

DEERHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 24 November 2015, in Apperley Village Hall.

PRESENT:

Councillors L Attard – Chairman
B Oldham (partial attendance)
J Pollard
S Ridal
J Smith
A Wilkes
Borough Councillor D Waters
Mrs F Wallbank – Clerk
Penny Williams (Representative Allotments)

Parishioners: 0

1 APOLOGIES: Councillor Checkley and County Councillor Awford. Councillor Oldham would be late.

2 MINUTES OF MEETING:

The minutes of the meetings held on the Tuesday, 27 October 2015, having been circulated with the agenda were agreed and signed after one amendment was made.

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

4 PUBLIC COMMENT: None

5 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT: Not present

6 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT:

- Still the main agenda item is Devolution. Some feedback had been received and more work had to be done on “Housing” and “Governance” however it is looking quite positive. He gave some background to the Devolution Bid.
- Looking at the Asset Management Plan of TBC
- Had a look around Roses Theatre and they had done an excellent job at revamping the theatre.
- The Leisure Centre is progressing well and should be finished ahead of schedule – May/June 2016.

7 PLANNING:

7.1 Applications:

15/01196/PAD Land at Deerhurst Road, Apperley: Conversion of the steel framed agricultural building into three bedroom single storey 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.

7.2 TBC Decisions: 15/01088/FUL Daffodil Cottage. Deerhurst Proposed conversion of stable adjoining dwelling to form dining room - 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 November 2015	309.33		
Less Tax	<u>61.80</u>	247.53	Via Bank Transfer
Inland Revenue – Tax for FJW		61.80	Cheque No: 000843
Apperley Village Hall – cost of meeting Held 24.11.15		15.00	Via Bank Transfer
John Preece & Sons: Cutting roadside grass Verges	360.00		
	<u>VAT 72.00</u>	432.00	Cheque No: 000844
Countrywide Grounds Maintenance: Cutting Of football pitch x 5	200.00		
	<u>VAT 40.00</u>	240.00	Via Bank Transfer
Total Payments		£996.33	

Receipts

HM Customs & Excise			
Total Receipt:		£5365.93	

Postdated Payments for December 2015

Salary for 1-31 December 2015	309.33		
Less Tax	<u>61.80</u>	247.53	Via Bank Transfer
Inland Revenue – Tax for FJW		61.80	Cheque No: 000845
Total Payments		£309.33	

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: The Clerk said that she had still not a copy of the “Terms of Engagement”. Clerk had telephoned Pinkerton Leeke again.

8.4 Precept for 2016/17: The Clerk circulated the first draft of the precept and took the Councillors through it. Some slight amendments were made and it was agreed that the Clerk should prepare a second draft for the January meeting.

8.5 Transparency Code Grant: : The Clerk reported that the Government has made available funds for Town and Parish Councils to comply with the Transparency Code in connection with the publication of Annual Accounts on the Council’s website. Funding is available up to £350 to fund a laptop and up to £100 for a scanner. Money is also available to cover the Clerk’s extra time for uploading the documents to the website. It was agreed that the Clerk should applying for the funding as then the Parish Council would own its own laptop and scanner.

Councillor Oldham entered

9 MATTERS ARISING

9.1 Apperley Village Hall:

Playing Field: Nothing to report

Football Club: Nothing to report.

Play Area: Nothing to report.

Allotments:

9.2 Highways:

Meeting with Richard Waters, Chris Hawkins, Councillors Attard and Pollard:

1. Looked at extending the footway from outside the School to the Roberts property. Approximate costs would be £6-8,000 and Gloucestershire Highways would expect at least 50% from the Parish Council so this makes it a non-starter. It was agreed that the Clerk should email Roy Box as he raised this at the September PC meeting.

2. Severn Way – Jim took some photos and sent them to Richard Waters – Councillor Pollard to send the Clerk a copy of his email.
3. Richard Waters and Chris Hawkins looked at the hedgerow just before Inghams Corner. Clerk to email them following their site visit.

Deerhurst Drainage Works by Floodgate: Email received from Richard Waters attaching a proposed solution to the problem of flood water back flowing through the pipeline under the floodgate. The proposal takes the form of a headwall and flap valve together with a pipe repair rather than the penstock previously discussed. The estimated cost of the works is £3300 plus design fees and Richard Waters asked if the Parish Council could confirm their financial support. Brian Leeke had responded to Richard Waters' email stating that the proposed headwall and flap valve will be very unlikely to stop the backflow of water into the village unless all the Victorian pipework is replaced. Brian Leeke (BL) has responded to Richard Waters saying that Deerhurst are disappointed with the proposal. BL said that following several meetings it had been agreed that the only worthwhile solution will be a penstock valve located by the floodgate. Over 10 years ago the EA installed a flap valve in the position Richard Waters had proposed but during heavy floods the water still entered the village through the drains. Deerhurst Community Preservation has £500 towards the works and is seeking an assurance from Glos Highways that if this installation proves unsatisfactory a penstock valve will be installed. The Parish Council agreed that no funds were available however could suggest funds from the flood resilience scheme run by GRCC although the Clerk thought this was no longer available.

Parking Problems Ringers Close: Email received from a parishioner highlighting further parking problems in Ringers Close. A resident from Chester Close is parking their vehicle on the footway which is causing various problems – buggies cannot get by, the bin lorry could not get down Ringers Close an emergency vehicles would have the same problem. It was agreed that this was not a Parish Council matter but a Police matter and that the Clerk should email the police.

Overhanging Vegetation rear of 8 Chester Close: Email received from the owner of the property was read out. The Clerk to email owner of the property informing her that the Parish Council has no intention of charging as they did not carry out the work.

Road to Deerhurst Walton: Councillor Smith reported that Amey had done a very good job repairing the road into Deerhurst Walton.

9.3 Deerhurst Walton Flood Alleviation Scheme: Councillor Smith reported that the bund is nearing completion.

9.4 Public Rights of Way: Councillor Pollard reported that there was nothing specific to report.

9.5 The Coal House – Asset of Community Value: Clerk read out email from Andy Sanders confirming that the nomination was valid on 30 September 2015 and is in the process of being assessed by TBC and they are required to make a decision on whether to list the nomination as an asset of community value with eight weeks.

9.6 Broadband: Councillor Oldham reported:

- There was no concrete progress.
- Been in dialogue with Jeff Smith
- Last week BT were working on the cabinets
- Will speak with the Cooper Edge people
- Should have a clear idea by January 2016

9.7 Report from TBC P&TC Seminar: The Chairman said that the topic of devolution had been discussed earlier. Discussions took place at the seminar about the provision of a Dog Warden and whether Town and Parish Councils will be willing to make a financial contribution. The Chairman registered an interested in the Parish Council having a Dog Warden.

10 CORRESPONDENCE:

10.1 GCC – Gloucestershire draft Local Transport Plan (2015-2031) – If there was a section relating to subsidised buses this would need looking at.

10.2 GCC - Funded Public Transport Consultation Evening Events Consultation runs from 20.11.15-5.2.16 – It was agreed that the Clerk should submit the comments that Mrs Natrass sent to the PC.

10.3 GAPTC – Assistance for Refugees – Noted

Any Other Items of Correspondence:

English Rural Housing Association: The Chairman read out the letter dated 11 November confirming that the rural affordable homes developed by English Rural in the Parish will continue to be excluded from the RTB policy and therefore secured for future generations of local people.

Land Registry: Completion of Registration received from Land Registry with the Title number: GR380929.

11 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION: None

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

The meeting closed 9pm.