

## DEERHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 28 February 2018, in Apperley Village Hall.

### PRESENT:

Councillors: L Attard  
E Checkley  
J Pollard  
S Ridal  
J Smith  
A Wilkes  
BC D Waters  
Mrs F Wallbank – Clerk  
Mr C Freeman (partial attendance)

Parishioners: 0

**1 APOLOGIES:** Councillor Oldham and CC Awford.

**2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** None

### 3 MINUTES OF MEETING:

The minutes of the meeting held on the Wednesday 31 January 2018, 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:

- Council tax has been agreed at an increase of £5 pa per band D property
- Consultation feedback following the loss of water supply in January. The Chairman said he would complete the questionnaire.

### 7 PLANNING:

**7.1 Applications:** None

**7.2 Decisions:** None

**7.3 Appeals:** None

**Appeal Decisions:** 17/00072/FUL Land Parcels 7946 & 9067 Fiddington: Biomass anaerobic digestion facility – Appeal withdrawn.

### 8 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

#### 8.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:

Mrs F J Wallbank –

Salary for 1-28 February	328.14		
Less Tax	<u>65.60</u>	262.54	Via Bank Transfer

Inland Revenue – Tax for FJW			
Refund due to Clerk		65.60	Via Bank Transfer

Apperley Village Hall:			
Meeting held 28.2.18		15.00	Via Bank Transfer

**Payments:** **£343.14**

**Receipts**

Payment to Countrywide deducted  
for September but invoice not  
Received 150.00

Wa+erplus Refund due 100.00  
**Total Receipt: £250.00**

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

*Chris Freeman entered*

## **9 MATTERS ARISING**

**9.1 Apperley Village Hall:** Following a recent meeting of the Hall Committee the Chairman had received an email from Brian Leeke regarding several matters:

**1 Litterbin by Tennis Court** – this has been purchased and has been delivered to Councillor Oldham and he is to liaise with Councillors Attard and Wilkes to fit it.

**2 Potholes in the Carpark:** Councillor Pollard agreed to have a look at these in the daylight and possible speak to Complete Utilities to see if they could fill them when using tarmac on their patching works.

**Tennis Club Noticeboard:** Ongoing

**Playing Field:** Nothing to report.

**Play Area:** Nothing to report.

**Allotments:** Nothing to report.

### **9.2 Highways:**

**VAS sign:** This has delivered to the Chairman's house. Clerk has contacted Glos Highways to arrange for them to erect the posts so that the sign can be attached to these.

**Recent Accidents B4213:** The Chairman had asked the Clerk to contact the Police for further details and they have reported as follows:

*The RTC on 18<sup>th</sup> Feb was a single vehicle and the driver had clipped the verge causing her to lose control and leave the road. The road was deemed quite slippery on this day, but we are unable to say if speed is a factor.*

*The RTC on 19<sup>th</sup> Feb involved 2 vehicles and the cause is believed to be driver error owing to another vehicle on the road. There is no indication that speed is involved.*

**9.3 Public Rights of Way:** Councillor Pollard gave short report on this matter.

**9.4 Broadband:** Councillor Pollard gave an update:

- Progress is being made and the works by the school were carried out during half term as promised by Cane Edwards.
- Plans have been made to burrow under the floodgates with a mole and this will be done week commencing 12 March. School Land and Gabb Lane have not yet been done. Gigaclear would like to have a series of open evenings at the Hall to advise people on how to upgrade their current service to superfast broadband giving them various options.

**9.5 Play Area – Provision of toilet:** Email from Brian Leeke read out regarding the lack of a toilet at or near the Play Area which has been a problem for some time now. He felt that the possibility of using the toilet near the outside entrance door to the Village Hall Changing Rooms is an obvious answer. Chris Freeman said that the VH Committee do have concerns about this especially about the cost of refurbishing the toilet – hot water would have to be provided for hand washing facilities to meet regulations. Also, the cleaner at the VH does not wish to undertake the cleaning of the toilet.

Councillors felt that having various people with keys was not a good idea and possibly a way round this could be a key safe. Also, any monies left over from the Play Area Refurbishment Scheme would go towards the increased cost of the insurance.

It was agreed that more detailed costing would be required but initially both the Parish Council and VH Committee have some concerns. Clerk to email Brian Leeke.

**9.6 Donation of Village Seat for Deerhurst:** The Parish Council had been approached by Sara Lord about the possibility and practicality of installing a memorial bench in Deerhurst village, in memory of her parents, Peter and Brenda Lord. They lived in Deerhurst for many happy years and made a lot

of friends there, so she thought it would be a fitting way to remember their lives in Deerhurst. The following was agreed:

- a. Best spot for bench on the bend where the road leads down to the Church. Councillor Checkley is going to consult those who will be neighbours to the bench and report back
- b. The PC is aware that Glos Highways must approve the location
- c. In case the sub-soil (as one councillor suggested) is owned by Priory Farm, then we know Mr Morris was in support of the idea
- d. Councillor Pollard will ask the company who are laying fibre broadband cables throughout the Parish if they could tell me the cost of a concrete base since they are making smaller versions all over the place at present.

**9.7 Public Transport/Parish Lift Scheme:** Following the reduction in the 351-bus service GCC has employed the services of Sandy Moller at Integrated Transport to get a Parish Lift scheme up and running in Apperley and Deerhurst. This is a carsharing scheme focusing at a local level that works on line matchmaking people's journeys – you would register yourself as a driver or as a passenger. Mr Moller will be carrying out doing a leaflet drop in the village, holding a promotional evening at the Farmers Arm, promoting in the Parish Magazine and social media.

The Chairman has spoken to Sandy Moller about the Tirley Minibus. The Guardians' scheme could certainly be workable in the context of the parish and could hopefully utilise the village minibus to great effect. It would be customised to take advantage of the high frequency Tewkesbury to Gloucester route through a Hub and Spoke model. The minibus would take people to and from the stop on the road over a very short distance to catch a regular bus service as often it is that 'first and last mile' that is problematic for certain users. People are also willing to car share over those smaller distances and to dropping people off at those point. Economically you can save fuel on covering such a short distance and people can donate only a fraction of time to make the journeys. The minibus and commercial buses become sustainable and mutually beneficial. This would have to be complemented by other schemes. A better crossing over the road and a suitable pedestrian link would be required.

## **10 CORRESPONDENCE:**

### **10.1 Facebook Post re Deer - Update**

The Chairman contacted the PCSO about this matter who told him to call 101 and was contacted by WPC Norris who went to Hartpury College. Parishioners must be encouraged to report all matters of anti-social behaviour to the Police on 101 and if noise is concerned then Environmental Health at TBC.

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

**Telephone Box Apperley:** Following the Clerk's email to Mrs Williams she had emailed to say she had had a rethink and would rather change direction in finding all the finance from elsewhere as money is tight. Apart from the finance she does have some interested adults, village children and a couple of teenagers willing to take part in providing display material as well as plenty of her material, so they have heaps to go on with once the repairs are finished.

**Suspicious Vans in the Village:** Reports of a few vans touring the village. Parishioners need to report these to 101 even before reporting on Facebook.

## **12 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, 28 March 2018

The meeting closed 8.38pm.