

## DEERHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 25 October 2017, in Apperley Village Hall.

### PRESENT:

Councillors: L Attard  
S Ridal  
A Wilkes  
Borough Councillor D Waters  
Mrs F Wallbank – Clerk

Parishioners: 1

**1 APOLOGIES:** Councillors Smith, Pollard, Checkley Oldham and CC Awford.

**2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** None

### 3 MINUTES OF MEETING:

The minutes of the meeting held on the Wednesday 27 September 2017, having been circulated with the agenda were agreed and signed.

**4 PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**5 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT:** Not present

**6 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT:** Nothing to report

### 7 PLANNING:

#### 7.1 Applications:

**17/00940/FUL Farmers Arms, Lower Apperley: Installation of fire escape stair**

The Parish Council has no adverse comments to this application

#### 7.2 Decisions:

**17/00907/LBC Wightfield Manor, Wightfield, Apperley: Removal of internal stud partitions at first floor of service wing – Granted**

**Appeal Decisions:** None

### 8 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

#### 8.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:

Mrs F J Wallbank –

Salary for 1-31 October	328.14		
Less Tax	<u>65.60</u>	262.54	Via Bank Transfer
Inland Revenue – Tax for FJW		65.60	Cheque No: 000910
Apperley Village Hall: Meeting held 25.10.17		15.00	Via Bank Transfer
Countrywide Ground Maintenance: 1 cuts in September	125.00		
	<u>VAT 25.00</u>	150.00	Via Bank Transfer
GPFA Membership renewal due 1 October 2017		50.00	Via Bank Transfer

Wreath for Remembrance Sunday

Plus donation

30.00

Cheque No: 000911

**Payments:**

**£573.14**

## **Receipts**

**Total Receipt:**

**£0.00**

**8.2 Financial Statement:** Noted and signed by the Chairman.

**8.3 Audit for the year ended 31 March 2017:** : The Clerk reported that the accounts had been signed by the auditor with one minor comment for the Parish Council to note. The Audit completion notices had been put up on the noticeboards.

**8.4 Play Area – Financial Update** Brian Leeke had emailed the Chairman asking if the Parish Council would consider an annual grant of say £200 to the DPPFA for the ongoing maintenance of the Play Area. He also said that the fencing surrounding the Playing Field which has deteriorated over the years i.e. since its installation in the late 1970's and would require attention in the future. Mr Leeke also requested that the balance of the grant monies (£128.84) be transferred to the DPPFA however the Chairman informed him that this would put towards the additional audit fees that the Parish Council had to pay due to the amount of income and expenditure that occurred in 2016/17. A discussion took place and felt that the Parish Council already allocate £250 for the maintenance for the Play Area equipment and may consider increasing this to £300 but for this money to remain in the Parish Council's account. Councillor Wilkes said that it would be costly to carry out refurbishment of the fence and agreed to have a look at it and report back at the next meeting.

**8.5 Litterbin Apperley Village Hall Carpark – provision of new:** The Clerk reported that the outer and inner of the litterbin at the Hall had “disappeared” and the only part left was the section bolted to the ground. Pete Woodthorpe has put a wheelie bin there for use as the litter was blowing all around the carpark. It was agreed the Clerk would speak to Pete Woodthorpe and cost a new bin.

## **9 MATTERS ARISING**

**9.1 Apperley Village Hall:** The Chairman said he would like to investigate the possibility of opening a Village Shop and a possibly site might be the football changing rooms. He would report back at the next meeting.

**Playing Field:** Nothing to report.

**Play Area:** Nothing to report.

**Allotments:** Nothing to report.

### **9.2 Highways:**

**VAS signs:** The Clerk had said she had not had the signed contract back. She had contacted Alan Bullock who made a general observation that the positions shown in Schedule 2 do not appear to be exact and it is not clear whether these have been fully agreed on site by the local highway manager to ensure visibility is appropriate (we generally expect the LHM to sign this off). Other parishes have provided extracts from googlemapping or similar to highlight exact locations and the impact on other streetfurniture/highway visibility. Richard Waters had produced the sketch following two site meetings with the Chairman and he had emailed Mr Bullock to this effect. Clerk still waiting to hear back from Mr Bullock.

**Sign:** The “Lower Apperley” sign on the B4213 near Wainlodes Lane has new posts.

**Towards Haw Bridge:** Councillor Pollard reported several trees encroaching above the road, including one that has clearly been struck by a high vehicle. Amey has reported back that landowners have been sent letters requesting corrective action.

**Inghams Corner:** The drains have still not been cleared despite Amey's promise of cleaning them every 6 months. The nearer of the two drains to School Road is gradually being taken over by grass growing through the drain. Both are full of leaves. Clerk to chase Amey.

**Abandoned Vehicle Chester Close:** A resident in Chester Close sent the Parish Council an email about the problems with the residents of no.4 Chester Close, they have a large Renault Master van parked outside their property that takes up a considerable amount of space in a tight turning area. The vehicle hasn't moved since January 2016. The vehicle has been SORN since July 2016, yet remains

parked on the road. The vehicle greatly hinders visibility for car drivers. There is little the Parish Council do and Borough Councillor Waters reported that he had taken this up with the MP's assistant and had been informed that the vehicle should be removed. Borough Councillor Waters said he would keep the PC informed.

**Parking Problems Ringers Close:** The Parish Council had received an email from Julie Davies at TBC about parking problems in Ringers Close. There is a regular issue in Ringers Close, Apperley where parked cars along the road are blocking access for the refuse and recycling collection vehicles which can result in the collections being missed as the crews cannot gain access to the cul-de-sac from the junction into the close. The attached letter is being sent to all properties in Ringers Close today to try and reduce the problem. It also outlines that the problem would be experienced by ambulances and fire appliances therefore needs addressing. Clerk to highlight this problem on Facebook.

**9.3 Public Rights of Way:** The Clerk reported that Councillor Pollard had been unable to photograph all the footpath signs to report their condition to Amey/PROW team. He has reported the rotten stile on ADE74 to Amey/PROW.

**9.4 Broadband:** Meeting with Gigaclear on 6 December at 7.15 pm and their contractor, Complete Utilities. It is timed to be eight working weeks before work begins in the "Deerhurst Walton" broadband area.

## **10 CORRESPONDENCE**

### **Flood and Water Management Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) Consultation:**

The consultation runs from Monday 25 September 2017 until 5pm on Monday 6 November 2017.

**Data Protection Training Course:** GAPTC are running a course on this important matter on the 30 November from 2-4pm at a cost of £40. The Councillors were happy for the cost of the Clerk attending the course to be shared by the 3 Parish Councils she represents.

**Cheltenham Hospital:** Email received from Michael Ratcliffe, REACH Board Chair, Chief Executive, Cheltenham Chamber of Commerce asking for support of the Parish Council for full reinstatement of A&E Services at Cheltenham General Hospital. Clerk to send an email of support.

## **11 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION:**

**Proposed Houses behind Pink Cottage:** There would appear to be some recent activity on the site however Borough Councillor Waters confirmed that TBC had heard nothing further.

**12 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, 22 November 2017

The meeting closed 8.30pm.