

## DEERHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 24 November 2014, in Apperley Village Hall.

**PRESENT:** P Andrews  
L Attard – Chairman  
W Morris – Vice- Chairman  
P Natrass  
J Pollard  
J Smith  
Mrs F Wallbank – Clerk  
County Councillor Awford (partial attendance)

Parishioners: 0

**1 APOLOGIES:** Councillor Checkley, Councillor Waters, Police and Chris Freeman. County Councillor Awford would be late

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

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 27 October 2014, having been circulated with the agenda were agreed and signed.

### **3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None**

**4 PRESENTATION BY MARILYN COX, GRCC** gave a short presentation and handed out some flyers on the event to be held on Tuesday, 2 December at the Watson Hall in Tewkesbury. This will offer people the opportunity to find out about the different grants available, and to chat through any concerns or ideas. From 3pm to 5.30pm, to offer support and advice will be officers from the Environment Agency, Gloucestershire County Council's Civil Protection team, Tewkesbury Borough Council, Gloucestershire Rural Community Council and the Flood Memories team from the University of the West of England. Later on in the day, a free workshop will be held between 6pm and 8pm where members of the public are invited to join in with others to put together a community emergency plan for their local area.

Her role is to highlight what grants are available to householders whose houses were flooded during the period December 2013 to March 2014 and to help businesses also affected. She is open to ideas that may help reduce the risk of any types of flooding. She is happy to talk to and help anyone. There are several different types of grant money available with different deadlines and the event on the 2 December will help clarify this. She is also looking at Emergency Planning and not just in relation to flooding could be other events eg long period of time without power. There is also money available to help Parishes to produce Emergency Plans. She considers Deerhurst and Apperley resilient with the history of flooding however what if the key people were away does everyone know what to do? She is already in touch with Councillors Smith, Morris and Pollard.

The Chairman said that Tirley's presentation at the TBC seminar was very good and liked the idea of the "telephone tree".

The Councillors all thanked Marilyn for attending the meeting and found what she had to say very helpful.

### **5 PUBLIC COMMENT: None present**

### **6 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT: Not present at this point see later.**

### **7 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT: Not present**

### **8 PLANNING:**

#### **8.1 Applications:**

114/01031/FUL Frenice, Deerhurst Road, Apperley: Proposed rear extension and loft conversion. Loft conversion to include 2 dormer windows and 5 rooflights.

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council has no adverse comments to this application.

Councillor Attard declared a personal interest in the following applications and took no further part in the matters:

14/01121/FUL New dwelling at Green Farm, School Road, Apperley:

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council has no adverse comments to this application

## 8.2 TBC Decisions:

14/00813/FUL 19 School Road, Apperley: Demolition of partly collapsed property and erection of replacement dwelling, garaging and formation of new access to highway (resubmission of 11/00508/FUL) - **Granted**

14/00768/CLE **Box Tree Cottage, Gabb Lane, Apperley:** Certificate of Lawfulness to establish that the part of the building known as 'Box Tree Cottage' has been used as a self-contained dwelling for a continuous period in excess of 4 years – **Granted**

*County Councillor Awford entered*

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

**8.4 Service Village Forum:** Councillor Pollard updated the Councillors following a meeting that had taken place at TBC between the Andrew Cocks, Chairman and Dennis Murray, Vice-Chairman last week. It was a very constructive meeting. They agreed to arrange another SVF meeting to be held prior to the Town and Parish Council Seminar scheduled for 11 December 2014 and are currently making arrangements for this to take place in the week commencing 1<sup>st</sup> December.

County Councillor Awford's report:

- GCC and TBC are not proposing to increase their precepts.
- Full Council meeting on Wednesday with a very full agenda with the Amey contract on the agenda for discussion to see how it is "working out". Some areas are doubtful but there seems to be a lot more jet patching.
- JCS has been submitted to Government – will probably be returned as Government will want another 5,000 houses making total numbers more like 36,000 and these extra houses will probably be forced on Tewkesbury.
- Service Village Forum meetings seem to be becoming parochial – Parishes having to count houses.
- Eric Pickles will give his decision on the Javelin Park incinerator will be received 2 days before Christmas.
- Ongoing discussions/meetings with Jeremy Chamberlain who is not happy with the EA modelling to help reduce 10 inches of water off the northern floodplain.
- There is a lot of work going on at Tirley and Chaceley in connection with flood resilience and Marilyn Cox is done some sterling work making people aware of what monies are available to them if they were affected by the floods during the period 1 December 2013-31 March 2014.

*Councillor Awford left*

## 9 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

### 9.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:

Mrs F J Wallbank –

Salary for 1-30 November 2014	303.26		
Less Tax for November	<u>60.60</u>	242.66	Cheque No: 000792

Inland Revenue – Tax for FJW	60.60		Cheque No: 000793
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Apperley Village Hall – cost of meeting Held on 27.10.14	15.00	Cheque No: 000794
TBC Small Society Lottery Permit	20.00	Cheque No: 000795
Refund due to Clerk in respect of bill To Severn Trent Water for the period May-October 2014	95.63	Cheque No: 000796
John Preece & Sons: Cut roadside grass Verges	345.00	
	<u>VAT 69.00</u>	Cheque No: 000797
Countrywide 3 October	88.00	
	<u>VAT 17.60</u>	
Football Pitch 22 October	30.00	
	<u>VAT 6.00</u>	Cheque No: 000798
<b>The above cheque was cancelled due to previous payment to Countrywide</b>		
Royal British Legion – poppy appeal Refund due to Councillor Pollard	30.00	Cheque No: 000799
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£1019.49</b> <b>£877.89</b>	

### Receipts

Credit of un-presented cheque in respect Of ground works to Bike Track	854.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>£854.00</b>

### Post dated cheques for December:

Mrs F J Wallbank – Salary for 1-31 December 2014	303.26	
Less Tax for December	<u>60.80</u>	242.46
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£242.46</b>	Cheque No: 000800

**9.2 Financial Statement:** to the end of October 2014 agreed and signed.

**9.3 Grass Cutting Contract 2015-2017:** The Clerk reported that she had received two tenders in respect of the contract these were from Countrywide and Glebe Contractors. A discussion took place regarding the tenders and it was decided to defer making a decision until the January meeting. Clerk to seek references for Glebe Contractors from the two referees detailed on the contract and also ask what machine they would be using and if the staff are all DBS checked.

**9.4 Precept for 2015/16:** The Clerk circulated a draft budget which she took the Councillors through. Some slight adjustments were made. Clerk to produce a second draft for the January meeting after investigating the pro rata rate for the number of properties in Apperley and Deerhurst. Consensus was that Councillors wanted to keep the figure the same as this year per household.

## 10 MATTERS ARISING

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

**Apperley Village Hall:** The Clerk confirmed that she had taken photos and inspected all the dog bins and found the one at the village hall to be the only defective one. Spoken to TBC to see whether they have someone who can fix it and they have passed the job onto their works department. Clerk to chase.

**Play Area:** Nothing to report

**Playing Field/Allotments:** Nothing to report

**10.2 Highways: B4213 Speed of Traffic:** Still no update from the Police and Coroner's Office despite reminders. Clerk to chase further.

**Inghams Corner:** Councillor Pollard had requested that the gullies were cleared.

**10.3 Deerhurst Walton Flood Alleviation Scheme:** Councillor Smith reported that they were trying to tie down a contractor to carry out the work and this will be a major expense. It would appear that TBC will settle this invoice direct using the finances from the Repair and Renew Grants. The Parish Council may have to settle invoices for legal costs and claim money back from TBC in the usual manner. He asked the Chairman to sign two of the contracts from the landowners. They are hoping to instruct the contractor by January 2015.

**10.4 Public Rights of Way:** Councillor Pollard reported that he had collected some way-marking signs from Amey for marking the bridlepath.

**10.5 Playing Fields – Renewal of Lease:** The Clerk had chased the Fields In Trust to see what paperwork they were waiting for. The deadline for the QEII Fields in Trust is 28 November but as the Parish Council are so close they will extend this until the 24 December. They are waiting for a copy of the signed lease. The Chairman said that he had spoken to Brian Leeke about the insurance aspect as the DPPFA are not covered by the Parish Council's insurance as we do not have any control, or management of it however if they were a sub-committee or working party operating for the Parish Council then they would be covered by the PC's insurance. Brian Leeke confirmed that he had spoken to Jonathan Dibble and Charlie Milner and a proposal to formally acknowledge that the Tennis Club comes under the Management of the PC should be acceptable. As with the DPPFA it should have a Parish Councillor on its Committee and report its activities to the PC say every 6 months with confirming that a Risk Assessment has been carried out along with regular inspections.

**10.6 BMX Cycle Track at Apperley Village Hall:** Nothing to report

**10.7 Police:** As they could not be present they had sent a report for the period of crimes from 28 July to the 20 November with six reported crimes: 11.8.14 Assault with injury, Apperley Park; 25.8.14 Theft from vehicle, Haw Bridge; 12/10/14 Public Fear, Alarm or distress, Tewkesbury Road; 23.9.14 Other theft, Tewkesbury Road; 12.10.14 Theft from vehicle, Deerhurst; 22.10.14 Burglary of a non-dwelling, Tewkesbury Road.

The Chairman reported that had spoken with Inspector Goga at the TBC seminar. Inspector Goga had said that the police will be changing how they "do" things which will have a severe impact on the service the police will deliver.

## **11 CORRESPONDENCE: Any Other Correspondence**

**TBC – Town and Parish Seminar Thursday, 11 November 2014:** Councillor Pollard said that he would attend.

**Tewkesbury Town Council:** Bus Shelters Odessa Park/Tredington Request received from Tony Beirne, Town Clerk asking if the Parish Council could help with the possibility of proving a shelter at this site. The Councillors were all in agreement that this was not in our Parish and that none of the parishioners or school children would catch a bus from this site.

## **12 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION:**

**Care Act:** Councillor Natrass that she had attended a seminar at Shire Hall on the new Care Act. This was informative and well attended.

**Horse Chestnut Tree:** This tree is on the triangle of grass in Saw Pit Lane. Matt Hale has taken a look at the tree and confirms that it is diseased. Councillor Natrass feels it is not safe for children to climb but not sure who owns it.

**13 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:** Monday, 26 January 2015 at 7.15pm

The meeting closed 9.20pm.