

## DEERHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the virtual Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 27 January 2021 by Zoom

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

Parishioners: None

**1 APOLOGIES:** BC McLain, Councillor Wilkes

**2 MINUTES OF MEETING:** The minutes of the meeting held on the Wednesday, 25 November 2020, having been circulated with the agenda were agreed and signed by the Clerk.

**3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** The Chairman in 20/01249/LBC and 20/01166/FUL & 20/01167/LBC

### **4 REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUCILLOR AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**

County Councillor Awford reported:

- Flooding issues have dominated his agenda the last few weeks.
- CC consulting on an increase of £5 per annum on a band D property which is under 5%
- Looking into the flooding issues on the A417 Currently 1100 signatures about something being done along with work to the B4213
- TBC constantly claim to have a 4.37 year land supply against the expected 5.0 year provision . At a recent Appeal , they were found to have just 1.82 years. This does not include Ashchurch.
- The development of Ashchurch could be some years off given highway concerns.

**5 PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

### **6 PLANNING:**

#### **6.1 Applications:**

**20/01249/LBC** The Old Farm House, Lower Apperley: Alterations and repairs to existing outbuilding including replacement of doors and windows and installation of iron handrail to external steps

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council has no adverse comments.

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

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council is concerned about the potential impact on a listed building.

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

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

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

#### **6.2 Decision:**

**20/00774/PIP** Land adjacent to Manor Cottage, Walton Hill; PIP for the erection of 2 dwellings - **Granted.**

**6.3 Appeals: 20/00140/OUT** Land off the A38 at Coombe Hill: 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.. Response sent prior to the meeting as follows:

Deerhurst Parish Council objects to this proposal because:

1. The additional traffic that will obviously ensue will cause an already problematic junction to become even more of a bottleneck, especially at peak hours.
2. There are not sufficient amenities to cope with a development of this size – the nearest Primary School is over 3 miles away.
3. The impact of surface water drainage to the properties to the East of the development will be sizeable.

**Appeal Decisions: None**

**6.4 Neighbourhood Plan (NP):** Councillor Bromberg reported:

- Public meeting updating everyone. She has complained to The Ridge saying that to date they are on the 5th different planner. They have agreed to credit off the bills. New planner will see the plan through to its conclusion.
- It was agreed to finish first draft and then show policies. Timescale possibly Easter
- Application for the noticeboard has been refused.

Councillor Awford said that given TBC 1.82 years Housing Land Supply where does that leave NDPs?

## **7 FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

### **7.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:**

Mrs F J Wallbank –

Salary for 1-31 January 2021	363.07		
Tax	<u>72.60</u>	290.47	Via Bank Transfer
Inland Revenue		72.60	Via Bank Transfer
Wa+erplus: Water charges for the period 7 October to 7 January		168.55	Via Bank Transfer
CPRE: Renewal of membership		36.00	Via Bank Transfer
<b>Total:</b>		<b>£567.62</b>	

### **Receipts:**

Grant - GCC	3400.00
Staunton & Corse Football Club: 6 matches	60.00
Gumbies Pizza – 17 December 2020	10.00
<b>Total Receipt:</b>	<b>£3470.00</b>

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

**7.3 Precept 2021/22 – Consider proposed budget:** After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that due to the current difficulty with regards to Covid the Parish Council agreed to not increase the precept therefore the precept required for 2021/22 would be same as 2020/21.

**7.4 Meals Service/Luncheon Club:** The Chairman had circulated an email prior to the meeting explaining he is trying to help an initiative in the Parish whereby meals are cooked and distributed to folk who previously attended the Lunch Clubs (and any other needy folk). He has asked to use the Village Hall kitchen and will purchase and donate the containers. This will be a hot meal every couple of weeks and will be free.

He feels it is important that elderly folk do not feel isolated in these times and although this initiative will not address the lack of social interaction, the mere fact that someone out there is thinking of them should provide some comfort.

Chris Freeman is happy for the kitchen to be used at the Village Hall and a husband-and-wife team will cook the meal/s. It was unanimously agreed that the PC would donate the sum of £100 towards this initiative. The Chairman asked the Councillors to think if there was anyone in the Parish in need. Perhaps consider the possibility of setting up Just Giving Page which could go direct to the Parish Council to manage.

## **8 MATTERS ARISING**

**8.1 Apperley Village Hall:** Nothing to report as there have been no bookings.

**Carpark:** Gumbies Pizzas still using carpark about once a month and now a coffee van will be using the carpark on a fortnightly basis as from 9 February

**Tennis Court** closed.

**Play Area:** Councillor Oldham reported that the replacement parts for Hags are to be delivered in early February allowing us to reopen – will get an inspection done between fitting and re-opening.

**Allotments:** An allotment has become available and this has been relet with one person on the wait list

**8.2 Highways: Provision of a Bus Stop:** A lengthy discussion took place regarding this matter due to some confusion in the Parish about the position of the Bus Stop and the provision of 10 poles marking the bus stops. This was never the PC's intention. Following this the PC had received a Freedom of Information Request which has to be dealt with.

The original request came from a parishioner who was left stranded in Apperley as the bus failed to stop. Two proposals to put one at the top of the straight at Sawpit Lane or at the bottom of the straight of Sawpit Lane.

The following locations of the two bus stops for the 351 service:

1. Apperley Park. Original two proposals from GCC to put one near the top of Sawpit Lane or at the bottom of the straight part of Sawpit Lane." The Council has agreed to the proposal to relocate this stop so that buses stop on the straight part of Sawpit Lane, instead of the bend. To Tewkesbury, this means locating the stop on the footway in front of 3 Apperley Park. To Gloucester, this means locating the stop on the footway in front of Twixt Thorns, which now has a full-width drive, contrary to what is shown on GlosMap but visible in aerial views.
2. Apperley Village Hall. The Council has agreed to the proposal to relocate this stop to near the entrance to the Village Hall car park. To Tewkesbury, this means locating the stop on the footway before the car park entrance. To Gloucester, on the most recent map, JR proposed a location past the entrance to the car park. This is probably to avoid the bus stopping across the car park entrance. On JR's previous options attachment, he showed a different location but with a standing area. See later comment (5).
3. Street Furniture. The Council proposes **not** to add any new street furniture. This means neither a pole nor a bus stop flag, at either location.
4. Pole. JR advised Councillor Pollard that he has available a new pole. The Council has agreed that, if this pole can be reused as a pole on which to mount the VAS (vehicle activated sign), they would wish it to be located on Sawpit Lane, subject to Highways agreeing to add this location to our ongoing road safety scheme. As the keeper of the VAS, JR would suggest a location on the verge past the car park entrance (to Tewkesbury). Typically, our sign is mounted on a special bracket about 8 feet above the road, so that the sign can be reached using steps.
5. Hard-Standing. Clarify the offer of hard standing area opposite the entrance to the Village Hall car park. If there is no pole, could this area still be added, to provide a safe refuge for passengers?

**VAS Sign:** Councillor Pollard reported:

- Challenged Martin Surl's newsletter which started off with "We are Speeding towards the end of 2020!! He received an apologetic email from Nigel Lloyd-Jones, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
- Met on site with Nigel Lloyd-Jones to discuss the way forward now there is 2.5 years of data.

- Had completed the on-line speeding survey.
- New batteries were required, and it was agreed that the Parish Council would replace these at a cost of around £80 current batteries are lasting LESS THAN 7 days. It was agreed to purchase two new batteries including brackets if a new pole can be erected in the Village.

The following Highways problems were discussed:

Cleared out gullies at Inghams Corner and Highways have cleared another drain.

Bad pothole past Farmers Arms to Tewkesbury has been reported.

Sawpit Lane on fix my street to report a pothole.

Signage been left about after events this will be dealt with

**8.3 Public Rights of Way:** Nothing to report

**8.4 Provision of Defibrillator for Deerhurst Walton:** Councillor Bromberg said that the defib had still not been fixed and the location had been changed to Manor Barn. Money to be collected once it is on the wall.

**Noticeboard:** Recirculate options.

**8.5 Parish Council Website:** Might be better to get in touch with another website creator. The Clerk said that if there is a template etc she could create a website in WordPress which could then be hosted by Systemforce to save the PC money. Systemforce can check it for compliance with the Accessibility statement.

**Copy of the Minutes:** It was agreed that going forward a copy of the minutes will be placed on the website and available to view on the noticeboard at the top of Sawpit Lane. A link to the minutes on the Parish Council website will be placed on the Facebook Community Page.

**8.6 Proposed Path:** Defer

## **9 CORRESPONDENCE: Any Other Correspondence:**

**Oaklands Development:** The Chairman reported that he was contacted by a single woman in the village and was told that she was no 27 on the list after applying for the flat that had become vacant at Oaklands. Clerk had emailed Cottsway and had received a curt email back and was informed to contact TBC. The Chairman tried to call both people but neither answered the phone so the Clerk emailed TBC and received a reply stating we should contact Cottsway – emailed not signed by a person just the Housing Team.

CC Awford suggested we email Pete Tonge and the Chief Executive to challenge how TBC are dealing with this matter and the lack of involvement with the Parish Council.

Section 106 is a legal requirement that the property should in the first instance be given to a local person with a housing need.

## **10 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION:**

Councillor Oldham would like to look at an improved VAS sign with the possibility of a solar powered sign.

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

The meeting closed 21.20pm