

DEERHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 23 March 2015, in Apperley Village Hall.

PRESENT: P Andrews
L Attard – Chairman
E Checkley
W Morris – Vice- Chairman
J Natrass
J Pollard
J Smith
Mrs F Wallbank – Clerk
Parishioners: 3 (partial attendance)

1 APOLOGIES: Councillor Waters and County Councillor Awford.

2 MINUTES OF MEETING:

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 23 February 2015, having been circulated with the agenda were agreed and signed.

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Councillor Attard declared an interest in planning application 15/00179/TPO.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT:

Speeding Traffic through the Village: A local parishioner was present to highlight a thread that had been on Facebook about speeding traffic through the Village. A silver car had been seen speeding recklessly through the village and there is great concern from parishioners and a child will be killed – as it is a cat has been knocked down and killed. One of the Councillor's has the vehicle registration number and would give this to the Clerk so it can be reported to the police and request that they take some action. The parishioner present said on a number of occasions she had been tailgated by the same vehicle but unfortunately did not have the vehicle registration number. The Chairman asked if parishioners got vehicle registration numbers these should be sent to privately to the Clerk, Councillor Checkley or him. He also said that speed bumps, solar powered speed activated signs are all very costly and for many years he has been campaigning for some of these to be put on the B4213 but to no avail.

Insurance of Tennis Court: Jean Scorer was concerned that the Parish Council's insurance does not cover the actions of the tennis club. The Chairman explained that if the Parish Council does not have any say or control the insurance company will not agree to include the tennis club. At the November Parish Council it was minuted that Brian Leeke had spoken to Jonathan Dibble and Charlie Milner and a proposal to formally acknowledge that the Tennis Club comes under the Management of the PC should be acceptable. As with the DPPFA it should have a Parish Councillor on its Committee and report its activities to the PC say every 6 months with confirmation that a Risk Assessment has been carried out along with regular inspections. Jean Scorer said that the Tennis Club AGM was in May and would invite the Parish Council to attend to agree the way forward regarding the insurance. If there was an additional premium then the tennis club could look at paying this.

5 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT: Not present

6 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT: Not present.

7 PLANNING:

7.1 Applications:

15/00179/TPO Various works to 8 oak trees at Apperley Cricket Club, School Rd, Apperley
Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council **supports** this application.

15/00293/FUL 11 Ringers Close, Apperley: Orangery style conservatory to rear of property.

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council has **no adverse** comments

7.2 TBC Decisions:

14/01183/FUL Land to the Rear of 8-10 Severn Way: Erection of 3 dwellings – Revised scheme - **Granted**

7.3 Appeals/Appeal Decisions: None to date

7.4 Enforcement: Nothing to report

7.5 Service Village Forum: Councillor Pollard reported that there had been no further forum meetings but there may be one very soon.

8 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

8.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:

Mrs F J Wallbank –

Salary for 1-31 March 2015	303.26		
Less Tax for March	60.80	242.46	Cheque No: 000808

Inland Revenue – Tax for FJW		60.80	Cheque No: 000809
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Apperley Village Hall – cost of meeting Held on 23.2.15		15.00	Cheque No: 000810
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Countrywide:

Football pitch cut 5 & 27 November	60.00		
Airate and roll football pitch 9th March 2015 Ref Chris Freeman	80.00		
	<u>VAT 30.00</u>	180.00	Cheque No: 000811

Total Payments		£498.26	
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Receipts

Total Receipts		£0.00	
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Post Dated Cheques:

GAPTC: Annual Membership 2015/16		228.22	Cheque No: 000812
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Mrs F J Wallbank –

Salary for 1-30 April 2015	303.26		
Less Tax for April	60.80	242.46	Cheque No: 000813

Inland Revenue – Tax for FJW		60.80	Cheque No: 000814
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Total Payments		£531.48	
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8.2 Financial Statement: The Chairman signed the statement balanced to the end of February 2015.

9 MATTERS ARISING

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

Apperley Village Hall: Nothing to report.

The Clerk reported that she purchased a dog bin for Oddas Chapel and the Chairman had collected this from TBC and delivered to Councillor Morris for him to erect. The preferred site for the bin was opposite Oddas Chapel.

Play Area: Nothing to report

Playing Field/Allotments: The Clerk reported:

- Been contacted by Penny Williams complaining that a load of rubbish had been left on her allotment which had been removed from the ditch alongside her allotment. The Clerk contacted

Brian Leeke who had confirmed that the ditch had been cleared by the Community Payback placement person and he would arrange for the rubbish to be cleared.

- Following the recent clearing of the brambles, nettles and rubbish in the corner of the allotments at the play area end Brian Leeke is certain there is room for another allotment and asked if he cut down the largish hawthorn tree this would let in more light into the area. It was agreed that Councillor Morris would meet with Brian Leeke on site to see if there is room for another allotment.

It was agreed following Mr Tickner comment that as some allotment holders were not aware that Penny Williams was the Parish Council representative allotment holder that when the Clerk sent out the request for payment of the allotment she would ask for the allotment holders to give their contact details to Penny Williams.

9.2 Highways:

Severn Way: Some bad potholes have developed and these have been white lined by Glos Highways.

Road to Deerhurst Walton: This had taken rather a battering due to the large vehicles involved to create the bund. Mud left on B4213. Councillor Smith said that the sweeper is there every day working. It will be necessary to repair some of the verges.

Overgrown area by Moores Ground: Reported that hedge is overgrown and obscuring the vision. Clerk to report to Gloucestershire Highways.

Flooding by Cricket Club: Water is still coming from the gully despite very little rain could well be coming from the derelict site. Councillors thought that the pond is very full despite little rain however Councillor Morris pointed out that the water table was still very high.

9.3 Deerhurst Walton Flood Alleviation Scheme: Councillor Smith reported:

- Works are progressing and the contractor is half way through the job.
- Council Farm has now signed up to the flood defence scheme.
- Spoken to Jason Westmoreland who has agreed to settle the Smith's invoice direct.
- Some hedge clearance work has been carried out - Clerk to pay Hope Tree Services after applying to TBC for the funds to cover the invoice.

9.4 Public Rights of Way: Councillor Checkley reported that in the field at the back of Mr & Mrs Hall's property in Deerhurst her husband had fallen as the stile is leaning precariously to one side. Councillor Morris said that this was on his land and would arrange for the stile to be repaired.

Councillor Pollard said there were a few footpaths matters that he would speak with Ian Soule about.

9.5 Playing Fields – Renewal of Lease: The Chairman reported that the lease had now been signed – Clerk to send back to Tansy Leeke.

9.6 Annual Parish Assembly: The Clerk reported that Guy Wakefield from Hunter Page had requested coming to a Parish Council meeting to update the Councillors and parishioners on the proposed plans for the development. The Clerk had suggested that he came along to the Annual Parish Assembly on the 27 April 2015 and the Councillors felt that this was a good idea.

10 CORRESPONDENCE:

10.1 Police & Crime Commissioner Get-together Tuesday, 21 April 6.30-8.30pm This has now been postponed to July due to elections.

10.2 GCC Bus Service Survey- Completion by 27 March 2015 It was agreed that the Parish Council should send in the same response as Councillor Natrass. The Chairman thanked Councillor Natrass for completing the questionnaire.

Any Other Correspondence:

Jeremy Chamberlayne Vale of Gloucester Report: Councillor Morris said that Jeremy Chamberlayne is getting a bit more support but the EA has not shown any more interest. The main stumbling block is Gloucester tip which was completely built in the wrong place.

Chris Freeman entered

11 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION:

Elections 7 May 2015: Councillor Morris, Andrews and Natrass said that they would be standing down as Parish Councillors after the Annual Parish Assembly. The Chairman said that was a great shame and thanked the three Councillors for all their support and work as Parish Councillors especially Councillor Morris who has been a Councillor for over 50 years.

Football Pitch Grass Cutting: The Chairman said to Chris Freeman that the Parish Council needs to formalise the process on how the football pitch gets cut as the Clerk must know when extra cuts have been requested as there needs to be a clear audit trail. Chris Freeman confirmed that he had received the schedule of cuts form Countrywide for the 2015 growing season.

Various: Councillor Pollard reported:

- He had attended a seminar at TBC on 19 March where the topics discussed were: the Tewkesbury Borough Plan; the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL); and the MAIDeN database. The CIL is a levy that local authorities can choose to charge on new developments in their area. The primary use of CIL is to obtain financial contributions from developers to help fund infrastructure required to support the local area. CIL is charged in £'s square metres of new floor space created. The charging authority (TBC in our case) should propose a rate which does not put at serious risk the overall development of their area. TBC has yet to set the CIL charges. Either 15% or 25% of the charges is passed on to the Parish for infrastructure projects; the higher figure if there is a Neighbourhood Development Plan.
- CIL is not a replacement for Section 106 – the two will run together for different purposes.
- TBC will be asking Parish councils if they wish to create or re-establish residential development boundaries.
- The builder of the 3 bungalows in Severn Way has named them “Severn Walk” in his sales brochure and will be submitting this name to TBC for consideration/consultation. Based on similar events, the Parish Council can expect to be consulted.
- The brochure for the same bungalows is showing garages rather than the carports shown in the recent planning application. Apparently, TBC has approved garages instead of carports.
- The electricity cable cut while digging foundations for the three bungalows revealed an unused branch which was live but this subsequently reduced the work required to connect the mains supply.
- The footway along Severn Way is expected to be dug up to install a new gas main.
- Possible future new planning applications are:
 - further houses on plot F8 (as defined in the TBC SHLAA)
 - houses on plot SUB5
 - a shop at the B4213/Sawpit Lane junction
- TBC will be asking Parish councils to review the functionality scores used in the JCS.
- If the Service Village disaggregation formula from the draft Borough Plan is applied to Apperley, it would suggest an increase of approximately 36 houses from 2011-2031, of which 16 have been built or approved and others are being discussed already.

12 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Annual Parish Assembly Monday, 27 April 2015 at 7.15pm

The meeting closed 9.03pm.