

DEERHURST PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT:

Councillors - P Andrews

L Attard (Chairman)

J Natrass

W Morris

J Pollard

Mrs F Wallbank – Clerk

County Councillor P Awford (partial attendance)

Parishioners: 1 (partial attendance)

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

2 MINUTES OF MEETING:

The minutes of the meetings held on Monday, 24 February 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 end of minutes

6 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT: Not present

7 PLANNING:

7.1 Applications: None

7.2 TBC Decisions: None

7.3 Appeals/Appeal Decisions: None

7.4 Service Village Forum: Councillor Pollard gave a short update on this matter and said that the next meeting was 24 April by which time 2 key documents TBC are producing to help service villages will have been prepared and distributed. Councillor Pollard said that he would be attending the meeting.

8 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

8.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:

Mrs F J Wallbank –

Salary for 1-31 March 2014 295.86

Les Tax for March 59.20 236.66 Cheque No: 000735

Inland Revenue – Tax for FJW 59.20 Cheque No: 000736

Apperley Village Hall – cost of meeting
Held on 24.2.14 15.00 Cheque No: 000737

Photocopying

Petty cash – stamps 19.20

Photocopying 6.40

Room hire, tel calls etc for period

1.4.13-31.3.14	<u>50.00</u>	75.60	Cheque No: 000738
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	Cheque No: 000739
BWB fees for professional services in connection With flood scheme	1000.00		
	<u>VAT 200.00</u>	1200.00	Cheque No: 000740
Madge Lloyd & Gibson: Professional fees in Respect with flood defences	500.00		
	<u>VAT 100.00</u>	600.00	Cheque No: 000741
Minsterworth Parish Council: Contribution towards cost of printer cartridges. Total £49.70 split Between the three Parish Councils	16.57		
Contribution towards cost of paper Total: £24.90 split between three Parish Councils	8.30		
Cost of printing A3 plans for period 15.11.12-16.1.14	<u>16.80</u>	41.67	Cheque No: 000742
John Preece & Sons: Cut hedge at Village Hall	55.00		
	<u>VAT 11.00</u>	66.00	Cheque No: 000743
Graham Feakins: Tree and Hedgework for Deerhurst Walton Flood Fence		220.00	Cheque No: 000744
Total Payments		£2814.13	

Receipts

Apperley Football Club: Cutting of football pitch on the 24.9.13	30.00		
Football Club's contribution towards the grass cutting of the Playing Field during 2013	<u>250.00</u>	280.00	
TBC: Grants to cover invoice in Connection with Deerhurst Walton Flood Defence Scheme.		1500.00	
Total Receipts		£1780.00	

Accounts for Payment for April (postdated cheques):

Mrs F J Wallbank – Salary for 1-30 April 2014	295.86		
Less Tax for April	<u>59.20</u>	236.66	Cheque No: 000745
Inland Revenue – Tax for FJW		59.20	Cheque No: 000746

GAPTC: Annual subscription 1.4.14-

31.3.15

203.04

Cheque No: 000747

Apperley Village Hall – cost of meeting

Held on 24.3.14

15.00

Cheque No: 000748

Total Payments

£513.90

Clerk to check with Mr Reece what he had cut at the Village Hall and who had instructed him.

8.2 Financial Statement: Noted and signed by the Chairman.

8.3 End of Year accounts – appointment of internal auditor: It was agreed to use Shirley Fowler again to carry out the internal audit of the accounts.

9 MATTERS ARISING

9.1 BMX Cycle Track at Apperley Village Hall: The Clerk said that she had not received any photographs from Scott Gibson that she could pass on to Graham Ross at GPFA. Councillor Morris reported:

- Someone was doing some slight modifications to the track
- The track had dried out nicely
- The “Conditions of Use” had blown down in the gale which he would replace asap.
- Once the gravel had been left on site it needed to be spread quickly
- Clerk to ask TBC if they will provide a wheelie bin
- He will be handing over the job of carrying out the weekly checks to Billy Davis.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Morris for his continued hard work and efforts on this matter.

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

Play Area: Nothing to report

Village Hall: The Chairman reported that a mobile hairdresser will be parking his van on alternate Fridays in the car park.

Councillor Awford entered

Football Club: The Football Club had settled their invoice.

9.3 Highways:

Court Lane, Apperley: Richard Waters and his colleague Alan had visited the site and reported that there was good ditching systems down the one side of the lane, which are the responsibility of the adjacent landowners and did not notice any significant problems with water ponding on the lane and requested photographs. Clerk had forward some photographs which Richard Waters found very helpful and agreed to have a closer look at the problem.

B4213 before the turning to Wick Lane: The Clerk reported that last year GCC had a specialist drainage contractor survey the line which revealed that the pipe crossing the road needed repairing. This repair was subsequently undertaken. They now think that the latest problem may be related to a land drainage issue rather than a highway issue. Richard Waters and his colleague Alan are going to have another look at this and we will liaise with the Land Drainage Officer at TBC, Mr Jason Westmoreland, if necessary.

GCC Highways and Transport Services Contract: Councillor Pollard reported that Amey had taken over the Highways contract and he had attended Chartered Parish & Town Councils meeting on the 13 March. Any maintenance will be carried out by Amey and most people will be moving from Cannop to Shire Hall.

Ponding by Apperley Cricket Club: Councillor Pollard and the Clerk had both reported this problem and Richard Waters was going to visit the site. [Appeared to be a blockage in the Highways surface water carrier line – arranging for line and gullies to be jetted through.]

Passing Place Saw Pit Lane: Just after the Old Road the road narrows where there is a “sort of pull-in”. This has large potholes and the side of road is breaking up. Clerk to report to Highways.

Storm Drain Saw Pit Lane/Orchard End: Richard Waters will inspect this with his colleague.

9.4 Deerhurst Walton Flood Alleviation Scheme: In his absence the Clerk reported that Councillor Smith was awaiting to receive confirmation from Jason Westmoreland that an additional £40,000

was available for the scheme. Currently there was £678.90 remaining from the £20,000. The OPA have given their verbal consent to work over the pipe and Councillor Smith needs to confirm a Method statement which will be added to the invitation to tender and then sent out to potential bidders.

9.5 Public Rights of Way: Councillor Pollard said he had attended the meeting at GCC to meet the new contractors Amey. All Officers were transferring over Amey and Town/Parish Councils are currently awaiting a new contact number. Nothing has been done on the outstanding matters as Officers were still trying to access the damage following the floods.

9.6 Playing Fields – Renewal of Lease: No update. It was agreed that the Clerk should send a reminder to Andrew Leeke asking if Land Registry had now registered the land?

9.7 Police: Nothing to report. The Chairman said he had received some dates for the Community Meeting. Mat Morris was now the contact for NHW.

9.8 Noticeboards: Deerhurst, By School and Top of Saw Pit Lane: Nothing further to report.

9.10 Parish Council Historical Records: The Chairman said he had collected some paperwork from Janet Dance and had given this to the Clerk.

10 CORRESPONDENCE:

10.1 TBC Review of Licensing Policy: The Clerk said that Borough Councillor Waters felt that this review was to keep up with legislation and would have no real impact on Deerhurst/Apperley Parish.

10.2 Stoke Orchard PC: Creation of Rural Forum: The Clerk read out the email from Stoke Orchard PC about the creation of a Rural Forum of Parish Councils in the area as they felt that the new JCS showed little or no consideration on the effect that the massive developments will have on Rural Parishes with regards to storm water, increased traffic on the side roads, increased fly tipping etc. It was agreed that Deerhurst Parish Council would be interested in joining this.

11 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION:

Allotments: The Clerk said that two people had decided not to lease their allotment as from 1 April 2014 and that she had contacted the people on the waiting list and had re-let both of the allotments. It was agreed that the notice period in the allotment contract should be 3 months rather than one year.

Parish Assembly: Clerk to chase up those people who had not yet confirmed their attendance.

Field behind properties in Apperley Park: Councillor Natrass said that it had been brought to her attention that the field behind Apperley Park was in a bad state and it was understood that this was owned by Bloor Homes. Councillor Morris said that previously Matt Hale used this field for his polo ponies but currently the field was empty. He agreed to contact Matt Hale and ask if he was still renting the field.

County Councillor Awford reported as follows:

- Gloucestershire Highways had applied for £15M of the money available for the recovery to the networks following the floods – only got £3M. 15 landslips alone do repair.
- Flood grant money available - £1000 from County Council and up to £5,000 nationally for homes and businesses affected by recent floods.
- Attended meetings in connection with the future maintenance plans for the Severn Estuary and was putting something together for the EA targeting de-silting the Eastern Channel below Gloucester.
- JCS will be considered by Tewkesbury on 6 April at 6pm, Gloucester City on the 7th and Cheltenham on the 9th.
- Had agreed to spend his money allocated for this year for Deerhurst on a dedicated Flood Sign which drops down when required. Just needs to agree correct wording.

12 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Annual Parish Assembly Monday, 28 April 2014 at 7.15pm

The meeting closed 8.30pm.