

DEERHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 22 November 2016, in Apperley Village Hall.

PRESENT:

Councillors L Attard – Chairman
B Oldham
J Pollard
S Ridal
Borough Councillor D Waters
Mrs F Wallbank – Clerk
Parishioners: 2 (partial attendance)

1 APOLOGIES: County Councillor Awford, Councillors Checkley, Smith and Wilkes

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

3 MINUTES OF MEETING:

The minutes of the meeting held on the Tuesday, 25 October 2016, having been circulated with the agenda were agreed and signed.

The Chairman agreed to bring forward the following agenda item:

10.2 TBC Payphone Removal Consultation: The Chairman thanked Rose Williams for attending the meeting outlining her plans for the red K6 telephone kiosk which is at the top of Saw Pit Lane. Rose Williams would like to make it a local history focal point for parishioners and visitors to the area. The Councillors were in full agreement that this was an excellent idea and agreed that the Parish Council would request they adopt the kiosk and for them to decommission it.

Regarding the modern kiosk at Lower Apperley Councillors were in full agreement that this should be removed as it has very little use. Clerk to write to Tewkesbury Borough Council.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT: None

5 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT: Not present

6 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT: Borough Councillor Waters reported:

- extensive work is taking place on the JCS. The proposed development at Twigworth has been removed and the numbers of houses have been reduced at Ashchurch
- Council Tax will be increased for 2017/18
- A review of the parliamentary constituencies is being undertaken along with a review of the boundary commission. Deerhurst would remain within Tewkesbury Borough Council.

7 PLANNING:

7.1 Applications:

16/01099/FUL & 16/01102/LBC Notcliffe House, Walton Hill, Cardiff: Conversion of redundant farm buildings to form 2nos. holiday cottages. Conversion of barns to provide artist studio/gallery and ancillary accommodation/storage - both for private use. Construction of new entrance gates and piers and associated access. Further to lapsed planning permission ref:12/01210/FUL.

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council has no adverse comments to this application.

7.2 TBC Decisions:

16/00869/PDAD Lane at Deerhurst Road, Apperley: Conversion of the steel framed agricultural building into a three bed dwelling house - **Approved**

7.3 Appeals/Appeal Decisions: None to date

8 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

8.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:

Mrs F J Wallbank –			
Salary for 1-30 November 2016	315.52		
Less Tax	<u>63.00</u>	252.52	Via Bank Transfer
Inland Revenue – Tax for FJW		63.00	Cheque No: 000870
Apperley Village Hall:			
Meeting held 22.11.16	15.00		
Broadband meeting 27.10.16	<u>12.00</u>	27.00	Via Bank Transfer
Countrywide:			
4 additional cuts of football pitch			
During October	160.00		
	<u>VAT 32.00</u>	192.00	Via Bank Transfer
Cost of wreath inc donation		30.00	Cheque No: 000871
John Hicks: Carrying out ROSPA			
Inspection	115.20		
	<u>VAT 23.04</u>	138.24	Via Bank Transfer
Knights Accountants and Tax Advisors:			
Professional fees	150.00		
	<u>VAT 30.00</u>	180.00	Cheque No: 000872
Total Payments:		£882.76	

Receipts

Big Lottery Grant	10000.00
Total Receipt:	£10000.00

Postdated Cheques:

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8.2 Financial Statement: Noted and signed by the Chairman.

8.3 Budget for 2017/18: The Clerk took the Councillors through the first draft of the budget. Most of the Play Area refurbishments works will be carried out in this financial year. Second draft to be considered at the January meeting. Clerk to contact Came & Co to speak with them about the insurance when the new play equipment is installed – currently 9 pieces of equipment with an additional 7 pieces.

9 MATTERS ARISING

9.1 Apperley Village Hall: Nothing to report.

Playing Field: Nothing to report.

Play Area: See separate agenda item.

Football Club: Clerk to invoice Football Club for grass cutting.

Allotments: Nothing further to report.

9.2 Highways: VASS/Commissioners Fund: Clerk to email Richard Waters to ascertain a timeframe.

Lengthsman Scheme: Councillor Pollard had put together a list of tasks for the Lengthsman scheme. Clerk said the list should be passed onto County Councillor Awford so that he can build the jobs in when the lengthsman are in Deerhurst.

Point of Contact: Councillor Pollard said that the contact for Amey (Highways) for Councillors is Becky Lane. He said that he would circulate her contact details.

9.3 Public Rights of Way:

Footpath by Duckpool Cottage: The Clerk had emailed Amey and had been informed by Ian Soule that it was not a PROW so handed the matter over to Richard Waters at Glos Highways. They have visited the site and had a look at the path. They could see the potential for someone to trip on the vegetation on the steps, particularly when coming down them. Richard Waters has discussed this with County Councillor Awford who has very kindly agreed to fund some clearance works. Clerk to thank County Councillor Awford.

Councillor Pollard reported that several stiles required attention but to date he could not get any help from Amey. Some Councillors felt they should be forced to act to keep the footpaths in a good condition.

9.4 Broadband: Broadband meeting held on the 27 October was well attended with 116 people attending. Matt Smith was very patient and presented very well. Further information will be available in January 2017.

9.5 Play Area – improvements: Prior to the Parish Council meeting commencing a pre-meeting was held with the Councillors, Samantha Butler, Brian Leeke and 5 parents. At the meeting the Chairman said that the Parish Council was fully supportive of the proposed works but had to ensure everything was done properly with respect to obtaining three quotations, consulting with the parishioners and keeping the Parish Council fully informed of what was happening.

Councillor Smith talked through the process he had to go through with regards to the building the bund at Deerhurst Walton and the problems the Parish Council encountered with the external auditors. He stressed that the PC did not want to put in any obstacles and it was very commendable about the amount of work Samantha Butler and Brian Leeke had put in. It was suggested that it would be “best practice” if the proposed refurbishment of the play area was presented to parishioners at an “open event”. Brian Leeke circulated a drawing of the play area (not to scale) with the new play equipment shown but did not include any existing equipment. They had agreed to remove the proposed water feature due to health and safety risks and replace it with a concrete table tennis table. It was agreed that Councillor Smith would be the point of contact for Brian Leeke and Samantha Butler.

10 CORRESPONDENCE:

10.1 GCC – Schools Admission Policy – Consultation 1.11.16-31.12.16 – as a Voluntary Controlled school the county council is consulting on Deerhurst & Apperley’s behalf.

10.2 TBC Payphone Removal Consultation – See earlier

10.3 Glos Road Safety Partnership: Launch of Road Safety Hub - Noted

10.3 GCC: Minerals and Waste Plan- Noted

10.4 English Rural Housing Association: Shared ownership re-sale at 4 Moores Ground, Apperley – Posters have been put up on the noticeboards, advertised on social media and the website advertising Two Bedroom share ownership house available to a local person £118,800 for a 54% share.

11 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION:

12 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 24 January 2017 at 7.15pm

The meeting closed 9.10pm.