

DEERHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the virtual Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 24 March 2021 by Zoom

Present: Len Attard – Chairman
Laura Bromberg
Ben Oldham
Jim Pollard
John Rutter
Jonathan Smith
Anthony Wilkes (partial attendance)
CC Awford
Fiona Wallbank – Clerk

Parishioners: None

1 APOLOGIES: BC McLain

2 MINUTES OF MEETING: The minutes of the meeting held on the Wednesday, 24 February 2021, having been circulated with the agenda were agreed and signed by the Clerk.

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

4 REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUCILL AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

County Councillor Awford reported:

- Budget pretty much as consulted on with a few amendments however they wanted to reduce drainage budget, but he could not let that one go.
- Been tracking the EIP of the TB Local Plan and this week they started in relation to the proposed development of Coombe Hill for the area behind the garage – 95 houses.
- EIP any presentation from Gladmans – no representation plenty west of Tewkesbury Odessa park area and no mention of Deerhurst Walton
- Extra £5,000 for Highways Local but does not go far distributed between his 21 parishes.

Chairman expressed concerned about the developer contravening planning regulations by ripping out two hedgerows by The Swan Public House and the Chapel at Coombe Hill. Agreed to write to Paul Skelton with copy of Chief Executive.

Councillor Wilkes joined the meeting.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT: None

6 PLANNING:

6.1 Applications:

Councillor Wilkes declared an interest in the following application:

21/00161/FUL 33 Apperley Park, Apperley: Erection of a single storey side and rear extension and demolition of existing garage

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council has no adverse comments to this application.

6.2 Decision:

20/00857/FUL Green Orchard, Walton Hill, Deerhurst: Erection of side and rear extension and alterations to barn/garage block - **Granted.**

20/01249/LBC Old Farmhouse, Lower Apperley: Alterations and repairs to existing outbuilding including replacement of doors and windows and installation of iron handrail to external steps – **Granted.**

20/00364/FUL 1 Notcliffe Cottages, Walton Hill: Demolition of 2 existing cottages and erection of 2 replacement detached dwellings and associated garages - **Granted**.

6.3 Appeals: None

Appeal Decisions: None

6.4 Neighbourhood Plan (NP): Councillor Bromberg reported there is a draft NDP in place – Councillor Pollard has cross referenced with a few other documents and needs to put in some amendments to some of the draft policies.

7 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

7.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:

Mrs F J Wallbank –

Salary for 1-31 March 2021	363.07		
Tax	<u>72.60</u>	290.47	Via Bank Transfer

Inland Revenue		72.60	Via Bank Transfer
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Community Heartbeat:

Annual Support for 1 year

1.3.21-1.3.22	135.00		
	<u>VAT 27.00</u>	162.00	Via Bank Transfer

Haggs: Materials for necessary repairs to

Play equipment	2273.75		
	<u>VAT 454.75</u>	2728.50	Via Bank Transfer

Deerhurst PCC: Contribution towards Parish

Magazine and Churchyard mowing		300.00	Via Bank Transfer
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County Building Supplies:

Underground drainpipe, postfix etc 38.05

Further underground drainpipe and

Postfix polybags	74.84		
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Postfix polybags	15.96		
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	<u>VAT 25.77</u>	154.62	Via Bank Transfer
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Total:		£3708.19	
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Receipts:

Deerhurst Walton defib donations		250.00	
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Go Espresso Coffee		5.00	
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GCC: Grant for cutting verges		1279.80	
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Total Receipt:		£1534.80	
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7.2 Financial Statement: Circulated with the agenda. The Councillors agreed for the Clerk to sign this.

8 MATTERS ARISING

8.1 Apperley Village Hall: VH are still talking about opening the toilet to the public – Councillor Oldham will keep the PC updated.

Carpark: Coffee Van had their third visit. Email from a different coffee company to come on a Saturday morning 9-1pm or 8-12am– we have had no problems with litter which was a concern. It was agreed to stick to asking a token amount from the coffee companies. Ask the coffee company to contact the Clerk.

Play Area: Councillor Oldham reported the grass cutting contractors will need a gate code for the

play area. Necessary repairs have been carried out over the last couple of weekends along with Brian Leeke and some volunteers who are doing their Duke of Edinburgh. They completed the replacement of 9 platforms, replaced the bridge and steps – some remaining works still to be done. ROSPA Inspection to be done in May. Councillor Oldham to speak with Brian Leeke and come back to the Clerk.

Playing Field: Cutting will commence at the beginning of April.

Allotments: None current available.

8.2 Highways:

VAS Sign: Clerk to purchase the spare batteries.

Deerhurst Walton Potholes: After the last meeting, all the potholes had white lines painted around them and should be repaired within 28 days. – some of the holes are well over 6” in depth. CC Awford asked for a proper safety report to be carried out with Craig Freeman.

Gullies on Court Drive have been cleaned out.

Gullies School Road will be cleared out after the 1 April.

8.3 Public Rights of Way: Councill Pollard reported:

- Contacted Hilary Grace regarding the 2026 project will need to talk about the principles with her however many of the paths are on the definitive map.
- Defective bridge raised by a parishioner has been passed on to Hilary Grace.
- Walton Grange Farm has been difficult to access for the past 10-15 years. Disappointing as it is a County Council owned farm and the CC do not even enforce keeping footpaths open on their own land.

8.4 Parish Council Website: Councillor Bromberg reported that Mr Davies has started the website.

8.5 Proposed Path: Defer

8.6 Noticeboards in the Parish: Councillor Bromberg had a good look at all the noticeboards in the Parish. Only one in tidy shape was the one at the top of Sawpit Lane – the other ones have notices that are out of date. The one at the entrance to the Village Hall belongs to the VH and the one at the tennis courts belongs to the DPPFA. What is the purpose of the noticeboards? Is it for the greater benefit of the whole the Community? The purpose of noticeboards is to disseminate information locally for those that do not have access to the internet. It was agreed that noticeboard monitors were required. The Chairman said he can organise someone to look after the one by the school, Councillor Bromberg will look after the one at Deerhurst Walton, Councillor Rutter looks after the one at Deerhurst.

Clerk to order a Noticeboard for Walton Hill within the budget of £750.

Defibrillator - committed to put in £500 but will put in £750 as there has been an anonymous donation of £100.

9 CORRESPONDENCE: Any Other Correspondence:

Litter Picking: The Chairman would like to thank Derek Goult for clearing up the area by Wightfield Manor and he would like the PC to be involved in a more organised litter picking campaign. TBC will hand out the pickers, rubbish sacks and high viz waistcoats however picking litter cannot be done on the B4213 due to the speed of this road – ask TBC if they can litter pick this road. Within the villages themselves there is not too much of a problem it is more the approaches. Currently there are volunteers in the Village who regularly litter pick.

10 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION:

Hope for Tomorrow Charity: Councillor Rutter introduced Hope for Tomorrow Charity whose mission is to take cancer care into the Community. They provide mobile units to deliver chemotherapy and blood transfusions where required in the Community. There are 11 vehicles funded by the Charity but operated by the NHS. One of the ways the Charity raises money is through clothes banks and they are looking for locations for clothes banks and wonder if the Village Hall Carpark was a possible location for one of these receptacles. It was agreed Councillor Oldham would raise this with Chris Freeman.

Dog Waste Bin: The PC bought a bin over 3 years ago which has still not been fitted. TBC refused

to take the Cricket Club's cardboard recycling bin as someone had dumped dog waste bins in along with the cardboard. CC Awford suggested we inform Pete Tonge that we are installing the bin, and can he ensure that the dog waste bin is emptied. The Chairman and Councillor Wilkes will meet in the morning to agree location [the verge on opposite side to cricket club next to slight lay-by]. County Councillor Awford thanked the PC for all the support over the last 4 years and the Councillors thanked him for all his help.

11 DATE FOR NEXT VIRTUAL MEETING: Wednesday, 28 April 2021 commencing at 7.15pm.

The meeting closed 8.49pm