

DEERHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 26 November 2018, in Apperley Village Hall.

PRESENT:

Councillors: L Attard – Chairman
E Checkley
J Pollard
B Oldham
S Ridal
A Wilkes
Mrs F Wallbank – Clerk
Borough Councillor Waters
Parishioners: 5 (partial attendance)

1 APOLOGIES: Councillor Smith.

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

3 MINUTES OF MEETING:

The minutes of the meeting held on the Wednesday 24 October 2018, having been circulated with the agenda were agreed and signed.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments were received concerning agenda item 7.4 and 7.5.

5 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT: Not present

6 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT: The Environmental Health Team at TBC are taking enforcement action in connection with fly tipping and fixed penalty notices have been issued.

7 PLANNING:

7.1 Applications: None

7.2 Decisions:

17/00625/FUL Abbots Court Farm, Deerhurst: Removal of condition 5 of 04/0725/0843/FUL

18/00897/CLE Abbots Court Farm, Deerhurst: Use of land as residential curtilage for in excess of 10 years – Certificate Granted

7.3 Appeals: None

Appeal Decisions: None

7.4 Proposed Garden Village – development of over 3,000 homes The PC met with representatives from Gladmans and Meeting Place Communications on the 13 November 2018 and the Chairman read out a report from the meeting. This report will be published as an addendum to the minutes and will be uploaded to the website. The Chairman thanked Councillor Checkley for putting together the report and Councillor Ridal for her input.

7.5 Neighbourhood Plan (NP):

- At a recent meeting held by parishioners, Paul Fong from Hunter Page attended and encouraged the Parish to carry out a NP. At the meeting the Chairman said that he was happy to help steer on this matter but did not have the time to sit on a committee. However, 4 or 5 people present at that meeting volunteered to sit on a steering group and undertake the work required to put together a NP.
- A further public meeting has been arranged for Tuesday, 11 December where Paul Fong will present a template for people to respond to the 15 questions from the JCS Issues & Options inc Ashchurch Master Plan.
- Funding is available of up to £9,000

- TBC would bear the cost of a referendum once 51% of people attending a meeting agreed with a NP.

It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Parish Councils who had gone through the exercise of putting together a NP to ascertain the sort of costs involved. The Chairman said that he would register the Parish Council's intention to carry out a NP with TBC

8 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

8.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:

Mrs F J Wallbank –

Salary for 1-30 November	337.98		
Less Tax	67.60	270.38	Via Bank Transfer

Inland Revenue – Tax for FJW	67.60		Cheque No: 000881
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Apperley Village Hall:

Meeting held 6.11.18	16.00		
Meeting held 13.11.18	7.50		
Meeting held 28.11.18	<u>15.00</u>	38.50	Via Bank Transfer

Sevenside Senior Citizens Club:

8 members at £1.50 pm for 11 months	132.00		Cheque No: 000882
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TBC Small Society Lottery Permit due

31 December 2018	20.00		Cheque No: 000883
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Knights: Professional Charges for preparation

Financial statements	160.00		
	<u>VAT 32.00</u>	192.00	Via Bank Transfer
Total:		£720.48	

Receipts:

Ashleworth Youth Football Club

September matches	10.00		
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TBC: Transfer of Funds from Deerhurst

Flood Alleviation Scheme	1589.23		
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Total Receipt:		£1599.23	
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Payments for December:

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Inland Revenue – Tax for FJW –

Amount due to Mrs Wallbank	67.60		Via Bank Transfer
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8.2 Financial Statement: The Chairman signed the statement for the end of October 2018.

8.3 Draft budget 2019/20: The Clerk had circulated a draft budget prior to the meeting. It was agreed to renew the Parish Council's membership to GRCC at a cost of £25. A lengthy discussion took place regarding the provision of an up to 3% increase of the Clerk's salary. One Councillor felt that this provision was excessive, as a 3% increase (if awarded) would breach the public body pay cap. Further discussion on the budget at the January meeting.

9 MATTERS ARISING

9.1 Apperley Village Hall: Nothing to report

Playing Field: Nothing to report

Play Area: Nothing to report.

Allotments: Nothing to report.

9.2 Highways:

VAS Unit: Councillor Pollard said he had to send the sign back to the manufacturers due to a fault, but it was back and up and running.

Sawpit Lane: Highways have cut in the grips to the verges.

9.3 Public Rights of Way: Councillor Pollard said that he had met with Hilary Baker who had done a tour of the Parish and some signs have already been replaced. The Chairman said that he had received some photos of stiles that have been blocked by animal feeders. Councillor Pollard emailed the landowner concerned who said he would unblock them asap.

9.4 Broadband: Councillor Pollard gave an update on the current situation:

- Wightfield Manor is to be completed next week.
- There are some wayleave problems at Moores Ground.
- Tidying up works still need to be done.

9.5 Removal of telephone kiosk: The Chairman said that he had not been able to contact the lady at BT who the Clerk had spoken to.

10 CORRESPONDENCE:

10.1 JCS Issues & Options inc Ashchurch Masterplan – Consultation 12.11.18 – 11.1.19 – Following the Public Meeting on Tuesday 11 December when Paul Fong puts together a template in answer to the 15 questions the PC will be able to submit a response.

10.2 REACH Cheltenham General Hospital Update - Noted

10.3 Police & Crime Commissioner - Gloucestershire Fire & Rescue Service Governance Review - Noted

11 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION:

TBC Cluster Meeting Wednesday, 26 November 6.30pm – Attended by Councillors Checkley and Pollard. The rationale behind the decision to call the meeting was explained, citing the numerous policies, both local and national, either recently or currently open for consultation, also the number of large developments currently in the planning system or likely to be so soon.

The point was made that business within and around Tewkesbury is doing well but there is a shortage of land currently available for further expansion and, for some major local businesses this is a problem which may cause them to relocate. However, within the construction sector there does not appear to exist the confidence to progress with major infrastructure and it is a lack of such infrastructure that is causing the planning process for large housing developments to falter. The consensus is the parishes should work together to ensure satisfactory planning outcomes for the area and that we should meet again. It was suggested that Parish Chairmen and the Mayor should liaise to arrange further meetings.

There was very strong agreement that it is essential that drainage and transport infrastructure should be in place before buildings are constructed.

Tewkesbury Borough Plan: The Chairman said he would put a response together in response to the Tewkesbury Borough Plan.

12 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, 23 January 2019 commencing at 7.15pm.

The meeting closed 9.30pm.