

DEERHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday, 24 February 2014 in Apperly Village Hall.

PRESENT:

Councillors - P Andrews

E Checkley

W Morris

J Pollard

J Smith (partial attendance)

Mrs F Wallbank – Clerk

County Councillor P Awford (partial attendance)

Parishioners: 1 (partial attendance)

Councillor Morris took the Chair in the absence of Councillor Attard.

1 APOLOGIES: Councillors Attard and Natrass, Borough Councillor Waters, Village Agent Ann Vaughan, Janet Dance, the Police.

2 MINUTES OF MEETING:

The minutes of the meetings held on Monday, 27 January 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 at this point – see over

6 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT: Not present

7 PLANNING:

7.1 Applications:

14/00128/FUL: Rofield Lower Apperley: Removal of condition 5 of planning permission 99/7407/1124/FUL concerning restriction of building to holiday-let accommodation

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

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

4/00153/STRAD4 - David Dudley Butchers 81 - 82 Barton Street Tewkesbury: 6 months transient licence

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

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

7.2 TBC Decisions: None

7.3 Appeals/Appeal Decisions: None

The Chairman brought agenda item **9.1 BMX Track** as Scott Gibson was present. Councillor Morris said:

- He was keeping an eye on the track which was currently very wet.
- Following John Hicks' inspection of the track he recommended that an inch of gravel was put down in certain parts when the ground was wet.
- Hopefully had access to some gravel that he could trailer up to the site but needed the ground to dry out a bit.

County Councillor Awford entered

Scott Gibson asked if it would be possible to have an arrow sign but in the direction that cyclists should go as few people have gone in the wrong direction. Also could there be a dog waste bin as when he had emptied the bin it had been used for dog waste which was not pleasant for him. Councillor Morris suggested contacting TBC to see if the Parish Council could have a wheelie bin and this could then be wheeled out for emptying which would be easier altogether. Councillor Morris asked Scott if he and his friends could do some fund raising to help with the costs that the Parish Council have incurred to date and also the ongoing costs, ie insurance, upkeep of track etc. He said that he would try after he had finished his exams. The Clerk also asked if he could arrange to take some photographs of the track being used as the GPFA would like some photos. Scott said he do this.

The Chairman invited County Councillor Awford to give his report as he probably needed to get off to another meeting.

He reported as follows:

- He and Councillor Smith had met with David Cameron at Longford. The media were excluded from the meeting and Mr Cameron just wanted to talk to the remaining 8 people.
- Originally flood warning levels were going to be the same as November 2012 and at Worcester was the same as 2007 levels.
- 70 properties were flooded in the area he covered.
- TBC will be reviewing their sand bag policy.
- He had met with Dyfed Evans and the EA are now looking at doing some dredging work of the river and this would have to start below Gloucester.
- The County Council have applied to the Government for extra funding to deal with Highways issues following the floods.
- Budget meeting this Wednesday.

Councillor Smith entered

The Clerk said that TBC had done an excellent job of supporting Parish Councils and Flood Wardens with daily calls seeing what they could do to help. It was agreed that the Parish Council should send an email thanking TBC.

County Coucillor Awford left

8 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

8.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:

Mrs F J Wallbank –

Salary for 1-28 February 2014	295.86		
Less Tax for February	<u>59.20</u>	236.66	Cheque No: 000731

Inland Revenue – Tax for FJW	59.20		Cheque No: 000733
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Apperley Village Hall – cost of meeting Held on 27.1.14	15.00		Cheque No: 000734
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Interlock Surveys: Provide a
Topographical survey for Deerhurst
Walton

	1045.00		
	<u>VAT 209.00</u>	1254.00	Cheque No: 000735

Total Payments		£1564.86	
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Receipts

GCC – contribution towards grass cutting 1279.80

TBC: Capital Grant re BMX Track 411.00

Total Receipts £1690.80

8.2 Financial Statement: Noted and signed by the Chairman.

8.3 Lloyds Bank Online for Business – Registration The Clerk explained that Lloyds had offered the facility for on line banking which she said would be useful as bank statements were only received once a month. It was agreed that this facility would be very useful and that two of the Councillors would sign the application form for on line banking.

9 MATTERS ARISING

9.1 Flooding: This was discussed earlier – see above.

9.2 BMX Cycle Track at Apperley Village Hall: This was discussed earlier – see above.

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

Play Area: Nothing to report

Village Hall: Chris Freeman has taken over as Chairman of the Village Hall.

Football Club: Not received settlement of outstanding invoice for the sum of £280. Clerk to chase.

9.4 Highways:

Court Lane, Apperley: This lane was badly flooded but the ditch opposite the Church stayed empty. Perhaps there needs to be a drain on the Church side to take the water into the ditch? Clerk to raise with Richard Waters.

B4213 before the turning to Wick Lane: This is still flooded with water across both carriageways. Clerk to contact Richard Waters.

High Kerb by Oaklands: The Clerk reported that Richard Waters had said that he could easily remove the bollards if the Parish Council so wished. It was agreed that these should be left.

9.5 Deerhurst Walton Flood Alleviation Scheme: Councillor Smith reported:

- Slight delay in going to tender due to the Government Pipeline that was in the path of the flood bank.
- Progressing with the landowner invoices.
- One property was flooded and water entered about 4 other properties.

9.6 Public Rights of Way: Councillor Morris said that he had not heard from Ian Soule. Councillor Pollard said he would attend the meeting the next day at GCC to meet the new contractors Amey.

9.7 Playing Fields – Renewal of Lease: The Clerk reported that Mr Leeke confirmed that the applications for first registrations of title had been made with Land Registry and would be in touch when registration has taken place or if any requisitions are raised which need to be dealt with. He was also preparing the new lease of the playing fields.

9.8 Police: One crime – theft of a pedal cycle.

9.9 Noticeboards: Deerhurst, By School and Top of Saw Pit Lane: The Clerk reported that she had spoken with Brian Lovejoy about the cost of 6 new posts for the noticeboards – 8’ slotted concrete posts were £9.56 plus VAT or 8’ recess concrete posts were £15.51 plus VAT. Wooden ones were slightly cheaper. Councillors felt that concrete posts would be better.

9.10 Parish Council Historical Records: In his absence the Clerk reported that the Chairman had tried to contact Janet Dance but there had been no reply. He would continue to contact her.

9.11 Parish Assembly: The clerk would ask the usual people/groups etc to come along and give their annual reports.

10 CORRESPONDENCE:

10.1 TBC Review of Licensing Policy: The Clerk said she would ask Borough Councillor Waters whether this had any impact for Deerhurst/Apperley Parish.

Other Correspondence:

GAPTC: VAT The Clerk reported that the PC had been informed via GAPTC that the European Commission was undertaking a consultation on VAT rules which could affect local Councils ability to reclaim VAT with a consequent increase in the cost of community projects. The consultation

period expires on 25 April 2014. It was agreed that the Chairman would draft a response to this consultation for the Clerk to send stating that this would have a major detrimental effect on local Councils.

11 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION:

Western Power Conference: Councillor Pollard reported that he had attended this which was held at Cheltenham Racecourse. Very good seminar well presented. One point was if people experience loss of power they should call Western Power rather than their electricity provider. Contact numbers from a landline 0800 328 111 or from a mobile 0330 123 5008. The Clerk said that perhaps these should be advertised in the Sever Sider magazine for information.

Service Villages Councillor Pollard said that he had heard nothing further on this matter but said that the next step will happen when Alderton Parish Council received the maps for each Village from TBC.

12 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Monday, 24 March 2014 at 7.15pm

The meeting closed 8.54pm.