

DEERHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 28 June 2016, in Apperley Village Hall.

PRESENT:

Councillors L Attard – Chairman
J Pollard
J Smith
A Wilkes
Mrs F Wallbank – Clerk

Parishioners: 0

1 APOLOGIES: Councillors Checkley and Ridal and Borough Councillor Waters and County Councillor Awford.

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Councillor Attard in application 16/00458/OUT.

3 MINUTES OF MEETING:

The minutes of the meetings held on the Tuesday, 24 May, 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:

16/00571/FUL Red House Farm, Hoo Lane, Deerhurst: Erection of 2 field shelters on concrete bases in the paddock behind Red House Farm to provide shelter for Alpacas, carry out any treatment and for storage of a short term supply of hay

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council has no adverse comments to this application.

Councillor Attard left the room whilst the following application was discussed:

16/00458/OUT 1 Cooks Cottages, Apperley: Erection of 1 no. dwelling, with all matters reserved for future consideration except for access

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council has no adverse comments to this application subject to reports from the Conservation Officer and Gloucestershire Highways.

7.2 TBC Decisions:

16/00315/FUL Box Tree Farm, Gabb Lane, Apperley: Retention of shed - **Granted**

7.3 Appeals/Appeal Decisions: None to date

8 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

8.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:

Mrs F J Wallbank –

Salary for 1-30 June 2016	315.52		
Less Tax	<u>63.20</u>	252.32	Via Bank Transfer
Inland Revenue – Tax for FJW		63.20	Cheque No: 000861
Apperley Village Hall – cost of meeting Held 28.6.16		15.00	Via Bank Transfer

Countrywide Ground Maintenance:			
Grass cutting x 2 for May	250.00		
	<u>VAT 50.00</u>	300.00	Via Bank Transfer
John Preece & Sons: Cutting of roadside			
Grass verges	360.00		
	<u>VAT 72.00</u>	432.00	Cheque No: 000862
Total Payments		£1062.52	

Receipts

Total Receipt: £0.00

8.2 Financial Statement: Noted and signed by the Chairman.

8.3 Pinkerton Leeke & Co – Invoice for acting on behalf of DPC and the DPFA: No further update.

9 MATTERS ARISING

9.1 Apperley Village Hall: Nothing to report.

Playing Field: Nothing to report.

Play Area: The Clerk reported that John Hicks had carried out the annual ROSPA inspection and there were no matters of concerns.

Samantha Butler and Brian Leeke has submitted an application for Lottery Funding and to Tesco's for funding improvements to the Play Area.

Football Club: Nothing to report.

9.2 Highways:

Lengthsman Scheme: The Clerk asked if there any tasks the Councillors wanted the Lengthsman to undertake. Clear vegetation from speed signs along the B4213 and clean those that are dirty. Clear laybys between Village pond and Cricket Club.

Flytipping Wainloade Lane: some of the flytipping remains Clerk to contact Highways

Severn Way: Nothing has been done about the raised manholes or reinstating the footway. Clerk to chase this up with Richard Waters and involve Councillors Awford and Waters.

Councillor Pollard had reported the following problems to Richard Waters:

B4213 Inghams Corner Drains: The easterly of the two metal drains on the north side of the road had silted up, grass had started to grow in it and half of it was covered by earth. He had pulled out the grass and cleared as much as he could with sticks. The other drain is clear at the surface but has a build-up of silt about a foot down. Could these be added to the gully clearing TBA on the other side?

School Road (aka Bath Road) Roadside Drain: If you go about 200 yards up School Road from the B4213 (at Inghams Corner), past the end of the high wall and the rear gate to Apperley Court (both on the left), there is a roadside drain (which looks like a metal cube) with three concrete kerbstones that are meant to cover it. Something (possibly a lorry) has broken at least one of the kerbstones and moved the other two. Fortunately, it is off the road and unlikely to result in cars, bikes or people to fall in. Anyone repeating what seems to have happened (mounting the verge) might suffer. Presumably, you would want to repair the damage?

Pot Hole near Apperley Church: There are some pot holes marked for repair on Severn Way. When Amey are next in Apperley, could they also repair a hole near Holy Trinity Church, on Court Lane? Part of the road repair over the drain from the duck pond to the ditch is collapsing, leaving a triangular hole that someone could easily put a foot in. It is deep enough to be a concern.

9.3 Deerhurst Walton Flood Alleviation Scheme: Councillor Smith reported that the piece of land had been purchased and registered with Land Registry and had drafted a deed of Easement. The fencers are on site to start the work and finish off the planting. Temporary fencing will be taken down and footpath reinstated. Once this has been done he will contact the footpath officer to confirm.

9.4 Public Rights of Way: The Chairman reported that he had received an email from Mike Marshall about Footpath. For the last 25 years he has been cutting back the vegetation to try and

keep it clear for walkers however last year due to health reasons he was unable to carry out his usual work and as a result this year the growth was horrendous but he has just managed to clear it. He feels that this should be undertaken by the relevant people for keep the footpaths open and clear.

It was agreed that the Clerk would email Mr Marshall thanking him for all the work he has done over the last 25 years. Councillor Smith said that he would have a look at the path now and see if any further works need to be done otherwise PC will write to Ian Soule requesting that this path is put on his list of paths to keep clear.

Councillor Pollard reported that the signs are still outstanding.

9.5 Broadband: The Clerk had circulated a draft questionnaire which Councillor Pollard revised. It was agreed that a skype question would be added and then Councillor Pollard would deliver a questionnaire to every house in Apperley, Deerhurst and Deerhurst Walton. Clerk to ask Sue and Pete Woodthorpe if completed questionnaires could be left at the Hall for collection by the Parish Council otherwise completed questionnaires can be emailed to the Clerk or posted.

9.6 Commissioners Fund – Grant Application: The Chairman reported that following Councillor Pollard having done a lot of legwork on researching suitable manufacturers of vehicle activated speed signs and also following a meeting with Richard Waters he had completed the SPECS grant application form which the Clerk had circulated to all Councillors for their approval. It had been decided that the best sign to go for would be a mobile one that could be moved between 5-6 different identified locations along the B4213. After a short discussion it was agreed that the PC would submit the SPECS form and also apply to Gloucestershire Highways for funding through the 50/50 Community Match Funding Scheme.

9.7 Cuttings of Roadside Verges: Following the cuttings of the verges some damaged had occurred to one of the signs marking the main gas pipeline through the Parish on the road from Apperley to Deerhurst. The sign was flattened and the cables behind it were exposed. This was reported to one of the numbers on the marker and the cables have been put back into the verge and soil compacted around it.

11 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION:

12 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 26 July 2016 at 7.15pm

The meeting closed 8.46pm.