

DEERHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 22 January 2020, in Apperley Village Hall.

PRESENT:

Councillors: L Attard
L Bromberg
B Oldham
J Pollard
J Rutter
J Smith
A Wilkes
Mrs F Wallbank – Clerk
BC H Mclain
CC P Awford (partial attendance)
Parishioners: 2 (partial attendance)

1 APOLOGIES: None

2 MINUTES OF MEETING:

The minutes of the meeting held on the Wednesday, 19 November 2019, having been circulated with the agenda were agreed and signed.

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: The Chairman declared an interest on agenda item 7.3 Appeals – 1 Cooks Cottages.

The Chairman brought forward agenda item 7.6 to enable the members of public could speak: Complaints have been received about the materials that are being used for the conversion works and there is concern that the front hedge has been removed. The Clerk has written to Will Cole at TBC Enforcement raising the PC's concerns and is awaiting a reply.

5 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT:

- County Council budget will be decided in February
- Local Transport plan launched last week
- He has moved committee so now on the Environment Scrutiny than the Audit committee
- There were issues regarding the signage around the flooding and some signs were left up too long. Looking at investing some of his Glos Highways budget towards putting in drop-down signs which will cost £3,500
- A417 at Maisemore will be closed from 7pm-7am during the period 23-29 January for resurfacing works

6 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT:

- Corporate Peer Challenge will be carried out at the Borough Council in March with an aim to improve the way the Council works
- There is an A417 missing link update
- IT safe and fit for purpose – communications have improved
- Cyber Park West of Cheltenham Public Consultation underway from 13 January to 17 February

7 PLANNING:

7.1 Applications:

18/00840/FUL - Land At Highfield Business Park Tewkesbury Road, Deerhurst: Proposed erection of 15 light industrial units.

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council has no adverse comments to this application however request that the current height of the hedging is retained in order to protect the view of the Parish

20/00026/FUL Wightfield Manor, Wightfield: Installation of a pond and paving with soft landscaping:

Comment to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council has no adverse comments to this application.

7.2 Decision: 19/00012/CLE Duckpool Cottage, Walton Hill, Deerhurst: Lawful development certificate for a longstanding existing flat (as a separate residential unit) located above garaging at Duckpool Cottage – **Certificate granted**

The Chairman left the room while the following agenda item was discussed

7.3 Appeals: 1 Cooks Cottages, Apperley outline application for the erection of one dwelling and provision of associated vehicular Parking area

Additional comments to be sent:

The Parish Council would like to support this application for the following reasons:

- A questionnaire for Neighbourhood Development Plan has just been completed and there is early indication that parishioners are in favour of single dwelling development of this type
- The proposed site is a suitable place for a dwelling and would not impact on the rural setting

The Chairman returned

7.4 Proposed Garden Village – development of over 3,000 homes: Nothing further to report. It was agreed that this item can be taken off the agenda.

7.5 Neighbourhood Plan (NP): Councillor Bromberg reported that the minutes of the last meeting had been circulated to the Councillors. Closing date for the completed questionnaires is Friday, 24 January and they would like to have a 30% return rate. First draft of the NDP should be ready in May.

7.6 Enforcement Matters: Stora Lund, Sawpit Lane, Apperley: See above.

8 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

8.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:

Mrs F J Wallbank –

Salary for 1-31 January	348.12		
Less Tax	<u>69.60</u>	278.52	Via Bank Transfer

Inland Revenue – Refund due to Clerk	69.60		Via Bank Transfer
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Apperley Village Hall:

Meeting held 22.1.20	15.00		Via Bank Transfer
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Mrs Wallbank – expenses Jan-Dec 19

Photocopying (see attached)	13.75		
Stamps	6.96		
Room hire for the period			
1.4.19-31.3.20	50.00		
1/3 cost of Office 365 renewal	26.66		
1/3 cost of 5 reams of paper	<u>6.66</u>	104.03	Via Bank Transfer

Wa+erplus – water supply charges	288.80		Via Bank Transfer
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Matt Hale Tree Surgery Ltd:

Fell Alder tree, chip brush & remove	50.00		
	<u>VAT 10.00</u>	60.00	Via Bank Transfer

Total:		£815.95	
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Receipts:

Total Receipt: £0.00

8.2 Financial Statement: Circulated with the agenda. The Chairman signed this.

8.3 Financial Update to the end of September 2019/Budget 2020/21: The Clerk circulated a revised budget and it was agreed to request a precept of £9,000.

8.4 Windows 10 upgrade: The Clerk reported that Windows 7 is no longer supported and the PC's laptop needed to be upgraded to Windows 10 pro. Systemforce have offered to supply windows 10 pro for £149 + Vat and a prep fee of £35 + VAT. Several Councillors thought this cost was not necessary as Windows 10 can be obtained free. It was agreed that Councillor Oldham would liaise with the Clerk.

9 MATTERS ARISING

9.1 Apperley Village Hall: Nothing further to report.

Play Area: Nothing to report.

Allotments: Chairman still to speak with Jean Scorer about siting some bollards at the entrance to the pathway to the allotments.

9.2 Highways:

Deerhurst Road: Councillor Wilkes has received complaints that it is subsiding in places he would take some photos – CC Awford would raise with Glos Highways.

B4211 (Corse Lawn Road): Road is in a dreadful condition. CC Awford to report to Glos Highways.

Flooding at Moores Ground: Drains have been jetted

Court Drive: Water/sewage has been coming out of the manhole cover for several weeks now. Clerk to contact Environmental Health at TBC.

9.3 Public Rights of Way: Nothing to report

9.4 Provision of Defib for Deerhurst, Deerhurst Walton and Apperley: Councillor Wilks reported that the Cricket Club has paid £915 for a new defib for the cc which will then mean that the current difib can be relocated. The PC will contribute £500 for a defib to be sited at AVH, £500 for one to be sited in Deerhurst Walton on the wall outside The Grove and £500 for one to be sited in Deerhurst Walton possibly at the Church. Councillor Bromberg reported that she had spoken to most of the residents of Deerhurst Walton and they were willing to make up the remaining balance. It was agreed that the Chairman and Councillor Wilkes would speak with Brian Leeke.

9.5 Noticeboard Deerhurst Walton: Defer still trying to find the correct location

Post Box: No update

10 CORRESPONDENCE: None

11 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION:

Siting of Dog Waste Bin: Still ongoing

Deerhurst Walton Flood Defence: Councillor Smith reported that this was the first time the defence had been really tested and without the defence several houses would have flooded. There were some teething problems with the pump, but these have been rectified.

12 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, 26 February 2020 commencing at 7.15pm.

The meeting closed 8.55pm.