

## DEERHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 27 September 2017, in Apperley Village Hall.

### **PRESENT:**

Councillors: L Attard  
E Checkley  
J Pollard  
S Ridal  
A Wilkes  
Mrs F Wallbank – Clerk

Parishoners: 0

**1 APOLOGIES:** Councillor Smith and CC Awford and BC Waters

**2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** None

### **3 MINUTES OF MEETING:**

The minutes of the meeting held on the Wednesday 26 July 2017, 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:**

**17/00951/FUL** Duckpool Cottage, Walton Hill: First floor rear extension

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council has no adverse comments to this application.

**17/00982/FUL** Uplands, Deerhurst Road, Apperley: Conservatory/greenhouse to side

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council has no adverse comments to this application.

**17/00972/LBC** Wightfield Manor, Apperley: Removal of 19th century boarded partitions to the well room, and forming larger opening to the west elevation of the 20th century south store.

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council has no adverse comments to this application.

The following applications were considered prior to the meeting:

**17/00587/FUL** Chestnut Tree Cottage, Walton Hill, Deerhurst: Erection of a replacement enclosed porch.

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council has no adverse comments to this application

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

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council has no adverse comments to this application

#### **7.2 Decisions:**

**17/00715/OUT** - 1 Cooks Green Cottages Lower Apperley: Erection of 1 no. dwelling, with all

matters reserved for future consideration except for access (re-submission) – **Application withdrawn**

**17/00616/FUL** 2 Orchard End, Apperley: Single storey rear extensions - **Granted**

**17/00587/FUL** Chestnut Tree Cottage, Walton Hill, Deerhurst: Erection of a replacement enclosed porch - **Granted**

**17/00015/FUL** Proposed Agricultural Building, Abbots Court Farm, Deerhurst: The erection of a general purpose agricultural building – **Granted**

**17/00173/FUL** 1 Court Drive, Apperley: Single storey rear extension - **Granted**

**7.3 Appeals: Land at Fiddington, Ashchurch:** Erection of biomass-based anaerobic digestion facility and associated works. Application going to the Secretary of State and will be heard in November 2017.

**Appeal Decisions:** None

## **8 FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

### **8.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:**

Mrs F J Wallbank –

Salary for 1-30 September 328.14

Less Tax 65.60 262.54

Via Bank Transfer

Inland Revenue – Tax for FJW 65.60

Cheque No: 000910

Apperley Village Hall:

Meeting held 27.9.17 15.00

Via Bank Transfer

Countrywide Ground Maintenance:

3 cuts in August 300.00

VAT 75.00 450.00

Via Bank Transfer

Severnside Senior Citizens Club:

April 2016-March 2017 8 members @

£1.50 per month for 11 months 132.00

Cheque No: 000911

Cheltenham Fencing: 1 x post

Refunded to B Leeke 29.76

VAT 5.95 35.71

Via Bank Transfer

Mr Jeynes Compensation payment 942.00

Via Bank Transfer

**Payments: £1902.85**

### **Receipts**

TBC – Compensation payment for

Mr Jeynes 942.00

**Total Receipt: £942.00**

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

### **Any Other Financial Matters:**

**Grass Cutting:** The Clerk reported that to date the 12 contracted cuts have been carried out. Countrywide has agreed to carry out a free cut and has asked if the Parish Council is prepared to pay for an extra cut in October. Due to climate change the Parish Council will have to consider budgeting for more cuts during the growing season.

Also it was agreed that the second cut of the verges should be carried out. Clerk to instruct Ken Preece.

## **9 MATTERS ARISING**

**9.1 Apperley Village Hall:** Nothing to report.

**Playing Field:** Nothing to report.

**Play Area:** Nothing to report.

**Football Club:** Nothing to report – can come agenda as no football club.

**Allotments:** Nothing to report.

### **9.2 Highways:**

**VAS signs:** Gloucestershire Highways has revised the contract they want Parish Councils to sign regarding the erection of the VASS and require a plan of the proposed location of the signs. Richard Waters has produced a plan which the Clerk attached to the contract. This was signed by the Chairman and Clerk and now to be signed by GCC. Once signed the contract can be sent to the Police Commissioner for the release of the grant monies. The Clerk had obtained an extension of the time to “download” the grant monies.

**Signs:** Temporary roadwork signs have been left by the Farmers Arms and in the hedge by Inghams Corner. Clerk to email Richard Waters.

**Cattle grid Gabb Lane:** Following local consultation Glos Highways has agreed to remove the cattle grid, fill in the sump and surface. This will be done in October. Steve Topham has asked if he can have the cattle grid.

**Various:** Councillor Pollard has reported a few matters

**9.3 Public Rights of Way:** Councillor Pollard reported that there had been a lot of destruction of signs however despite reporting to Amey. In the 3-years they have been in post very little footpath maintenance has been carried.

**9.4 Broadband:** Councillor Pollard reported on the progress made. In June, Gloucestershire announced the first ten broadband areas in North Gloucestershire where Gigaclear will be building the new FTTP (fibre to the premise) broadband network. These included Deerhurst Walton, one of the two broadband areas with properties in Deerhurst Parish; the other being Apperley. Since they were awarded the contract in March, Gigaclear has been designing the new network. We have now been given start dates for the network build in these two areas. Deerhurst Walton planned start date February 2018 and Apperley May 2018. Deerhurst Parish Council will be meeting representatives of Gigaclear and their contractor, Complete Utilities, for the first time during the first week of December. This is eight working weeks before the first planned start date. One might say they will be explaining to us how they will be joining all the dots. Laying many miles of fibre-optic cable requires a lot of digging and we can expect disruption during the build.

An update has been put on the website, noticeboard and an email sent to all those that had sent a completed survey. Planned date for meeting is 6 December 2017

**9.5 Play Area – refurbishment:** All works completed. Clerk/Mr Leeke to produce an update financial sheet

## **10 CORRESPONDENCE**

**10.1 Future of Village Agents:** As from the 1 October 2017 there will no longer be Village Agents after 11 years. The Village and Community Agents scheme is combining with social prescribing to become a new service called Community Connectors in October this year. Community Connectors will be accessible in each district of Gloucestershire with 5 providers delivering the new service. GRCC will deliver the service in the Cotswold District.

The new contracts for Community Connectors will begin on 1 October. Until then, the existing Village and Community Agents will continue to take referrals from the breadth of partners that we work with and to make referrals for clients. GRCC will be working with the Village and Community Agents and with the other providers across the county to ensure that the transfer of staff to their new roles is as smooth as possible. The new providers will communicate their plans over the coming weeks and, from 1st October, will publish the relevant contact details so that you can get in touch with the new providers direct.

The Councillors asked the Clerk to thank Ann Vaughan for all her help whilst she has been a Village Agent.

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

**TBC Seminar:** Following the Chairman's attendance at this event he reported as follows:

**Data Protection:** A new Act is being introduced in May and will require the Parish Council to act by adopting a policy and a destruction policy. Clerk to contact GAPTC to ascertain if they will be running any training.

**CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy)** will be introduced for developments of 10 or below. The developer will be required to pay £104 per square metre and a portion of this will be passed onto Parish Councils – 15% or if a neighbourhood plan is in place 25%.

**Environmental Warden** that was discussed earlier in the year will not happen now as only 6 parishes were interested.

**Dog Control** – Public Space Protection Order Consultation runs until 6 November. Promote on Facebook and the Severnsider.

Councillors feel that there is a problem in the Village with some people clearing up after their dogs but then tossing the plastic waste bags in the hedges or leaving them behind. The parish does have quite a few dog waste bin for dog walkers to use.

**Apperley Quarter Marathon:** Councillor Wilkes wanted to thank the Village for their help in make this event such a success. This year they had a record number of entries and the event is set to get bigger.

**12 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, 25 October 2017

The meeting closed 8.25pm.