

## **DEERHURST PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 31 January 2018, in Apperley Village Hall.

### **PRESENT:**

Councillors: L Attard  
J Pollard  
B Oldham  
S Ridal  
J Smith  
A Wilkes  
Mrs F Wallbank – Clerk  
Parishioners: 10 (some partial attendance)

**1 APOLOGIES:** Councillors Checkley, CC Awford and Borough Councillor Waters.

**2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** None

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

The minutes of the meeting held on the Wednesday 22 November 2017, having been circulated with the agenda were agreed and signed.

### **4 MR CAINE EDWARDS, PROGRAMME MANAGER, COMPLETE UTILITIES:**

Introduced himself and has been tasked to deliver Fastershire Phase 2 to Apperley and Deerhurst. He must get the cabinets live and the feed must come from Shurdington Road.

Once the civil side is completed by Complete Utilities - which could take 2 months to complete Apperley because they must get through tarmac – the project gets handed over to Gigaclear to connect houses. They are keen to work with the Community so will look at doing the work outside the school during half term .

Several matters were raised with Mr Edwards that he said he would take on board.

The Chairman thanked Mr Edwards for taking the time to come along to the meeting.

The Chairman brought forward agenda item **11.1 Jan Natrass – Proposed changes to Bus Service 351** – This matter was discussed earlier on.

The Parish Council had been approached to seek assistance in objecting about the planned to the 351 bus service. A new timetable comes into operation on the 5 February and if anyone wants to get to Tewkesbury by 9am this is not possible – if shoppers want to shop in Tewkesbury they can either have 10 mins in town or 2.5 hours, neither is very “user friendly”. If parishioners want to get to Gloucester they have to catch the 7.02am bus so have an hour “spare” in Gloucester before starting work at 9am. This is not a timetable that is going to encourage people to use the bus service.

The Chairman reported that he had taken this matter up with GCC and the Swanbrook Operations Manager who said that the service is not commercially viable as not many people use the service. He encouraged that users to lobby County Councillor Awford as GCC has a policy to support the Rural Communities. The parishioners present at the meeting said that there has been no increase in bus fares for the last 5 years and perhaps an increase would help towards costs of running the service. The Chairman said that there may be some help from “Community Connections” and would speak to Tom Main at GCC.

**5 PUBLIC COMMENT: Received**

**6 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT: Not present**

**7 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT: Not present**

## 8 PLANNING:

### 8.1 Applications:

The following application is not in the Parish however it will impact on the parish so have been asked to comment by Leigh Parish Council.

**17/01337/OUT** Land Off A38, Part Parcel 0120, Tewkesbury Road: Outline application for up to 40 dwellings, associated infrastructure, ancillary

facilities, open space and landscaping with vehicular and pedestrian access from A38. All matters (Access, Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale) reserved for future consideration.

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The proposed access to the housing development will exacerbate an already problematic junction.

### 8.2 Decisions:

**17/01154/FUL** 19 School Road, Apperley Re-submission for replacement dwelling & garaging. Demolition of partly collapsed property, formation of new access to highway (resubmission of 11/00508/FUL) - **Granted**

**17/00951/FUL** Duckpool Cottage, Walton Hill: Proposed erection of two-storey in-fill extension – **Granted**

**17/00515/FUL** Field No 5588, Deerhurst Road, Apperley: Partial rebuilding & conversion of agricultural building to create a single dwelling house in accordance with previous approval 16/00869/PDAD - **Granted**

**Appeals:** Land on The North Side of Gabb Lane, Apperley: Construction of 1 dwelling. The applicant has submitted an appeal to the Secretary of State against the Council's refusal to grant planning permission. The Parish Council's original comments to the planning application will be submitted to the Inspectorate and it was agreed not to add any additional comments.

**Appeal Decisions:** None

## 9 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

### 9.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:

#### Payment agreed prior to the meeting:

TBC renewal of small Society Lottery

Permit - amount refunded to Clerk	20.00	Via Bank Transfer
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#### Payments to be authorised at the meeting:

Mrs F J Wallbank –

Salary for 1-31 January	328.14	
Less Tax	<u>65.60</u>	262.54
		Via Bank Transfer

Inland Revenue – Tax for FJW		
Refunded to Clerk as paid direct	65.60	Via Bank Transfer

Apperley Village Hall:		
Meeting held 31.1.18	15.00	Via Bank Transfer

Water Plus – Water rates for the period		
17 October 2017 to 1 January 2018	61.15	Via Bank Transfer

Knights Professional fees	160.00	
VAT	32.00	192.00
		Via Bank Transfer

**Payments:** **£596.29**

#### Receipts

TBC – Bacs payment in respect of	
Knights Invoice	160.00

**Total Receipt:** **£160.00**

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

**9.3 Budget draft for 2018/19:** The Clerk said that she had checked the insurance monies allocated in the draft and this should be an adequate sum for next year. A short discussion took place and it was agreed to request a precept of £7,000 for the next financial year.

**9.4 Telephone Box, Apperley** – Proposed cost of repairs: Mrs Rose Williams has emailed the Parish Council regarding the repairs required to the K9 telephone box which she is turning into a history of the village “box”. They have been rubbing down some of the paintwork, brushing off any dirt, cobwebs, flaky paint, and generally tidying up its image to restore it. Some of the windows and seals need replacing as they are either scratched, they let water in as seen this winter it was soaked inside and have yellowed over time. To do the whole box would work out a hefty amount all in one go so initially the windows are a priority plus paint to help bring it back to its former glory and house information etc in an acceptable and appealing way. The cost of these repairs is £221.73 plus Vat of £44.35 totalling £266.08. It was agreed that the Parish Council could not fund these repairs in full but could possibly donate towards the costs. When Deerhurst adopted their kiosk, donations were asked for to cover the cost of repairs. Councillors felt that either an appeal should be put on the Community Facebook page or approach perhaps Gigaclear or Complete Utilities for a donation. Clerk to write to Mrs Williams.

**9.5 Deerhurst Walton Flood Alleviation Scheme – Balance of grant monies:** Councillor Smith reported that currently there is approximately £4,000 balance remaining at TBC. Jason Westmoreland suggested that the Parish Council invoice TBC for the remaining balance and this gets paid to the PC and is ring-fenced for the Deerhurst Walton Flood Bund. Councillor Smith said that there were some outstanding invoices for legal fees which he would chase and agreed to speak to Jason Westmoreland.

## **10 MATTERS ARISING**

**10.1 Apperley Village Hall: Tennis Club Noticeboard:** The Clerk reported that she had spoken to Pete Woodthorpe about the noticeboard at the Hall. He confirmed that the one he has does not have any doors and the one Councillor Oldham has doors. He was quite happy for the Clerk to approach Mr Lovejoy who revamped the noticeboard at the top of Saw Pit Lane. Mr Lovejoy said he would meet with Mr Woodthorpe to discuss further.

**Playing Field:** Nothing to report.

**Play Area:** Nothing to report.

**Allotments:** Nothing to report.

### **10.2 Highways:**

**VAS sign:** The Police Commissioner’s secretary has confirmed that she will forward a purchase order onto the PC once approved and the PC can then send an invoice for the full amount (£3,075). Councillor Pollard said that he had had another meeting regarding the locations for the sign.

**10.3 Public Rights of Way:** Nothing to report waiting for the new contract to be awarded.

**10.4 Broadband:** Matter discussed earlier on in the meeting.

**10.5 Provision of Village Shop:** The Chairman said that this matter can come off the agenda now.

**10.6 Youth Football Club:** The Chairman reported that he had been approached by Martin Coupe about running a Youth Football Team at Apperley Village Hall. Mr Coupe had also approached the Village Hall to use the changing room who have agreed for them to use the changing rooms. They cannot afford to pay the same as the football club paid but can offer the Parish Council £5 per match. They have their own mower so will not need for additional cuts to be carried out. The Councillors agreed that it was essential to encourage Youth Football so would accept a gesture of £5 per match.

## **11 CORRESPONDENCE:**

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## **12 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION:**

**Vans parked by Layby outside School:** This matter was raised on the Community Facebook page as the vans are taking out valuable parking space at the school. The vehicles are taxed but not sure if

they are insured. The Chairman has spoken to the PCSO who has said she would investigate the matter.

**Fatality B4213 New Year's Eve:** The Chairman had asked the Clerk to write to the Police to find out some more information about the accident and they confirmed that there was only one vehicle involved and this happened on B4213 on the straight bit of road after the left-hand bend (which bears off towards Deerhurst) and before Sawpit Lane. The vehicle hit a tree and was unable to provide any further details about the collision as the investigation is ongoing. Apparently, the inquest into the accident will not be until 17 May. The Clerk was asked to email the Police again for an update.

**Fly-Tipping:** The Chairman reported that he had to report several times an incident of fly-tipping along Wainloade Lane which is a regular spot. He had been advised that the best way to report fly-tipping is on-line. The Clerk had also emailed Peter Tonge at TBC who asked Gavin Kemp from Environmental Health to contact us – his reply was *“they have stopped using their small mobile cameras due to the difficulty and time involved in managing them. As an alternative they are currently working with the Police Technical Surveillance Unit, with assistance from the Police and Crime Commissioners office to set up CCTV monitoring. They are hoping this will be operational in the next couple of months. At this point they would not be able to consider Wainlode Lane as they have already selected the sites they will be monitoring over the coming months. He will add Wainlode lane onto our list to be considered at the next review meeting.”*

**Cricket Club:** Councillor Wilkes confirmed that the tree work has been completed at the Cricket Club.

**13 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, 28 February 2018

The meeting closed 8.57pm.