

DEERHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 28 March 2017, in Apperley Village Hall.

PRESENT:

Councillors E Checkley
B Oldham
J Pollard
S Ridal
J Smith
A Wilkes
County Councillor Awford (partial attendance)
Mrs F Wallbank – Clerk

Parishoners: 0

In the absence of the Chairman Councillor Smith agreed to take the Chair.

1 APOLOGIES: Councillor Attard and Borough Councillor Waters

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

3 MINUTES OF MEETING:

The minutes of the meeting held on the Tuesday, 28 February 2017, having been circulated with the agenda were agreed and signed.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT: None present

5 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT:

- Everyone should have satisfactory broadband by 2021.
- The grant bid via the Children's Activity Fund for further fencing in the Play Area of £2,800 was successful.
- Lengthsman Scheme – any jobs that the Councillors want carried out under this scheme should be send through to Richard Waters and copy him in. Councillor Pollard said that he had previously prepared a list which had been circulated to the Councillors for their attention. He would review this list again and send it to Richard Waters.

6 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT: In his absence, the Clerk reported that Borough Councillor Waters had sent his report and the only important thing to report is about Waste & Recycling. Apperley Blue bin collection will be on Thursday 6 April. Green and Brown bin collection will be on Thursday 13 April (food waste will also be collected on these days).

7 PLANNING:

7.1 Applications:

17/00473/FUL 1 Court Drive, Apperley: Single storey rear extension

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council has no adverse comments to this application

17/00216/FUL Green Farm, School Road, Apperley: Replace hut with a timber frame building

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council has no adverse comments to this application

7.3 Appeals/Appeal Decisions:

8 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

8.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:

Mrs F J Wallbank –

Salary for 1-31 March 17	315.52		
Less Tax	<u>63.20</u>	252.32	Via Bank Transfer
Inland Revenue – Tax for FJW		63.20	Cheque No: 000901
Apperley Village Hall: Meeting held 28.3.17		15.00	Via Bank Transfer
Deerhurst PCC: Contribution to Parish Magazine And Church Yard Mowing		300.00	Cheque No: 000902
Payments:		£630.52	

Receipts

Football Club	250.00
Total Receipt:	£250.00

8.2 Financial Statement: Noted and signed by the Chairman.

8.3 Appointment of External Internal Auditor – Councillors agreed that they were very happy to continue using the services of Mrs Shirley Fowler for the external internal audit.

8.4 Review of Financial Regulations – Defer to next month

Any Other Financial Matters:

Bank Mandate: The Clerk had generated another bank mandate form which she got the Councillors to sign as the previous one was now out of date as she had created it nearly a year ago. She asked if Councillor Ridal, Oldham and Wilkes could go along to Lloyds TSB in Tewkesbury to be verified to enable them to become signatories. Councillor Ridal agreed to take the form first.

9 MATTERS ARISING

9.1 Apperley Village Hall: Nothing to report.

Playing Field: Nothing to report.

Play Area: See separate agenda item.

Football Club: To date has paid £250 promised remainder of £320 by the end of the financial year ie 31 March 2017. Clerk to send an email.

Allotments: Nothing further to report.

9.2 Highways:

Accident B4213 Saturday 25 March: The car left the road just after the turning to Saw Pit Lane Clerk to email Richard Waters to ask for some feedback following the accident.

Parking outside the school: One of the Councillors reported that he received complaints about the traffic chaos outside the school as a vehicle is now being parked opposite the school which had not happened before. The zigzag lines are fading outside the school and the flashing lights are not working. County Councillor Awford said that he and Richard Waters had a site visit about 8 months ago and whilst a bottleneck Mr Waters felt matters were OK. He agreed he would take these matters up again with Richard Waters.

9.3 Public Rights of Way: Councillor Pollard reported that a few stiles had been moved out of the way because they were rotten. One of the jobs for the Lengthsman scheme would be to trim back the hedges around the signs – he agreed to carry out an audit of the signs that require attention.

9.4 Broadband: Nothing more really to report. Awaited press announcement maybe May time.

9.5 Play Area – improvements: In the absence of Mr Leeke Councillor Smith reported that progress had been made however there were problems with the Table tennis table as it does not align but Brian Leeke had this matter in hand. Mr Leeke needed some soil for the zip wires and asked if this could be taken from the BMX track but the Councillors felt this was not a good idea. Fencing has been erected and it was felt that there would be plenty of room for the allotment holders to get around to their allotments however it was agreed that the water tap may need to be painted a bright colour to make it more visible. Councillor Smith said he would raise this with Brian Leeke. Councillor Oldham reported that the areas where the safety surface had been installed the ground was very uneven and required attention to avoid a tripping hazard. Again, Councillor Smith said he

would take this up with Mr Leeke. Councillors agreed that once the project had been completed some recognition needed to be made to the various bodies who had given funding to enable the project to happen. Councillor Smith was sure that Mr Leeke had this matter in hand.

10 CORRESPONDENCE: Any other Correspondence:

Jan Natrass – Bus Service 351 to Tewkesbury: the Clerk read out the email from Mrs Natrass who highlighted that whilst the Village was lucky to have the 351 service the relocation of the new medical centre will hit the elderly. They can no longer be dropped off outside the surgery and now have a long walk from either the Crescent or Boots. This is on top of the parking problems which are endemic at the new centre. Mrs Natrass has asked of the bus company could re-route the service so that it includes the hospital/centre. County Councillor Awford said that he was very happy to take this up with the County Council and the Service Provider and for the Clerk to forward a copy of Mrs Natrass' email. It would be helpful if he knew how many people are disadvantaged – Clerk to ask Mrs Natrass.

11 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION:

Annual Parish Assembly – 26 April 2017: Councillor Pollard said that he had altered the Meeting Dates on the Noticeboard and the Clerk had updated the website. It was agreed that the Clerk would ask for a notice to go in the Severnsider and also let the Village hall know that the main hall is longer required for the meeting on the 25 April.

Oak House, Deerhurst Road, Apperley: A new entrance had appeared. The Clerk confirmed that she had received a letter from TBC Enforcement stating that they were looking into this.

Fly Tipping Wainlode Lane: A quantity of debris had been left just before the cattle grids – debris may contain asbestos. Clerk to report to TBC.

Deerhurst Grass Cutting: The Clerk had received an email from Mr Morris asking for the PC to send a letter of thanks to the residents in Deerhurst who kept the grass cut. The Councillors were in full agreement they should be thanked as this was much appreciated.

Three Bridge House, Hawbridge, Tirley: This property has been empty for nearly a year and is in a state of disrepair with evidence of rat infestation and the garden becoming severely overgrown. County Councillor Awford said for the Clerk to email Borough Councillor Waters as TBC had an Empty Homes Policy and they could take some action.

12 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 25 April 2017 at 7.15pm

The meeting closed 8.45pm.