

DEERHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 23 June 2015, in Apperley Village Hall.

PRESENT:

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

1 APOLOGIES: County Councillor Awford and Councillor Waters

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

3 MINUTES OF MEETING:

The minutes of the meetings held on the Tuesday, 19 May 2015, having been circulated with the agenda were agreed and signed after one minor amendment

4 BLOOR HOMES: Guy Wakefield reported that he had just met with the “key” residents prior to the Parish Council meeting and now the legal documentation could be done by Bloor’s solicitors. Talks had taken place regarding the drainage issues and balancing pond and hopefully all concerns had been addressed. Councillor Pollard asked if Bloor’s could clear the drainage ditch once their machinery is on site. Guy Wakefield reported that if everything goes smoothly from now on works on the site would start in 12 months’ time. The application has been submitted to Tewkesbury Borough Council but has not been validated yet so will probably be discussed at the July Parish Council meeting.

POLICE: PcsO Sam James presented the crimes figures for the period 23 February 2015 to 19 June 2015 – 3 x personal altercations, 2 x burglary, 4 x thefts, 1 x criminal damage, 1 x drugs and 1 RTC. Deerhurst is considered a low crime area.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT: None

6 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT: Not present

7 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT: Not present

Councillor Wilkes entered

8 PLANNING:

8.1 Applications:

15/00567/PDAD Land at Deerhurst Road, Apperley: Conversion of the steel frame agricultural building into a four dwelling house

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council objects to this application for the following reasons: 1 This is not a redundant agricultural building 2 Only built 3-4 years ago 3 Access to the site is poor with regards to Highways safety 4 Remote from the Village settlement and all utilities

8.2 TBC Decisions:

15/00484/PDAD The Dutch Barn, Sawpit Lane, Apperley: Change of use of existing agricultural barn to 1 no residential dwelling and building operations reasonably necessary to convert the building to a use falling with Class C3 (dwelling houses) - **Refused**

8.3 Appeals/Appeal Decisions: None to date

9 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

9.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:

Mrs F J Wallbank –

Salary for 1-30 June 2015	309.33		
Less Tax	<u>61.80</u>	247.53	Cheque No: 000824

Inland Revenue – Tax for FJW		61.80	Cheque No: 000825
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Apperley Village Hall – cost of meeting Held 19.5.15		15.00	Cheque No: 000826
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John Preece & Sons: Cutting roadside Grass verges	360.00		
	<u>VAT 72.00</u>	432.00	Cheque No: 000827

John Hicks: Carrying out annual ROSPA Inspection	115.20		
	<u>VAT 23.04</u>	138.24	Cheque No: 000828

Countrywide: 4 th and 5 th cut	250.00		
	<u>VAT 50.00</u>	300.00	Via Bank Transfer

Groundscape: supply and erect landowners Permanent stock fencing on areas affected By the flood scheme	5686.90		
	<u>VAT 1137.38</u>	6824.28	Cheque No: 000829

Total Payments		£8018.85	
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Receipts

Total Receipt:	£0.00
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9.2 Financial Statement: Noted and signed by the Chairman.

10 MATTERS ARISING

10.1 Apperley Village Hall: The Clerk had emailed Chris Freeman to see whether the Hall Committee were considering getting a defibrillator. Regarding the provision of the defibrillator at the School Councillor Pollard confirmed that he would be attending the training session on the 29 June from 6-8pm at The School and would report back at the July meeting.

Playing Field: Nothing to report.

Football Club: Nothing to report.

Play Area: Clerk reported that the ROSPA check had been carried out and the report had been circulated to the Councillors and Brian Leeke for their information. There were no major concerns raised. It was agreed the Councillors would monitor the use of the bike track over the summer months.

Allotments: A complaint had been received that children are running over the allotments. Parish Council to monitor. Regarding the space for another allotment defer to the July meeting.

10.2 Highways: Severn Way: the Chairman met with Richard Waters to have a look at the condition of the road following the recent building works at Severn Way. Although the road is in a terrible condition and has subsided very badly however it would be very difficult to “pin” it on the building contractors. Potholes would be made good by Gloucestershire Highways. Richard Waters would speak with the site contractors re the manhole cover and the footway and report back to the Parish Council.

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

- Works to the bund have progressed well with the main section of the grass growing well.
- There is a temporary fence across the footpath to stop cattle going on the newly seeded area.
- Will liaise with Richard Waters regarding the required repairs to the road into Deerhurst Walton.
- A Company has been set up to take over the management of the bund once completed.

10.4 Public Rights of Way: Councillor Pollard reported that he had attended a course at Northleach with other volunteers and was given an “essential goodie bag”. Councillor Checkley again flagged up that the footpath from Deerhurst Road to Hoo Lane was un-useable and this was the only safe way for people (especially children) to cycle/walk into Tewkesbury. It is also part of the Sabrina Way so important that it is easily accessible. Councillor Pollard said he would speak with Will Morris. The Clerk reported that Penny Williams reported that it is difficult for elderly people to access the bridge by the stile at the Playing Fields and a step is required at both ends. Councillor Pollard said he would take this up with Ian Soule.

10.5 Playing Fields – Renewal of Lease: The lease has now been signed by all parties and has been returned to the Bryan Dunne at Fields in Trust. The deeds will be signed by the Trustees at the next trustees meeting in July.

10.6 Vacancies for Councillors: The Clerk reported that only one application had been received to fill the Councillor vacancies and this was from Mrs Stephanie Ridal who lives at Dunroamin, Apperley. The Councillors were in full agreement to accept her application and look forward to welcoming Mrs Ridal at the July meeting. It was agreed to add Mrs Ridal to the email circulation list now. The Clerk said that Councillor could approach parishioners now to see if another person could be found to fill the remaining vacancy.

10.7 The Coal House – Asset of Community Value: The Chairman reported that the Clerk had completed a form but it was registering the community asset with a view to a Community Right to Bid which is not the correct form. He had spoken to Lesa West at TBC who is making some enquiries with the legal team and will get back to him.

11 CORRESPONDENCE: Any Other Correspondence:

TBC Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Show people Seminar 1 July 2015 6pm: No one to attend.

GAPTC AGM: Saturday, 18 July at Highnam Community Centre – No one to attend.

Land by Apperley House – Trees protected by TPO The Chairman reported that following correspondence received from Neil Roberts which had been circulated to all Councillors he had a site meeting to discuss the situation with the trees. It was agreed that the Clerk would prepare a notice which the Chairman would put up by the trees stating that the trees are subject to a TPO (quote number) and it is a criminal offence to cut them down (15 yews, 8 sycamore and 2 oak trees)

TBC Changes to Planning: Several of the key changes are as follows:

- Objections only result in a Committee determination when submitted by the Parish Council; previously any objections received resulted in an application being considered by the Planning Committee.
- In recognising the crucial role that Town and Parish Councils have in the application process, there is now the opportunity, via the new scheme, for a representative of the Parish Council to address the full Planning Committee direct. It is important that the chosen representative does give the view of the Parish Council rather than their own personal views, and that the views focus on material planning issues. As set out in the leaflet the only way to register to speak at Committee is to contact our Democratic Services team on 01684 27202.

12 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION:

Noticeboard Deerhurst: Very difficult to close at times - clerk to ask Brian Lovejoy to have a look.

TBC Refuse Contract: The Chairman reported that it is impossible to get hold of the people who now deal with the refuse contract Ubico you can only email them with any queries or problems.

13 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 28 July 2015 at 7.15pm

The meeting closed 9.00pm.