

DEERHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 25 April 2019, in Apperley Village Hall.

PRESENT:

Councillors: L Attard
J Pollard
B Oldham (partial attendance)
J Smith
A Wilkes (partial attendance)
CC P Awford
Mrs F Wallbank – Clerk

Parishioners: 4

1 APOLOGIES: Borough Councillor Waters.

2 MINUTES OF MEETING:

The minutes of the meeting held on the Wednesday 27 March 2019, having been circulated with the agenda were agreed and signed.

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

4 PUBLIC COMMENT: Received about the shambles of the recent roadworks

5 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT:

- The roadworks has been a shambles so Councillor Awford has been liaising with Councillor Pollard and GCC Highways who have acknowledged their shortcomings and gave their assurance that the school traffic would be allowed though the Road Closed sign. He then thanked Councillor Pollard for his assistance in this matter. Ringway were anticipating finishing the works earlier than anticipated.
- Regarding surface-dressing the B4213 from Tirley to the A38 he has informed GCC Highways that should be carried out in the summer school holidays.
- The Local Plan will not be ready before the elections so will have to be considered by a new Council which will be approximately July time. The Borough are still under pressure to meet the shortfall of 2,400 houses and Ashchurch is the prime area for this housing.

Councillor Wilkes entered

The Chairman brought forward agenda item 9.1

Chris Freeman said that he was aiming to get an Apperley Football team up and running by September however the grass cutting is a big issue keeping the grass short and eliminating dog fouling on the football pitch. What would Countrywide charge for additional cuts and what would the Parish Council charge per game? The Chairman said that the Clerk would have to speak with Countrywide and the Parish Council would agree on a cost for matches.

The Chairman brought forward agenda item 7.5

Laura Bromberg reported as follows:

- Had a meeting with Jane Wormald from TBC who is impressed at the progress of their work to date and encouraged the NDP group to aspire to complete the NDP in 2 years.
- The Group has been successful in acquiring its first Technical Grant. This covers the total cost of the HNA.
- The window for the main grant was supposed to open 1 April but been delayed to 1 May.
- A skype meeting had taken place with Paul Avery from AECOM (the Agency commissioned by the Govt. to undertake Housing Needs Assessments (HNA)). A Project Group are to meet to

draft responses to questions that Paul has sent, to give an initial steer to his work.

- Next NDP meeting Wednesday, 8 May.

6 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT: Not present

7 PLANNING:

7.1 Applications:

19/00012/CLE Duckpool Cottage, Walton Hill, Deerhurst: Lawful Development Certificate for a longstanding existing flat (as a separate residential unit) located above garaging at Duckpool Cottage
Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council has no adverse comments.

19/00359/FUL 22 Lower Apperley: Extension to existing car port & erection of a detached garden room (part retrospective)

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council is concerned that there may be a desire by the current or future owners to use the buildings as dwellings. If that is the case, that use should be applied for now and, if the existing application is consented, the conditions should clearly restrict the use of the buildings to a car port and a garden room.

7.2 Decisions: None

7.3 Appeals:

18/00938/FUL The Dutch Barn, Sawpit Lane, Apperley: Conversion of barn into dwelling house and all associated works. Appeal to the Planning Inspectorate from the applicant against TBC's refusal to grant planning permission. Appeal start date 23.4.19. The Parish Council's original comments will be forwarded to the Inspectorate. The Councillors confirmed that they had no further comments.

Appeal Decisions: None

7.4 Proposed Garden Village – development of over 3,000 homes: No further information.

7.5 Neighbourhood Plan (NP): See above.

8 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

8.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:

Mrs F J Wallbank –

Salary for 1-30 April	337.98		
Less Tax	<u>67.40</u>	270.58	Via Bank Transfer
Inland Revenue – Tax for FJW (refund to Clerk)		67.40	Via Bank Transfer
Apperley Village Hall: Meeting held 24.4.19		15.00	Via Bank Transfer
GAPTC – Annual Subscription 1.4.18-31.3.19		256.02	Via Bank Transfer
Tyre & Battery Centre: Cost of battery For pump at Deerhurst Walton (refund Due to J Smith	130.00		
	<u>VAT 26.00</u>	156.00	Via Bank Transfer
Information Commissioner: Renewal of Data Protection Fee due 8.5.19 (refund to Clerk)		40.00	Via Bank Transfer
Glasdon – cost of dog waste bin	95.30		
	<u>VAT 19.06</u>	114.36	Via Bank Transfer
Total:		£919.36	

Receipts:

GCC: Contribution towards verge cutting for
2018 1279.80
Total Receipt: £1279.80

8.2 Financial Statement: Circulated with the agenda.

8.3 End of Year Return: Agree Certificate of exemption, appointment of external internal auditor: As the income or expenditure does not exceed £25,000 for the financial year ended 31 March 2018 it was agreed that the PC would certify themselves as exempt from a limited assurance review. They agreed to continue using Shirley Fowler for the external internal audit.

Councillor Oldham entered

9 MATTERS ARISING

9.1 Apperley Village Hall: Nothing to report.

Playing Field:The Chairman brought this agenda item forward.

Play Area: Nothing to report.

Allotments: Nothing to report.

9.2 Highways:

VAS Unit: Councillor Pollard reported that, by the end of May, 12 months of data will have been collected and this will be from all poles used from both directions.

Speeding Traffic Through the Village: Nothing further to report.

Graffiti: Has been removed from signs on B4213 near Sawpit Lane but still exists on the “Give Way” sign at the top of Sawpit Lane. Borough Council

B4213 Deerhurst Corner: The damaged chevrons sign has been repaired.

Road Closures A38: Clerk to put these on the Community Facebook page.

Dog Bin by Cricket Club: The Clerk has purchased the dog bin, and this was given to Councillor Wilkes. GCC Highways has yet to approve the location for the siting of this dog bin. Councillor Pollard has this matter in hand.

9.3 Public Rights of Way: Councillor Pollard reported that there had been a fallen tree across footpath ADE50 and this had been reported to GCC and removed. He has completed ¾ of his photographic survey of the PROW signs around the Parish.

9.4 Broadband: Moores Ground is up and running. Councillor Pollard has been in contact with Ben Stone (Community Engagement Manager, Gigaclear) about work not yet completed. Despite Severn Vale saying they would allow Gigaclear access across an area grass to remaining houses in Ringers Close, these remain not connected.

9.6 GCC are running free First Aid Courses: Date set for Saturday, 25 May commencing at 2-5pm – Clerk to advertise this on the Community Facebook page, website and noticeboards. Send notification to school.

9.7 Noticeboard Deerhurst: Brian Lovejoy had kindly looked at the noticeboard in Deerhurst Village and reported the board itself is in good condition however it could really do with resiting. For an immediate improvement, the shrubs around the board could do with a good prune. It was agreed that the Clerk would ask the new Councillor, Mr Rutter about consulting the parishioners in the village about relocating the noticeboard.

10 CORRESPONDENCE: None

11 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION:

TPO Notices: Councillor Wilkes confirmed that he had put these up.

Newt Survey is being carried out on the Village Pond.

Mapping for NDP: Councillor Pollard explained that it would be useful to have a local government licence from the Ordnance Survey to provide data for maps required for the Neighbourhood Development Plan. He has done some research into GIS software (Parish Online, at £75 per annum, and Quantum-GIS, free of charge) and has received and read recommendations for Parish Online. This software is needed to access both OS and other data. Councillor Smith would ask a colleague with knowledge of Quantum-GIS (Q-GIS) and report back by e-mail.

12 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, 15 May 2019 commencing at 6.45pm with the Annual Parish Meeting.

The meeting closed 8.41pm.