

DEERHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday, 25 November 2013 in Apperley Village Hall.

PRESENT:

Councillors - P Andrews
L Attard – Chairman
E Checkley (partial attendance)
J Natrass
J Pollard (partial attendance)
J Smith
Mrs F Wallbank – Clerk

Parishioners: 0

1 APOLOGIES: Village Agent Ann Vaughan, Janet Dance, PCSO Wren. Councillors Checkley and Pollard would be late.

2 MINUTES OF MEETING:

The minutes of the meetings held on Monday, 28 October 2013, having been circulated with the agenda were agreed and signed.

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

4 PUBLIC COMMENT: None present

5 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT: Not present

6 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT: Not present

7 PLANNING:

7.1 Applications: None

7.2 TBC Decisions: None

7.3 Appeals/Appeal Decisions: April Cottage, Deerhurst: Proposed two storey side extension. Applicant has gone to Appeal. Appeal will be determined on the basis of written representations and there is no opportunity for further comments and the Parish Council's original comment will be forwarded.

7.4 The Planning Process at TBC: Following on from last month's talk by Paul Skelton a discussion took place on the procedure that Deerhurst Parish Council follows regarding dealing with Planning Applications. It was agreed that the current procedure was satisfactory but the Councillor who was responsible for researching the application should ensure that they speak to the applicant and neighbours in future.

8 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

8.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:

Mrs F J Wallbank –

Salary for 1-30 November 2013	295.86		
Less Tax for November	<u>59.20</u>	236.66	Cheque No: 000717

Inland Revenue – Tax for FJW	59.20		Cheque No: 000718
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Apperley Village Hall – cost of meeting Held on 28.10.13	15.00		Cheque No: 000719
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Countrywide:			
Carrying out 7th cut on 18.10.13	84.00		
	<u>16.80</u>	100.80	Cheque No: 000720
GRCC renewal of membership		25.00	Cheque No: 000721
Sevenside Senior Citizens Club			
10 members at £1.50 per month x 12 months		180.00	Cheque No: 000722
BWB: Professional fees in connection with Tender scheme and specification	2000.00		
	<u>VAT 400.00</u>	2400.00	Cheque No: 000723
TBC: Small Society Lottery Permit		20.00	Cheque No: 000724
Cost of wreath		30.00	Cheque No: 000725
Total Payments		£3066.66	

Receipts

TBC: Grant re Parkwood's invoice for
Professional fees 1186.00

TBC: Deerhurst Walton Flood Scheme 2000.00

Total Receipts £3186.00

8.2 Financial Statement: Noted and signed by the Chairman.

Any Other Financial Matters:

8.3 Budget 2014/15: The Clerk reported that she had that day received correspondence from TBC regarding the Parish's precept for 2014/5. Indication from central government is to expect a reduction in funding by around 15% for the forthcoming year. However this was not the case for Deerhurst as the community support grant was £367 last year and proposes to be £1130 for 2014/15. The Clerk circulated a draft budget which she went through with the Councillors and some amendments were made. It was proposed to increase the number of cuts for the grass cutting from eight to twelve which should make all the areas look tidier after cutting as large clumps of grass would not be left. It was agreed that the Clerk would produce another draft and bring it back to the January meeting for ratification but initial thoughts were to keep the precept at £6,000. Clerk to contact Ken Preece to obtain a quote for verge cutting for next year and also to put a separate column in the budget for VAT.

Councillor Checkley entered

9 MATTERS ARISING

9.1 Joint Core Strategy, Tewkesbury Borough Plan & Flood & Water Management SPD: The Clerk reported that the consultation period will now end on the Friday, 13 December. It was agreed to respond to the Flood and Water Management SPD as per Councillor Smith's comments but adding that the Parish Council support Sustainable Drainage System.

Councillor Pollard entered

Councillor Pollard reported on his attendance at the Service Village Meeting Forum which he had just come from. 880 houses will be the target for the 15 Service Villages to provide. It is unclear whether houses already built from 2011 will be taken into account. Questions were asked what the criteria were to be classed as a Service Village. It was agreed that Councillor Pollard would put some comments together in response to the JCS and Tewkesbury Local Plan and these would be sent to the Clerk prior to the 13 December.

9.2 BMX Cycle Track at Apperley Village Hall: Councillor Morris reported that following advice that the track should have some gravel compacted down on top of the soil he had some available which he will deliver to the site. He plans to get Scott Gibson and his friends to spread the gravel and compact it in. The notice he had made was not up yet but the current notice was situated between the track and allotments. The Chairman said that Scott needs to think of some ways to raise some funds as the track has involved much more cost and work than first anticipated.

9.3 Apperley Village Hall, Playing Field/ Play Area/Football Club:

Play Area: Nothing to report

Football Club: The Clerk said that she was liaising with Wayne Lippett regarding winter fixtures and whether extra cuts were required. As the pitch had just been cut it should be OK for the December fixture.

9.4 Highways: Highways Sign on A38: This had still not been repaired. Clerk to chase. Also the Chairman reported that some of the lamp standards are leaning.

High Kerb by Oaklands: The Chairman reported that he had received several complaints regarding the bollards that have been erected to warn people of the high kerb. Councillors felt they were not fit for purpose and their original request for some fluorescent paint was a much better solution. Clerk to take this up with Richard Waters at Glos Highways.

9.5 Deerhurst Walton Flood Alleviation Scheme: Councillor Smith reported that detailed designs had been done and they are going to tender. Materials are already being purchased. The Parish Council agreed to act as the facilitator when built for the legal agreement.

9.6 Public Rights of Way: Councillor Pollard reported that the meeting scheduled for the 19 November unfortunately had to be cancelled. Councillor Morris said that two gates had been delivered to him with 4 posts but these were not suitable as pedestrian gates to replace the stiles. Councillor Pollard said he would speak with Ian Soule.

Councillor Morris said he was looking at putting in a barrier on the Sabrina Way at the top of Hoo Lane to stop vehicles.

9.7 Playing Fields – Renewal of Lease: The Clerk had sent an email to Mr Leeke for an update on the situation but had not received any update.

9.8 Police: The Clerk had circulated the police report prior to the meeting. No crimes for the month. Contents noted.

9.9 Noticeboards: Deerhurst, By School and Top of Saw Pit Lane: The Clerk had spoken to Mr Lovejoy about the required repairs who said he would have a look and report back.

10 CORRESPONDENCE:

Other Correspondence:

Request to Move Dog Waste Bin: The Clerk reported that Ms Lewis had requested that the bin was moved further down Court Drive but the Councillors said that this was a private drive so not possible. Clerk to email Ms Lewis to let her know.

TBC – TPO Order for trees at Apperley Cricket Ground: Tree Preservation Order 2013 – two individual oak trees and a group of mature oak trees surrounding the pavilion at the cricket ground

11 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION: None

12 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Monday, 27 January 2014 at 7.15pm

The meeting closed 9.10pm.