

## DEERHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 22 September 2021 in Apperley Village Hall

Present: Len Attard – Chairman  
Laura Bromberg  
Ben Oldham  
Jim Pollard  
John Rutter  
Jonathan Smith  
Fiona Wallbank – Clerk

Parishioners: 0

**1 APOLOGIES:** Councillor Wilkes and BC McLain

**2 MINUTES OF MEETING:** The minutes of the meeting held on the Wednesday, 28 July 2021, having been circulated with the agenda were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

**3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None**

**4 REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR AWFORD:**

- The repair works to Wainlode Bridge are near to completion. He has expressed his dissatisfaction of this work being done whilst the A38 at Coombe Hill has major works taking place
- Had correspondence about a preferred 20mph speed zone around the school
- The proposed Garden Town at Ashchurch is more than a decade away

Councillor Oldham thanked CC Awford for his intervention on social media regarding Coombe Hill

**5 PUBLIC COMMENT:** None present

**6 PLANNING:**

**6.1 Applications: None**

**6.2 Decision:** 21/00136/FUL Elfstone Hollow, Lower Apperley: Erection of a two storey extension – **Granted**

18/00840/FUL Highfield Business Park: Proposed erection of 15 light industrial units - **Granted**

**6.3 Appeals: None**

**Appeal Decisions: None**

**6.4 Neighbourhood Plan (NP):** Councillor Bromberg reported:

- Draft now out for Consultation – meetings have taken place with Deerhurst Walton and Walton Hill still to meet with Deerhurst and leaflets have been delivered to Hoo Lane

**7 FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

**7.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:**

	Item	Expenditure	Income	Comment
1	Clerk's salary – September	348.07		Paid – £363.07 less £15 tax
2	Inland Revenue	15.00		Paid
3	<b>Use of carpark</b>		<b>60.00</b>	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£363.07</b>	<b>£60.00</b>	

**7.2 Financial Statement:** Circulated with the agenda - the Chairman signed this.

## **8 MATTERS ARISING**

**8.1 Apperley Village Hall: The VH has** received a Defibrillator from **CALA Homes (Midlands) Ltd, via** a parishioner which is a very generous gesture. However, it needs to be housed in a heated cabinet which cost £460 plus VAT. The VH will cover the cost of the installation and were wondering if the PC would fund the cost of the cabinet. It was unanimously agreed that the PC would be happy to provide the cabinet. **Clerk to email Chris Freeman.** CC Awford said there may be funding available to cover the cost of the cabinet. **Councillor Oldham to enquire.**

Regular users are starting to return to hire the hall.

**Playing Field:** Two football teams are using this – Ashleworth Woodpeckers and Staunton & Corse.

**Allotment:** Shed or storage unit has been requested – Councillor Oldham will ask for a proposal to be put together.

**Play area:** Further spend required to the zip wires – replace springs and tighten wire quote around £500.

**8.2 Highways: Deerhurst Walton:** There are several very serious potholes along the Deerhurst Walton road that need to be attended to as a matter of urgency.

**8.3 Public Rights of Way:** Councillor Pollard has reported a defective stile to Hilary

**8.4 Risk Assessment:** The document circulated was adopted by the Councillors and agreed to review on an annual basis.

## **9 CORRESPONDENCE: Any Other Correspondence:**

**Plant a Tree for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee:** Offer of two English oak trees to be planted in celebration. The Parish Council would like to take GCC up on their offer. **Clerk to email Amy Davies**

## **10 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION:**

**Litter Bin/Dog Waste Bin:** The Clerk reported that there was no funding from TBC however CC Awford may be able to assist with this Build Back Better Fund. It was agreed that the Clerk would liaise with Councillor Rutter and complete and submit the grant application form. **Clerk and Councillor Rutter to action.**

**TBC Seminar:** Councillor Pollard to attend. The Chairman asked him to raise the fact that small electrical appliances have to be put in a plastic bag which is NOT recyclable.

**Future Meetings:** Councillor Bromberg asked if future meetings could be held in the main hall as she felt uncomfortable in the smaller room. **Clerk to action.**

**Verge Cutting:** Put on the agenda for the October meeting. **Clerk to action.**

**11 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, 27 October 2021 at 7.15pm

**Close of meeting 8.53pm**