

DEERHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the virtual Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 24 February 2021 by Zoom

Present: Len Attard – Chairman
Laura Bromberg
Ben Oldham
Jim Pollard
John Rutter
Anthony Wilkes
CC Awford
Fiona Wallbank – Clerk

Parishioners: None

1 APOLOGIES: BC McLain, Councillor Smith

2 MINUTES OF MEETING: The minutes of the meeting held on the Wednesday, 27 January 2021, having been circulated with the agenda were agreed and signed by the Clerk.

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

4 REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUICLLOR AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

County Councillor Awford reported:

- CC budget increase has been agreed at 4.7%. County Councillors have had an increase of £5,000 in their Highways Local Budget however with 21 parishes the increase will not go far.
- Have been tracking last week and this week progress regarding the Examination in Public of the Tewkesbury Local Plan. A lot of parishes are annoyed as they were not aware that the EIP was taking place. He has checked the schedule and Deerhurst and Apperley are not scheduled however he has an eye on the timetable as the Inspector wants to look at West of Tewkesbury looking at the plan overall.
- Concern has been raised regarding Parishes without boundaries and Parishes on the urban fringes. The Inspector was focusing on development East of Tewkesbury but said what about development to the West and looking at the Odessa site and perhaps the field where the horses are (right hand side before you get to the Odessa pub) and possibly some further development on the A38 at Coombe Hill and beyond. Slightly worrying when the Officer from the Borough appears to have no local knowledge.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT: None

6 PLANNING:

6.1 Applications:

20/01290/FTP 1 Notcliffe Cottages, Walton Hill: Alteration to Public Rights of Way

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council **no adverse** comments providing the owner of the land that the path will be crossing knows it is their responsibility to keep the footpath clear.

21/00056/LBC Old Farmhouse, Lower Apperley: Internal & external repairs, relocating the kitchen facilities & minor internal reordering works. Installation of a new window, repairs & replacement of windows & alterations to some windows & doors

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council has **no adverse** comments to this application.

21/00136/FUL & 21/00224/LBC Elfstone Hollow, Lower Apperley: Erection of a two-storey extension.

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council has **no adverse** comments subject to the Listed Building Regulations

6.2 Decision:

20/01166/FUL & 20/01167/LBC Oak House, Deerhurst Road, Apperley: Erection of a single storey garage - **Granted**

20/00954/PIP Land opposite Apperley Cricket Club, School Road, Apperley: PIP for 2 residential dwellings - **Refused**

20/00546/FUL Land at Gabb Lane, Apperley: Single residential dwelling following grant of PIP (19/00944/PIP) - **Refused**

6.3 Appeals: APP/G1630/W/20/3257625 Outline application for up to 150 dwellings, associated infrastructure, ancillary facilities, open space, and landscaping. Construction of a new vehicular and pedestrian access from the A38 and pedestrian access to the A4019 Land off A38 at Coombe Hill – DPC to make an additional comment regarding flooding.

Appeal Decisions: None

6.4 Neighbourhood Plan (NP): Councillor Bromberg reported:

- Draft framework now in place however Councillor Pollard is revisiting the policies.
- Once ready will go out for further consultation with the Parish
- Hopefully ready by Easter

7 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

7.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:

Mrs F J Wallbank –

Salary for 1-28 February 2021	363.07		
Tax	<u>72.60</u>	290.47	Via Bank Transfer
Inland Revenue		72.60	Via Bank Transfer
Total:		£363.07	

Receipts:

GCC – Grant for verge cutting 1279.80

Deerhurst Walton residents 250.00

Total Receipt: **£1529.80**

7.2 Financial Statement: Circulated with the agenda. The Councillors agreed for the Clerk to sign this.

8 MATTERS ARISING

8.1 Apperley Village Hall: Committee meeting held via Zoom so nothing to report. There are grants available to Village Halls to help with lost revenue. Clerk to let Councillor Oldham have Minsterworth Parish Chairman's details as Minsterworth Village Hall had successfully received two grants. CC Awford said that Louise Gifford at TBC may be able to help.

Carpark: Coffee Van had their second visit.

Play Area: Councillor Oldham reported the Play Area had remained opened and is being very well used. The materials had arrived to repair the Hagsgs unit so he would liaise with Brian Leeke about fitting the parts. Brian Leeke would like to employ somebody to carry out the painting – could be 5 days work at approximately £120 per day.

Allotments: None current available.

8.2 Highways: Provision of a Bus Stop: The FOI request received has been withdrawn. Councillor Pollard intends to liaise with Jonathan Roberts from the Integrated Transport Unit and hopes to consult with Stagecoach drivers about safe places to stop.

Blocked Drains/Flooding from 18 School Road to Moores Ground: A local parishioner reported this matter to Glos Highways 23 December and 20 January and was told this would be investigated. Since major flooding in 2007 this matter has been reported frequently. Occasionally a jetting

/vacuuming lorry has been sent but it has not resolved the issue. The drains have either collapsed or are blocked. The parishioner's husband has dug ditches to divert the flow into a sewer without which their home would have been flooded. Councillor Pollard has also reported this problem several times to Highways, including three weeks ago. Despite assurances that the drains have been cleared, nothing has changed. CC Awford will take this matter up.

Road badly flooded: At the lowest point on the B4213, near Rofield Barn, the road has been flooded. Highways has put out warning signs and will clear a blocked roadside gully nearby.

Road Markers: Highways has been asked to consider renewing red and white reflector posts on Sawpit Lane.

Potholes: Councillor Oldham has reported potholes on Sawpit Lane to Highways. Councillor Bromberg described some dangerous potholes in Deerhurst Walton.

Flooding Court Drive: The roadside ditch has been full of water. A local resident has used rods to clear a blockage 20 metres along the underground channel, as a result of which most of the water drained away in 48 hours. Councillor Pollard has asked Glos Highways to see if there is anything they can do help with flooding on to public road.

VAS Sign: Councillor Pollard reported he has now received the follow-up e-mail expected from Nigel Lloyd-Jones (OPCC) about future speed monitoring.

8.3 Public Rights of Way:

Significance of 2026: Councillor Pollard reported that he will contact Hilary Grace at GCC about the Public Rights of Way and the significance of 2026. This covers a change in legislation which means that certain unrecorded rights of way in the area may shortly be lost. The PC may be aware of historic tracks and ways within the parish which are perhaps no longer used daily but are part of your Parish's history. If these ways are not currently shown on the official records of rights of way, they could be permanently closed off in 2026 by the owner of the land over which they cross. It is important therefore that these routes are protected now. The Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 introduced a cut-off date for adding historic paths to the Definitive Map is 1 January 2026.

Unwalkable Footpath: Councillor Pollard has read Mr Goult's e-mail about an unwalkable footpath, which he believes to be ADE27, to which there has been no access because of the grass bank.

8.4 Provision of Defibrillator for Deerhurst Walton: Councillor Bromberg reported that the defibrillator is in place at Manor Barn and many thanks to the owners for allowing this. Philip Lee will register the installation with the Community Heartbeat Trust, and this will incur several charges.

Noticeboard: This will be placed by the post box. Councillor Bromberg had circulated some options however it was agreed the Clerk would contact Brian Lovejoy to see if he would be interested in making a noticeboard. We would require a min size to fit 6 or 8 A4 sheets.

8.5 Parish Council Website: Councillor Bromberg reported that Mr Davies was still happy to create the website for the Parish Council – which was excellent news.

8.6 Proposed Path: Defer

9 CORRESPONDENCE: Any Other Correspondence:

Social Housing at Oaklands, Deerhurst Road: The Chairman reported that the Clerk has been in email correspondence with John Bryant at TBC about how they deal with the allocation of the properties at Oaklands. TBC have no obligation to consult with the Parish Council. Thought Section 106 meant there was a legal obligation to ensure the applicant had a local connection. The Clerk had asked TBC to revisit their policy and John Bryant informed the PC that he did not think they have a legal basis to share an applicant's details with a parish council. would say that as we are able to process the local connection decision ourselves we would not have a legal basis to then share the information with a 3rd party for the same purpose. It was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk would peruse this matter and copy in Phil Awford.

Litter Picking: Email from a parishioner has been circulated to the Councillors for their information. Mr Goult has unofficially adopted Sawpit Lane (effectively, from the last private house on either side of the road to the B4213 junction) & the layby opposite Wightfield Manor for rubbish gathering & bagging-up it up. He will soon be in a position to call it "job done" & invite TBC to instruct their contractors for a 3rd & final collection. The Parish Council are very grateful to Mr Goult and anyone

else who takes the time to carry out litter picks.

10 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION:

Meetings: Plan to carry on with Zoom meetings for sometime – they are working well.

11 DATE FOR NEXT VIRTUAL MEETING: Wednesday, 24 March 2021 commencing at 7.15pm.

The meeting closed 8.45pm