

DEERHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 25 October 2016, in Apperley Village Hall.

PRESENT:

Councillors L Attard – Chairman
B Oldham
J Pollard
S Ridal
J Smith
A Wilkes
Mrs F Wallbank – Clerk

Parishioners: 0

1 APOLOGIES: County Councillor Awford and Borough Councillor Waters

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

3 MINUTES OF MEETING:

The minutes of the meeting held on the Tuesday, 27 September 2016, having been circulated with the agenda were agreed and signed.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT: None present

5 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT: Not present

6 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT: Not present

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.

It was agreed that the Clerk would request an extension of time from TBC for the Parish Council's comments.

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 1-31 October 2016	315.52		
Less Tax	<u>63.00</u>	252.52	Via Bank Transfer
Inland Revenue – Tax for FJW		63.00	Cheque No: 000867
Apperley Village Hall – cost of meeting Held 25.10.16		15.00	Via Bank Transfer
Sevenside Senior Citizens Club		162.00	Cheque No: 000868
Grant Thornton: Audit fees for the financial Year ended 31 March 2016	300.00		
Additional fees	25.00		

	<u>VAT 65.00</u>	390.00	Cheque No: 000869
G Blandford & Son: Cost of a s/h Selwood D200 pump for Deerhurst Flood Alleviation Scheme	2200.00		
	<u>VAT 440.00</u>	2640.00	Via Bank Transfer
Q F Tractors 1 x BBA pump and pipes	2250.00		
	<u>VAT 450.00</u>	2700.00	Via Bank Transfer
Severn Trent Water: For the period 5 April – 13 October 2016		115.72	Via Bank Transfer
Countrywide: Cuts on 7 & 19 September	250.00		
	<u>VAT 50.00</u>		
Additional cuts of football pitch: 28 September	40.00		
	<u>VAT 8.00</u>	348.00	Via Bank Transfer
Total Payments:		£6686.24	
Receipts			
TBC Flood Grant Money to cover cost Of pump		4450.00	
HM Revenue & Customs – Vat refund		1004.26	
Total Receipt:		£5454.26	

Councillor Smith explained that the cost of the two pumps equated to the cost of the one pump previously purchased but sadly stolen. One is a mobile pump and there will be a back-up pump now. However, it was agreed to hold the payment to Q F Tractors until Councillor Smith authorised the release of the payment.

8.2 Financial Statement: Noted and signed by the Chairman.

8.3 Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2016: The Clerk reported that the accounts had been signed by the auditor with a couple of comments for the Parish Council to note. The Audit completion notices had been put up on the noticeboards.

9 MATTERS ARISING

9.1 Apperley Village Hall: Nothing to report.

Playing Field: Nothing to report.

Play Area: See separate agenda item.

Football Club: Chris Freeman had responded that the Football Club was quite happy for the proposed container to go behind the village hall on the long strip of land by the pond.

Allotments: The Clerk had spoken with Mr Tickner about an Allotment Representative and he had put forward a couple of names. The Chairman agreed to speak with one of them.

9.2 Highways:

Resurfacing Sawpit Lane: Resurfacing works have taken place however they have not painted the “SL of the “slow”. Clerk to speak with Richard Waters.

Commissioners Fund: The Chairman reported that he had met with Richard Waters to discuss the positioning of the 4-6 posts to attach the VAS to. Richard Waters said that GCC Highway Improvements Team were currently reviewing their VAS policy and was awaiting further advice on the approvals process.

Inghams Corner: Clerk contacted Severn Trent and they have been to site however problem seems to be worse. Clerk to chase.

Lengthsman Scheme: Councillor Pollard said he would put together some suggestions for the lengthsman scheme and circulate to Councillors for them to prioritise.

Amey Control Room: Councillor Pollard said that he had a tour of the control room following an invitation via the Chartered Parish Council meeting.

9.3 Public Rights of Way: Councillor Pollard reported that he had walked a number of footpaths and have some that need vegetation cutting back and said he would action.

The chairman reported that the stile behind his house was broken but still useable.

When the A38 was converted to a dual carriageway and put on an embankment, the original road that joined it from Deerhurst Walton was blocked off, to be replaced by the steps. The road and the steps continue as a right of way but they do not appear on the PROW map (see attached, with an arrow). Steps need to be kept clear – Clerk to email Amey PROW.

9.4 Broadband: Broadband meeting scheduled for Thursday 27 October 7pm circulated via website, signs, emails etc. The Chairman congratulated Councillor Pollard for all his hard work on this matter.

9.5 Play Area – improvements: Prior to the commencement of the Parish Council meeting Brian Leeke had met with several Councillors for a quick tour of the playarea explaining the plans for the refurbishment works. It was agreed that the Clerk needed to request a detailed drawing of the play area showing the existing equipment and the proposed new equipment which should be to scale; Details of the consultation process undertaken on the proposed refurbishments works with parents, local residents etc.; Details of the three quotations requested to undertake the various works, provide the equipment, surfacing, installation etc. Also clarification is required as to who will meet the additional costs in connection with an increase in audit fee and any additional hours incurred by the Clerk.; Who will attend the Parish Council meetings to keep the Parish Council fully up to speed with the various stages of this project so that everything can be clearly minuted? Also request a site meeting with all relevant parties ie Village Hall, Football Club, DPPFA, PC, immediate neighbours etc.

10 CORRESPONDENCE:

10.1 TBC – Tackling Dog Fouling Environmental Warden Proposal (ref email 3.10.16): The Chairman said that he would speak with David Steels at TBC.

10.2 TBC – Housing Strategy Public Consultation: Councillor Smith said he would look at this, draft a response and circulate to Councillors prior to responding to TBC.

11 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION:

Reorganisation of Boundaries: The Chairman said he wondered how this would impact on Deerhurst if the Coombe Hill Ward comes under the Forest of Dean. Clerk to email Councillor Waters.

Leylandi Tree: Councillor Waters has confirmed that he has been advised that the tree is in the work programme and is scheduled to be removed in the next 2 to 3 weeks.

Remembrance Sunday: Sunday 13 November 2016 the Chairman said he might not be able to attend due to a prior commitment.

12 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 22 November 2016 at 7.15pm

The meeting closed 8.53pm.