

DEERHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 25 September 2019, in Apperley Village Hall.

PRESENT:

Councillors: L Bromberg
B Oldham
J Pollard
J Rutter
J Smith
A Wilkes
Mrs F Wallbank – Clerk

Parishioners: 0

1 APOLOGIES: Councillor Attard. BC H McLain would be late

2 MINUTES OF MEETING:

The minutes of the meeting held on the Wednesday, 24 July 2019, having been circulated with the agenda were agreed and signed.

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

4 PUBLIC COMMENT: None present

PCSO Adam Iwaszko presented the crime statistics – the overall crimes are reduced (Sept17-Sept 18 30 Sept 18-Sept 19 22) Plans to recruit 65 more police officers for Gloucestershire. He went through what preventative measures people could take to reduce the risk of burglaries during the dark evenings when people are still out at work. Clerk to obtain details from NHW.

5 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT: Not present

6 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT: Not present at this point

7 PLANNING:

7.1 Applications:

The following application were discussed by the Planning Sub-Committee:

19/00791/PIP Land to Northwest of 5 & 6 Westview, Apperley: Permission in principle for 1 no infill dwelling

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council has no adverse comments however would like to register the following:

Over many years, the planning policy that applied to the village of Apperley was “infill only” for which a map (Inset 3) was included in the Tewkesbury Borough Plan to 2011. Without a similar map in either the Joint Core Strategy or the Borough Plan to 2031 and no replacement emerging yet as part of the Neighbourhood Development Plan, the concept of infill becomes irrelevant.

Use of outdated maps and several factual errors in the planning statement detract from its argument.

The proposal to use the land adjacent to 5 and 6 Westview for a single dwelling is better assessed on its practicality and its effect on neighbouring dwellings. The plot was not included in the 2014 landscape and visual sensitivity analysis carried out for the JCS but it does have a boundary in common with an area (App-06) considered highly sensitive.

Before becoming an extension to the garden of 7 Westview, the plot was used as agricultural land; part of a series of fields extending to the North West. Previously a barn stood behind 6 Westview. Access to a dwelling would be the existing access to the plot; steeply uphill and through a gate from Gabb Lane, alongside the access to both Westview Farmhouse and Tanner’s View. From the gate to the plot, the track is the width of the gate and runs between the rear garden of 7 Westview and the hedge to the side of Westview Farmhouse. The width would restrict the size of vehicle able to reach

the plot during the build. The track crosses footpath ADE41, which runs from the cul-de-sac Westview and through the garden of Westview Farmhouse to the fields beyond. The safety of those on foot would be a concern during building and afterwards. ADE41 is the shortest route from the plot to the bus stops on School Road, near the eastern end of Westview. At irregular intervals on six days per week, four buses travel to Gloucester; five to Tewkesbury.

At this stage, there are no details of a proposed dwelling. The plot is larger than the adjacent plots in Westview and thus is large enough for a single dwelling. It is on a similar level to 5 Westview and on higher ground than 6, 7 and 8 Westview.

Without careful consideration of its position and orientation within the plot as well as its height and floor plan, a dwelling could be particularly intrusive if close to and facing 6 Westview. A dwelling in such a position could also cast a shadow on adjacent houses and gardens. In principle, it would seem that a dwelling aligned with 5 Westview and with a similar orientation would minimise its impact on adjacent property.

19/00774/FUL Green Orchard, Walton Hill, Deerhurst: Demolition of detached garage/outbuilding and erection of a two-storey side extension

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council has no adverse comments to the proposed application. However, the Parish Council note that the size of the proposed extension is substantial in proportion to the outbuilding to be demolished/replaced and to the existing cottage.

The following application was discussed at the meeting:

19/0005/FUL Stora Lund, Sawpit Lane, Apperley: Installation and alteration of doors and windows and conversion of attached garage and loft space.

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council has **no adverse comments** to this application

7.2 Decisions: 19/00524/FUL & 19/00525/LBC Wightfield Manor, Wightfield: Proposed creation of bathing pool and tub with stone paving – Application withdrawn

19/00791/PIP Land to Northwest of 5 & 6 Westview, Apperley: Permission in principle for 1 no infill dwelling - **Granted**

7.3 Appeals: None

7.4 Proposed Garden Village – development of over 3,000 homes: Nothing to report.

7.5 Neighbourhood Plan (NP): Following Councillor Bromberg’s attendance at the recent TBC seminar along with Councillors Pollard and Rutter she reported as follows:

- Five-year land supply – 6 parishioners had put forward land in the parish – some of the land is not suitable for housing
- Annette Roberts (TBC) has agreed to speak at the next NDP meeting on the five-year land supply
- Reimbursement system in place for expenses incurred in connection with the NDP. Chairman of NDP to approve and then Chairman of Parish Council to approve before being passed to the Clerk for reimbursement.
- The quickest NDP completed from start is 3 years and the slowest 5 years
- Aecom produced a first draft of the questionnaire however there were numerous mistakes – second draft has been produced and requires a final check

8 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

8.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:

Payments made prior to the meeting:

Waterplus Water Supply for the period

28 May to 7 August	12.65	Via Bank Transfer
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Total:	£12.65	
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Payments to be authorised at the meeting:

Mrs F J Wallbank –

Salary for 1-30 September 2019	348.12	
Less Tax	<u>69.60</u>	278.52
		Via Bank Transfer

Inland Revenue – Refund due to Clerk	69.60		Via Bank Transfer
Apperley Village Hall:			
Meeting held 25.9.19	15.00		
First Aid Court held 25.5.19	<u>24.00</u>	39.00	Via Bank Transfer
Countrywide carrying out grass			
Cutting in August	150.00		
	<u>VAT 30.00</u>	180.00	Via Bank Transfer
Reimbursement of expenses in connection with			
The NDP:			
Cost of Domain Name – Ben Davies	13.19		
CLK laminated maps – Sue Baldwin	30.00		
Print run of flyers – Sue Andrew	<u>35.00</u>	73.19	
Total:		£645.31	

Receipts:

Total Receipt: £0.00

8.2 Financial Statement: Circulated with the agenda. Councillor Smith signed this.

9 MATTERS ARISING

9.1 Apperley Village Hall: Councillor Oldham said there was nothing significant to report from the July meeting.

Playing Field: The Clerk reported that to the end of August Countrywide had only carried out 8 cuts out of the 15 agreed cuts. Clerk to get a cutting schedule from Countrywide.

Play Area: Nothing to report

Allotments: Allotment no 5 had been relet. The Clerk had received a quotation for the hatchings at the entrance to the allotment path to try and prevent vehicles blocking the path – this was for the sum of £250. Clerk to go back to Roadmark to enquire what type of paint is used and what sort of guarantee is given.

9.2 Highways:

B4213: Resurfacing programme – cats eyes still to be put back and some road markings

Accidents B4213: The police have asked the Road Safety to identify a suitable site for the camera enforcement van. The Police have only reported on 3 RTAs for the period from 1 January 2019.

Dog Bin Post: Ongoing

School Lane: Closed from Inghams Corner from 30 September to 4 October for BT to clear blockages at this location.

9.3 Public Rights of Way: Councillor Pollard had received a map detailed all the PROW for the Parish.

9.4 Provision of Defib for Deerhurst, Deerhurst Walton and Apperley: The Clerk reported that the BHF require a donation of £600 for each defibrillator plus the provision of an unlocked heated cabinet at a cost of £500 plus the cost of electrical installation and insurance. Councillor Rutter said that after some talks in Deerhurst a defib could be placed on the Church gate. BC McLain said she would see if there are any Sports Grants available to cover the cost of a defib that the Village Hall could apply for. A short discussion took place about the PC paying for all three defibs and it was agreed that the Clerk would do an update on the spending to the end of September for the current financial year.

9.5 Noticeboard Deerhurst Walton: Councillor Smith said that he would progress this matter – the preferred siting would be on the corner by the telegraph pole.

Post Box: No update

9.6 Memorial Bench for the late Janet Dance: The Clerk reported that she had sent the Chairman some costings for a bench. A short discussion took place on where the bench should be sited, and it

was felt that the Play Area would be the best location. It was agreed to discuss further at the October meeting.

BC McLain reported as follows:

- The BC assessment of available land has caused a lot of concern in the Parish as some of it is not deemed suitable to be built on
- Garden Village west of Cheltenham is progressing
- Fly tipping is on the increase
- Planning Officer, James Lloyd is waiting for an ecology report regarding the proposed development at Pink Cottage
- Government grant has been received to regenerate the High Street
- A working group has been set up at the Borough to make a commitment to climate change and be more carbon neutral and will be approaching Parishes to see that steps can be taken in the Parish
- No significant issues were raised from the auditors,

10 CORRESPONDENCE:

10.1 TBC Seminars: One held on Tuesday, 24 September attended by Councillors Bromberg, Pollard & Rutter. Second seminar to be held on 12 November 2019 – agenda not confirmed yet.

11 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION:

Request for Memorial Bench on B4213 opposite Staites Lane: Glos Highways was approached by the family of the motorcyclist who got killed on the bend. Glos Highways referred back to the PC as the bench would become a village asset. Councillors had a major concern that a bench at this location would expose both the occupants of passing cars and anyone sitting on the bench to danger. It was agreed that it was Glos Highways responsibility to respond to the family and Councillor Pollard agreed to email them.

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

The meeting closed 9.05pm.