allotment and had contacted the next person on the waiting list when it was agreed to make a new allotment. Penny Williams said that she was struggling to keep the whole of her allotment up together so was willing for Mr & Mrs Hodgson to share her allotment if they were happy to do that. It was agreed that Penny Williams would speak with Mr Butcher and Mr & Mrs Hodgson and get back to the Clerk.

### 5 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT:

- GCC will be increase Council Tax by 1.9% and another 1.9% which will be specifically for Adult Care. Challenged to save £2m in Highways.
- TBC will increase Council Tax by 2% which will equate to £5 for Band D properties.
- Recent flooding B4213 was only closed one evening for safety reasons.

### 6 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT: Not present

### 7 PLANNING:

#### 7.1 Applications:

The following application was considered prior to the meeting:

**15/01286/FUL** The Newtons, School Road, Apperley: Raising of roof to accommodating living accommodation at first floor level, erection of front extension, two storey rear and side extension, and alterations to fenestration.

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council has no adverse comments to this application however would like to restrict parking or deliveries to outside school drop off and pick up times for safety reasons.

**7.2 TBC Decisions: 15/01196/PAD** Land at Deerhurst Road, Apperley: Conversion of the steel framed agricultural building into three bedroom single storey dwelling house – **Granted prior approval**

**15/00603/FUL** Land Adjacent Bria Leen, Deerhurst Road, Apperley: Proposed field access - **Granted**  
**7.3 Appeals: 15/00836/PDAD:** The Dutch Barn, Sawpit Lane, Apperley: Change of use of existing agricultural barn to 1 no residential dwelling and building operations reasonably necessary to convert the building to a use falling within Class C3 (dwelling houses). Mr and Mrs Benbow are appealing against TBCs failure to determine the application within the statutory time period. The Parish Council's original comments were sent to the Inspectorate and it was felt no further comments needed to be sent.

**Appeal Decisions:** None to date

## 8 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

### 8.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:

Mrs F J Wallbank –

Salary for 1-31 January 2016	309.33		
Less Tax	<u>61.80</u>	247.53	Via Bank Transfer
Inland Revenue – Tax for FJW		61.80	Cheque No: 000851
Apperley Village Hall – cost of meeting Held 26.1.16		15.00	Via Bank Transfer
Countrywide Grounds Maintenance: Cutting Of football pitch 2 Nov & 1 Dec	80.00		
	VAT 16.00		
Spike and roll football pitch 6.11.15	50.00		
	<u>Vat 10.00</u>	156.00	Via Bank Transfer
Mrs F J Wallbank: Expenses			
Photocopying	10.00		
Stamps, travel expenses	<u>19.94</u>	29.94	Via Bank Transfer
Morris Contractors: Reseeding flood bank and water damage to crops in buildings	1800.00		
	<u>360.00</u>	2160.00	Cheque No: 000852
Andrews Sykes: Purchase of hoses etc as Per quotation	1301.73		
	<u>VAT 260.35</u>	1562.08	Via Bank Transfer
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>£2670.27</b>	

### Receipts

TBC Grant for cutting of verges 1279.80

**Total Receipt: £1279.80**

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

**8.3 Pinkerton Leeke & Co – Invoice for acting on behalf of DPC and the DPFA:** The Clerk that the Chairman had found original Terms of Engagement and a reply had been sent to Pinkerton Leeke & Co. Awaiting a response.

**8.4 Precept for 2016/17:** The Clerk circulated a second draft showing an increase of 3% in the budget which will equate to 48p per household. It was agreed to ask for a precept of £6290 plus a Community Support Grant of £568 for 2016/17.

**8.5 New Audit Arrangements from 2017 for Smaller Councils:** The Clerk had circulated the email from GAPTC re the Future of External Audit for Smaller Authorities. Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments Ltd has been created to take over the appointment of external auditors and the setting of

audit fees for smaller authorities from 2017. This Company will formally appoint external auditors on the PC/TC's behalf for a five year period from the financial year 2017/18. This will happen automatically unless the PC decided to opt out and set up an independent Audit Panel to procure external audit itself. The deadline for those wishing to take a decision to opt out is 31 March 2016. It was agreed that the Parish Council would not opt out so at this stage nothing further needs to be done.

## **9 MATTERS ARISING**

### **9.1 Apperley Village Hall:**

**Playing Field:** Nothing to report

**Football Club:** Nothing to report.

**Play Area:** Nothing to report.

**Allotments:** See above.

### **9.2 Highways:**

**Deerhurst Drainage Works by Floodgate:** Richard Waters and Brian Leeke are in dialogue about a suitable solution.

**Roadworks A38:** Did not take place after all.

**9.3 Deerhurst Walton Flood Alleviation Scheme:** Councillor Smith reported:

- Bund has been completed
- Have tested the flaps on the culverts and the pump is all working
- Purchasing the small piece of land completed
- Company almost set up
- Just some finishing and tidying works to be done

**9.4 Public Rights of Way:** Councillor Pollard reported he had spoken with the landowner about the stile that had collapsed on Deerhurst Road. Re the bridges at the Playing Field when the weather suitable will build up the drop with some soil so less of climb up on the bridge.

**9.5 The Coal House – Asset of Community Value:** TBC has confirmed that this is now registered as an Asset of Community Value.

**9.6 Broadband:** Councillor Oldham reported:

- Struggling to get a straight answer out of BT
- BT say works will be done at Tirley and Coombe Hill cabinet but nothing in Deerhurst.
- Fibre will not available for the school.
- Spoken to a company who has set up a wireless system at the Highfield Business Park and the Company have said if there is an expression of interest from 60 or more people they can set up a wireless system to interested household at a cost of £100 set up fee with a cost of £30 per month for a 30meg broadband.
- He would continue to do further investigations and get in writing from BT what their plans are Apperley and Deerhurst.

## **10 CORRESPONDENCE:**

**10.1 TBC: Street Cleansing Service Review:** TBC are reviewing who they deliver all their services in order to improve efficiency as well as the quality of the service. They have asked Parish Councils to highlight any particular bins or areas that are a priority. Councillors confirmed that the 6 dog bins were a priority – Village Hall, Deerhurst Road, Gabb Lane, outside Church, outside School and Oddas Chapel.

**10.2 Email from Mr Butcher: Allotment no 12:** This matter was brought forward.

**10.3 Andy Norman: Couch 25K Running Programme:** Parish Council had been approached by Andy Norman to use the Playing Field at Apperley to deliver a running programme to take non runners through a programme to run 5km in 10 x 1 hour weekly sessions. Councillors were quite happy for Mr Norman to use the Playing Field. The sessions commenced in January and run on Thursday mornings however they have to run in the road as the field is so very wet.

**10.4 TBC: Annual Call for Sites: Assessment of Land Availability for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Show people:** Noted

**10.5 Kelly Osborne: Conservation Volunteers:** Email offering their services to complete outdoor maintenance and conservation tasks. Clerk to ascertain charges.

**11 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION:**

**Village Agent:** It would appear that Ann Vaughan is still the Village Agency for Apperley and Deerhurst and Liz Heckford has apologised for any confusion.

**ST9 Investigations:** Clerk confirmed that she had not heard anything further. Activity has been seen on site.

**Agricultural Thefts:** Thieves are targeting agricultural properties and theft of machinery including vehicles. People to be vigilant.

**12 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, 23 February 2016 at 7.15pm  
The meeting closed 9.10pm.