

DEERHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday, 28 October 2013 in Apperley Village Hall.

PRESENT:

Councillors - P Andrews
L Attard – Chairman
E Checkley
J Pollard
Mrs F Wallbank – Clerk
Parishioners: 2 (partial attendance)

1 APOLOGIES: Councillor Natrass, Morris and Smith. Village Agent Ann Vaughan.

2 MINUTES OF MEETING:

The minutes of the meetings held on Monday, 23 September 2013, having been circulated with the agenda were agreed and signed.

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

The Chairman brought forward agenda item **10.8 Police** to allow PCSO Carl Simpson to “get back to work”. PCSO Simpson gave a brief overview of the changes that have occurred to Tewkesbury Policing – in future there won't be an allocated PCSO for a specific area so in future difference PCSOs will attend the meetings. Crime figures for the last month were two – 1 burglary of a dwelling and theft of various items from the changing rooms at the Village Hall.

Police are more than happy to carry out a Crime Reduction Survey for people and they can call him on 077187 08245 to organise a survey. Also the Police are willing to train members of the Parish to use the speed gun to carry out speed surveys – recommend three people be involved in this – one to use gun, one to record and one back-up person.

The Chairman reported that he was due to meet Srg Goodenough earlier this month to discuss the neighbourhood policing but his meeting had to be postponed.

4 PAUL SKELTON, DEVELOPMENT MANAGER, TBC

The Chairman introduced Paul Skelton and thanked him for coming. The Chairman gave the reasons why the Parish Council had asked him to attend tonight's meeting with respect to how the Parish Council dealt with planning applications and two recent applications – Basket Makers Cottage and Lane South of Green Farm. Paul Skelton raised the following points:

- Difficult to let Parishes know about all the changes in planning acknowledge communication could be better
- NPPF framework is now pro-development
- Some policies of the Local Plan are still in place but will be superceded by the JCS and Tewkesbury Local Borough Plan
- Re Green Farm – site on the residential development boundary but the NPPF has changed how. Local Authorities look at this. It is not black and white anymore and as the site is just outside the development boundary there has to be a significant and demonstrable harm deomsrated to refuse permission for the creation of one dwelling.
- Re Basketmakers Cottage there is no restriction to use redundant buildings for holiday use.
- Each planning application will be considered on its own merits.
- Welcomes local knowledge and very much encourages Town and Parish Councils to be involved in the consultation process. TBC planning department do not expect Councillors to be experts and very much value the Parishes contributions.

- Does not think there is a particular problem with the Parish Council consulting neighbours and applicant when there is a planning application but the problem arises when someone is not in and feels they were not consulted.
- Suggested promoting the fact that people should contact the Parish Council and come along to meetings when making a planning application.
- Planning site notices have to be up for 21 days.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT: None present

6 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT: Not present

7 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT:

- JCS, Local Borough Plan and Flood and Water Management Supplementary Planning Document all out for consultation until Tuesday, 26 November. Encouraged the Parish Council to submit comments.

8 PLANNING:

8.1 Applications: None

8.2 TBC Decisions: 13/00750/FUL 51 Apperley Park, Apperley: Erection of a car port at side of house – **Granted**

13/00667/APP Field to South of Tyms Holm, Sawpit Lane, Apperley: Erection of agricultural building for fodder and machinery – **Granted**

13/00818/FUL April Cottage, Deerhurst: Proposed replacement outbuilding – **Granted**

13/00818/FUL April Cottage, Deerhurst: Proposed two storey side extension - **Refused**

8.3 Appeals/Appeal Decisions: None to date

8.4 The Planning Process at TBC: Discussed above with Paul Skelton

9 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

9.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:

Mrs F J Wallbank –

Salary for 1-31 October 2013	295.86		
Les Tax for October	59.20		
Less Tax underpaid for September	<u>0.60</u>	236.06	Cheque No: 000709

Inland Revenue – Tax for FJW		59.80	Cheque No: 000710
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Apperley Village Hall – cost of meetings Held on 2 & 23.9.13		30.00	Cheque No: 000711
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Countrywide:

Carrying out 6th cut on 4.9.13	84.00		
Football pitch cut 24.9.13	30.00		
	<u>VAT 22.80</u>	136.80	Cheque No: 000712

Parkwood: completion an disuse of the schemes

Amended landscape proposal/tree/hedge

Protection plan etc in connection with

Deerhurst Walton Flood Alleviation

Scheme	1186.00		
	<u>VAT 237.20</u>	1423.20	Cheque No: 000713

G W Morris & Son: Cost of grass seed for Area where tump was removed		59.99	Cheque No: 000714
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BWB: Underpayment of invoice no BMH0813005	200.00	Cheque No: 000715
Severn Trent Water: charges for the period 3 April to 8 October	125.01	Cheque No: 000716
Total Payments	£2270.86	
Receipts		
HM Customs and Revenue	1087.42	
GPFA – Grant for BMX Track	250.00	
Total Receipts	£1337.42	

9.2 Financial Statement: Noted and signed by the Chairman.

10 MATTERS ARISING

10.1 BMX Cycle Track at Apperley Village Hall: The Chairman reported that he had received a telephone message from Scott Gibson who apologised that he would not be able to make the meeting but would attend the November meeting and would bring some photographs. The Clerk said that Graham Ross would really like the photographs earlier so it was agreed that the Clerk would contact Scott. Councillors reported that the track is being used and Councillor Pollard had been checking for any stones coming to the surface that might cause a hazard.

The Clerk reported that Graham Ross had visited at the track which he thought looked good – however he made the following comments:

1. One or two benches by the track might be a good idea.
2. The litter bin is broken and a sturdier one is required.
3. Thought it might be better if the top surface was gravel rather than soil.
4. The top start of the track needs to be bigger.
5. A sign would be a good idea.

Councillor Pollard felt that the earth needed to be compacted down before anything further work was done and the sign is there but by the allotments.

In Councillor Morris' absence the Clerk reported that he had found some youngsters busy with spades redesigning some of the humps however what they had done was acceptable.

The Clerk confirmed that she had now completed the Capital Grant Application which had been checked by the Chairman that evening so this would be submitted to TBC the next day.

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

Play Area: Nothing to report

Football Club: Nothing to report.

10.3 Highways: Highways Signs overhanging vegetation: The Clerk reported that Richard Waters had said that it is down to the landowner to cut back the hedges but would send someone out to check the visibility of the signs.

10.4 Deerhurst Walton Flood Alleviation Scheme: Councillor Smith not present.

10.5 Public Rights of Way: Councillor Checkley reported that the only safe way for the school children to get from Hoo Lane down to Deerhurst was to use the section of the Sabrina Way but this was not an option as it was far too muddy. The Clerk reported that Councillor Morris had said that he would speak with his son and see if they could “tidy” it up for walkers and cyclists.

Councillor Pollard reported:

- ADE 26: The two metal gates where it meets the top of the lane from the centre of Deerhurst; near the “Old Vicarage” will be replaced with stiles that can be difficult to climb and allow the farm gates to be locked, preventing unwanted vehicle access across the fields. This is thought to be the means by which a burglary was committed at the “Old Vicarage”.
- Raised condition with Ian Soule of the Sabrina Way up to Hawbridge requesting for the undergrowth to be cut back and the fallen trees removed
- ADE 17 and 44. Gate was thought to be padlocked but was definitely not. This section of the

Sabrina Way was perhaps not the easiest to main and comes with a rather odd status of “dual Status” or Class 5 4road for the the track from Odda’s Chapel to the flood bank.

- Meeting with Ian Soule on the 19 November at 10.30am has invited Lois Eyre from the BHS to attend

10.6 Playing Fields – Renewal of Lease: The Clerk reported that she and the Chairman had attended a meeting at Andrew Leeke’s house along with Brian Leeke, Sue and Pete Woodthorpe. Mr Leeke apologised for the length of time it had taken but it had been a much more complexed issue than first thought. At the meeting it was agreed which parties owned what etc and all three parties signed a map to that effect. Mr Leeke said he was now in a position to make the registration with Land Registry.

Regarding the length of lease for the DPFA the Chairman reported that at the Parish Council meeting held on the 22 October 2012 it was agreed to renew the lease for 20 years but Brian Leeke wanted a longer lease as grant bodies liked to see at least 25 years. Councillors agreed to offer a lease of 25 years as the new draft won’t be restrictive if the Parish Council were approached by a Developer to develop the land. Also if the Playing Field gets QE11 status this would protect the playing field if the Parish Council were approached by a developer as the Parish Council would have to ensure that the Playfield facility was not lost and was replaced by the equivalent play facilities or better.

10.7 Payphones: Deerhurst: Payphone equipment from the kiosk had been removed. Councillor Checkley said that repair works would now be carried out in the Spring.

10.8 Police: See above.

10.9 Noticeboards: Deerhurst: Councillor Checkley reported that this was in a bad state as it had received no attention since the floods in 2007. The back boarding is all warped and the front door does not close properly. **Top of Sawpit Lane:** Councillor Pollard reported that this one was wobbly but felt that the posts were not rotted. **By School:** Councillor Pollard reported that the legs on this one were deteriorating. It was agreed to ask Pete Woodthorpe if he would be willing to have a look at the necessary repairs for all three noticeboards.

11 CORRESPONDENCE:

11.1 English Rural: Allocation of local needs affordable housing – Moores Ground: Letter had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting and it was agreed to note the contents,

11.2 TBC – Consultation on the JCS and the Tewkesbury Borough Plan: Both are open for consultation until Tuesday, 26 November 2013. It was agreed that the Parish Council should put in a response especially relating to Apperley being called a “service village”. All Councillors should attend the event (if they can) at Apperley Village Hall on Wednesday, 13 November 2013 6-8.30pm. Flyers regarding this event and other dates around the County will be included for distribution with the Severn Sider.

11.3 Alderton Parish Council: Letter was circulated to all Councillors for their information. It was agreed that Deerhurst Parish Council would be happy to join a forum to enable dialogue and sharing of experiences and ideas between the 15 Service Villages. Awaiting more details on this.

11.4 GRCC – New Village Agent – Ann Vaughan: Contact number for Anne is 07534 064169. Ann will be covering Ashleworth, Chaceley, Deerhurst (including Apperley), Forthampton, Hasfield, Maisemore, Sandhurst and Tirley.

11.5 TBC – Flood and Water Management Supplementary Planning Document (SPD): TBC are inviting comments on the this SPD. Consultation period 15 October to 26 November. The Chairman asked Councillor Checkley to review this for Deerhurst and Councillor Smith for Deerhurst Walton.

Other Correspondence:

Request to Move Dog Waste Bin: Request received from a parishioner to re-position the dog waste bin that is on Court Drive Apperley. Councillors said that is not actually in Court Drive. The reason for the request is that there has been a significant increase in the level of dog faeces on the lane and nearby area and a lot of people are not using the bin. Councillors felt that wherever the bin was there are some people that will not clear up after the dogs so will therefore not use a bin. They asked the Clerk to contact the parishioner and ask where she would like the bin re-positioned to.

12 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION: None

12 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Monday, 25 November 2013 at 7.15pm

The meeting closed 9.06pm.