

## DEERHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 28 July 2014, in Apperley Village Hall.

### PRESENT:

Councillors - P Andrews  
L Attard – Chairman  
E Checkley  
W Morris – Vice- Chairman  
J Pollard  
Mrs F Wallbank – Clerk  
County Councillor P Awford (partial attendance)  
Parishioners: 1 (Penny Williams)

**1 APOLOGIES:** Councillor Natrass, Smith and Borough Council Waters. County Councillor Awford would be late.  
The Clerk said that Mrs Penny Williams was in attendance as spokesperson for the allotment holders.

### 2 MINUTES OF MEETING:

The minutes of the meetings held on Monday, 23 June 2014, having been circulated with the agenda were agreed and signed.

**3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** The Chairman declared an interest in 7.1 14/00610/FUL.

**4 PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**5 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT:** Not present at this time see end of meeting

**6 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT:** Not present

### 7 PLANNING:

#### 7.1 Applications:

**14/00626/FUL** Rose Cottage, Deerhurst Road, Deerhurst Proposed two storey extension at side  
Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council has no adverse comments to this application

**14/00610/FUL** Oak House, Deerhurst Road, Apperley: Construction of timber studio (revised scheme)

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council has no adverse comments to this application

#### 7.2 TBC Decisions:

**14/00422/FUL** Mumford Cottage, Wick Lane, Deerhurst: Erection of a replacement detached double garage - **Granted**

**7.3 Appeals/Appeal Decisions:** None to date

**7.4 Service Village Forum:** Councillor Pollard gave an update on this matter – a spreadsheet had been circulated with the total number of houses to be provided by each Service Village but this was not “set in stone”.

### 8 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

#### 8.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:

Mrs F J Wallbank –

Salary for 1-31 July 2014	303.26		
Les Tax for July	<u>60.60</u>	242.66	Cheque No: 000766

Inland Revenue – Tax for FJW	60.60	Cheque No: 000767
Apperley Village Hall – cost of meeting Held on 28.7.14	15.00	Cheque No: 000768
Countrywide 5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> cuts	176.00	
	<u>VAT 35.20</u>	211.20
		Cheque No: 000769
John Hicks: Carrying out annual ROSPA Inspection on play area and BMX track	115.20	
	<u>VAT 23.04</u>	138.24
		Cheque No: 000770
Extra paint and materials required to finish Off painting play equipment	68.50	Cheque No: 000771
Community Rehabilitation Scheme – supervisory fee for the painting of play equipment	150.00	
	VAT 30.00	180.00
		Cheque No: 000772
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>£916.20</b>

**Receipts**  
**Total Receipts** **£0.00**

**Post dated cheque for August 2014:**

Mrs F J Wallbank – Salary for 1-31 August 2014	303.26	
Less Tax for August	<u>60.60</u>	242.66
		Cheque No: 000773

Inland Revenue – Tax for FJW	60.60	Cheque No: 000774
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£303.26</b>	

**8.2 Financial Statement:** Agreed however to be signed at the September as Clerk had not brought a copy for signature.

**9 MATTERS ARISING**

**9.1 Apperley Village Hall, Playing Field/ Play Area/Football Club:**

**Apperley Village Hall:** Nothing to report.

**Play Area:** The painting of the equipment was now complete – Mr Ben Oldham had the leftover paint in case any equipment needed “touching up”.

The Clerk confirmed that Mr Hicks had completed the annual ROSPA inspection with no points raised that required attention. A copy of the report had been circulated to all Councillors.

**Playing Field/Allotments:** Mrs Penny Williams had volunteered to be the allotment spokesperson. She was present at the meeting and wanted to discuss the problem with dogs fouling the playing fields and the allotments. Dogs are left to run loose around the allotments. Councillor Pollard pointed out that there was no public footpath through the allotments. It was agreed that the Clerk should produce some notices stating that the Allotments are not a public right of way and for allotment holders only. The Chairman said that he would erect the notices.

Clerk to find out the cost of dog fouling notices as more were required.

*County Councillor Awford entered*

## **9.2 Highways:**

**B4213 Speed of Traffic:** Email received from Coroner's Office but no information given. Clerk had sent a reminder to the Police.

Councillor Pollard had spoken with Richard Waters at the Highways Seminar who did not expect the official outcome for 6 months – the motorcycle was travelling towards Tewkesbury. Apparently the police will not support a 40 speed limit.

The Clerk asked County Councillor Awford what the cost of a speed activated sign would be and he said it would be around £9,000.

**Parking at Ringers Close:** Following the last site meeting which took place with members of the Parish Council and Gloucestershire Highways it was agreed that there was nothing that the Parish Council could do. It would appear that one house alone has 5 vehicles. Since Severn Vale erected the bollards it has made the problem worse and cars used to park on the grass area but the bollards prevent them from doing this now.

It was agreed to action a review with Gloucestershire Highways and contact Severn Vale stating that the bollards were creating more of a problem.

**Winter Maintenance:** Steve Topham - snow/grit, Tim Morris – snow, Norman McPhearson – flood warden for Deerhurst. It was suggested that Nigel Blayney would be the flood warden for Gabb Lane – Councillor Pollard said he would speak with him.

**9.3 Deerhurst Walton Flood Alleviation Scheme:** The Clerk reported in Councillor Smith's absence that he was still waiting for TBC to sign the finance agreement and the land deals to be signed before they can proceed.

**9.4 Public Rights of Way:** Councillor Pollard that no real progress had been made – excuses were still relating to the changeover to Amey. It was agreed that Councillor Pollard would draft a letter for the Clerk to send regarding the lack of essential works not taking place.

**9.5 Playing Fields – Renewal of Lease:** The Chairman asked if any of the Councillors had any comments regarding the draft lease. It was agreed that the Clerk would resend the paperwork for the Councillors to study before the Chairman met with Brian Leeke and the other parties.

**9.6 Proposed BMX Cycle Track at Apperley Village Hall:** It would appear that Scott Gibson has still not done any fund raising as previously discussed.

**9.7 Police:** No report sent.

**9.8 Noticeboards:** Mr Lovejoy was progressing with the repairs and was looking into the costs of the posts. Clerk to make contact with him re posts.

County Councillor Awford reported:

- Apologised for his non-attendance at last month's meeting due to a family bereavement.
- Highways Seminar – positives were that improvements have been made to how the patching of potholes is handled with the use of GPS, smart phones etc to streamline the process.
- Active Together – money still available for any suitable schemes – mainly aimed at young people to prevent childhood obesity however schemes involving older people would be considered. Councillor Checkly suggested improving the cycle tracks and lines into Tewkesbury.
- JCS going through.
- People whose homes and businesses that were flooded between 1 December and 31 March can now apply for a government grant of up to £5,000 through their local authority, regardless of where they live. The purpose of the grant is to help people with the cost of buying and installing new measures to reduce the chances of flooding in the first place, or limit the damage should they be flooded in the future. Unfortunately commercial people eg The Coal House cannot apply.

**10 CORRESPONDENCE: None**

**11 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION:**

**Grass Cutting Contract:** This is the third year of the current contract with Countrywide. Clerk to put this matter on the agenda for discussion at the September meeting. Perhaps what is required is a multi cylinder mulch mower that chops up the clippings very short. Currently the Football Club is having to rake up the grass cuttings.

**12 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:** Monday, 22 September 2014 at 7.15pm

The meeting closed 8.34pm.