

DEERHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 24 January 2017, in Apperley Village Hall.

PRESENT:

Councillors L Attard – Chairman
E Checkley
B Oldham
J Pollard
J Smith
A Wilkes
Mrs F Wallbank – Clerk
Parishioners: 2 (partial attendance)

1 APOLOGIES: County Councillor Awford & Borough Councillor Waters

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

3 MINUTES OF MEETING:

The minutes of the meeting held on the Tuesday, 22 November 2016, 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:

16/01430/LBC Wightfield Manor, Wightfield, Apperley: Internal alterations to reform a single dwelling house with housekeeper accommodation, installation of platform lift and minor revisions to the internal plan arrangement.

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council has no adverse comments to this application

7.2 TBC Decisions: None

7.3 Appeals/**Appeal Decisions:** None

8 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

8.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:

Mrs F J Wallbank –

Salary for 1-31 January '17 315.52

Less Tax 63.00 252.52

Via Bank Transfer

Inland Revenue – Tax for FJW 63.00

Cheque No: 000874

Apperley Village Hall:

Meeting held 24.1.17 15.00

Via Bank Transfer

Deerhurst Walton Flood Alleviation Scheme:

Selwood Ltd:

Cost of servicing pump 405.87

VAT 81.17

Cost of pipe and parts 1075.56

VAT 215.11 1777.71

Via Bank Transfer

Amount refunded to Mr J Smith as payment had to be up front

Groundscape: Supply and erect post
And rail fencing for secure
Compound

2156.10
VAT 431.22 2587.32

Via Bank Transfer

Lottery Funded Project:

GB Sport & Leisure UK Ltd:

Steel Basket Swing 1781.00

VAT 356.20 2137.20

Via Bank Transfer

Proludic Ld:

Wok roundabout 3320.00

Table tennis table 3035.00

Delivery 477.00

Discount agreed - Less 1589.00

5243.00

VAT 1048.60 6291.60

Via Bank Transfer

Mumkin Operational Services:

Installation of basket swing 1116.80

Safety Surface 640.00

VAT 40.00

Installation of WOK

Roundabout 397.00

Safety surface 737.00

VAT 45.00

Installation of Table Tennis

Table 1297.00

VAT 147.00 4419.80

Via Bank Transfer

TBC Funded Project:

Sutcliffe Play:

25M Aerial Runway x 2 11100.00

VAT 2220.00 13320.00

Via Bank Transfer

Mumkin Operational Services:

Installation of Safety

Surface 3400.00

VAT 200.00 3600.00

Via Bank Transfer

Tesco Project:

Active Garden: Hexagonal jumbo
sandpit with roof 1450.00

VAT 290.00 1740.00

Via Bank Transfer

Proludic Ltd:

Roundabout 1500.00

Clatter Bridge 1338.75

Rope Play 1462.50

Delivery Charge 430.00

VAT 946.25 5677.50

Via Bank Transfer

Mumkin Operational Services: Supply,
Delivery and installation of the Safety
Surfaces and installation of the roundabout,

Swinging Clatter Bridge and Rope Play
Pyramid

2165.00

VAT 105.00 (ON MATERIALS)

2270.00

Via Bank Transfer

Release requested:

Fencing Project TBC Funded

Mumkin Operational Services: Supply,
Delivery and Installation of the Fencing

919.75

VAT 92.95 1012.70

Via Bank Transfer

Total Payments: £45164.35

Receipts

TBC Grant Funding 5945.00

TBC Grant Funding 9475.00

Mr & Mrs Hodgson – allotment

Rent for period 1.1.17-31.3.17 7.50

TBC Grant Funding Flood

Alleviaton scheme 1537.53

Total Receipt: £16965.03

8.2 Financial Statement: Noted and signed by the Chairman.

8.3 Budget for 2017/18: The Clerk took the Councillors through the second draft of the budget. Confirmed figure received from TBC for the Community Support Grant of £236 which is a reduction of £332 from this year. There will be nothing next year. It was agreed that the precept should be £6600.00 for 2017/18.

9 MATTERS ARISING

9.1 Apperley Village Hall: Nothing to report.

Playing Field: Nothing to report.

Play Area: See separate agenda item.

Football Club: Nothing to report

Allotments: Nothing further to report.

9.2 Highways: VASS/Commissioners Fund: Clerk to chase Mr Waters.

Sawpit Lane Lane: Following the resurfacing of some of the road part of the lettering/numbering on the road is missing. Clerk to email Mr Waters to ask when the road will be remarked.

Leaves on footway: A complaint has been received about the cleanliness of the pavements around the school. The footway is covered in leaves and forces people walking to walk on the edge of the footway. Clerk to report to Mr Waters.

Parking Problems Outside 9 Severn Way: The Clerk had been contacted by the owner of this property. Their driveway is very sloping and due to her disabilities (she is a blue badge holder) she has great difficulty in getting in and out of her car if parked on the slope. The car needs to be on the flat and right outside her house but often the space outside her property has been used by another vehicle. She has requested

9.3 Public Rights of Way: Nothing to report.

9.4 Broadband: GCCouncil and Herefordshire Council have recommended awarding the contract to Gigaclear to deliver phase two of the Fastershire broadband rollout in parts of the Forest of Dean in Gloucestershire and the Golden Valley in Herefordshire.

The £4.54m contract award will see over 2,600 of the hardest to reach homes and businesses in the area benefit from ultrafast broadband using a full fibre network delivered by Gigaclear. Once a decision has been made in the next 2 weeks the PC will need to move quickly. Councillor Pollard has this matter in hand.

9.5 Play Area – improvements:

The Chairman reported that Councillor Smith had been involved in a lot of additional work working with Brian Leeke and Samantha Butler to ensure the correct procurement process had been carried out. Also, the Clerk has had additional work too and he expressed his thanks to both.

Councillor Smith reported as follows:

- Re fencing he had met with Brian Leeke at where and what fencing should be erected around the play area. He pointed out that Mr Leeke must consult with the allotment holders about the proposed plans for the fencing.
- Re equipment: He has had several meetings with Brian Leeke to go through the relevant quotes and he was satisfied that the Parish Council's Financial Regulations had been met with regards to placing of purchase orders for the purchase of the new equipment for the play area. See the attached spreadsheet for exact details.

9.6 Deerhurst Walton Flood Alleviation Scheme: Councillor Smith reported as follows:

- Have purchased pipes and parts and serviced the Selwood 8" pump and this now has a start stop facility and will replace the one that was stolen. Councillor Smith explained these parts and services were provided by the pump manufacturer Selwood and in this instance it was not possible or appropriate to obtain 3 quotes. This pump was checked by Selwood and seen to be in good working order but has not yet been tested in the water yet as we have not had enough rain.
- NFU don't want to insure the bund for Public Liability – Clerk to send Councillor Smith the details of Came & Co who are the PC's insurers.
- There is some funding left to cover any land owner and maintenance matters.
- Re fencing the secure compound area it was agreed to accept Groundscape quotation of £2156.10 plus VAT to erect post and rail and gates for the area.

The Clerk asked how the Parish Council would be reimbursed for the additional audit fees that have been incurred. Councillor Smith said he would speak with Jason Westmoreland.

9.7 Moores Ground – Change of Occupancy: The Chairman reported that the property that was available in Moores Ground has changed hands to a person with a local connection. He confirmed that the Parish Council were asked to verify that the three applicants had a local connection.

10 CORRESPONDENCE:

10.1 TBC - Electoral Review of Tewkesbury: Warding arrangements: Currently Deerhurst comes under the Coombe Hill Ward. 10 January 2017 started a 10-week public consultation during which the Commission is inviting proposals for new warding arrangements. The consultation will close on 20 March 2017. It was agreed to defer to next month when Councillors will read the paperwork and the Clerk to contact Councillors Waters for his assistance to formulate a response

11 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION:

TBC – Appointment of Environmental Warden: The Chairman gave a report on his attendance at this event. TBC were planning to fill this position but on a "cost neutral" basis as the person's salary (£13/14 per hour) would be covered by Town and Parish Councils. TBC need to do further work on this matter and agreed to report back.

12 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 24 January 2017 at 7.15pm

The meeting closed 9.10pm.