

DEERHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 26 June 2019, in Apperley Village Hall.

PRESENT:

Councillors: L Attard
L Bromberg (partial attendance)
B Oldham
J Rutter
J Smith
A Wilkes (partial attendance)
BC H McLain
Mrs F Wallbank – Clerk

Parishioners: 0

1 APOLOGIES: Councillor Pollard.

2 MINUTES OF MEETING:

The minutes of the meeting held on the Wednesday, 15 May 2019, 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:

- Has joined the Health Audit and Overview & Scrutiny Committee
- Judicial Ruling confirmed that TBC there is a shortfall of 250 houses. The knock effect of this will be there TBC will receive speculative applications from developers
- NDP progressing very well
- The PC should be very cautious if approached by Gladmans
- Fly tipping -the environmental department at TBC are striving to target “hot spots” and try and catch flytippers
- Disabled Facilities grant - money available – need to be recommended by an occupational thereapist
- Growth Hub situated at the TBC offices is available to help and guide rural businesses

Councillors Bromberg and Wilkes entered

7 PLANNING:

7.1 Applications:

19/00219/FUL Part Parcel 2414, School Road Apperley: Development of four residential properties including associated landscaping

As this application had only just been received and has not been advertised on the agenda the Clerk had agreed with the Case Officer to have an extension for the PCs comments until Thursday, 27 July. It was agreed that the Clerk informs the TPO office at TBC.

7.2 Decisions: None

7.3 Appeals: None

Appeal Decisions: None

7.4 Proposed Garden Village – development of over 3,000 homes: BC McLain reported that Gladmans are still in dialogue with TBC however TBCs preferred location for additional housing is the Ashchurch and Deerhurst is not in the JCS.

7.5 Neighbourhood Plan (NP): Councillor Bromberg gave the Councillors a comprehensive update on the progress being made with the NP. She presented the finished flyers, which are now ready for distribution and expressed a big thank you to parishioner Richard Baldwin for his time and generosity in designing and sponsoring the printing.

Delivery is likely to happen early/mid-June after NC training and once the questionnaire design is underway.

For further information and view the minutes from the NP meetings go to:

<https://www.ourparishplan.co.uk>

8 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

8.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:

Mrs F J Wallbank –

Salary for 1-30 June	348.12		
Less Tax	<u>69.80</u>	278.32	Via Bank Transfer

Inland Revenue – Refund due to Clerk		69.80	Via Bank Transfer
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Apperley Village Hall: Meeting held 26.6.19		15.00	Via Bank Transfer
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Countrywide carrying out 2 cuts: 2 & 16 June		300.00	Via Bank Transfer
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Wa+erplus water rate for the period 7.2.19- 28.5.19		14.97	Via Bank Transfer
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John Hicks – Carrying out annual ROSPA Inspection	168.30		
	<u>VAT 33.66</u>	201.96	Via Bank Transfer

Total: **£880.05**

Receipts:

Allotment Rent	60.00
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HM Custom & Excise – VAT refund	951.04
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Total Receipt: **£1011.04**

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

9 MATTERS ARISING

9.1 Apperley Village Hall: Nothing to report.

Playing Field: It was agreed that a meeting should take place with Countrywide, Chris Freeman and several Councillors in July/August. Clerk to contact Chris Freeman to see when he was available.

Play Area: Nothing to report.

Allotments: Village Hall Car Park, keeping access clear. Councillor Pollard had a response from Craig Freeman, which declined to help on Parish land. The Clerk said that she would ask her Councillor at Minsterworth who was in the business of road markings. What is required is one parking width of hatched markings

9.2 Highways:

VAS Unit: Councillor Pollard has had confirmation from Highways (Chris Hawkins) that a works order has been raised to restore or repair the two poles (knocked flat and loose). Having checked with Ken Preece that nobody would have been grass-cutting on 12 June at 12.30 pm, Councillor Pollard asked him always to advise us of any accidental damage that may occur.

Speeding Traffic Through the Village: Nothing further to report.

9.3 Public Rights of Way: Councillor Pollard has reported the blocked footpath from Walton Grange Farm to the A38 and suggested that GCC might wish to replace the missing signs, unlock the

gates and clear the hedges on land owned by the Council. Otherwise, nothing specific to report. With rapid growth of hedges, he has seen several stiles becoming overgrown.

9.4 Broadband: Councillor Pollard has not received an update from Gigaclear, as requested by Ben Stone. He has sent a reminder to him, copied to Matt Smith (Fastershire). Complete Utilities were in Apperley recently relaying some tarmac. He assumed that someone was still inspecting past-work but the verge is still not reseeded by The Green.

9.5 Provision of Defib for Deerhurst, Deerhurst Walton and Apperley: The Clerk reported that the Parish Council can only apply for one defib however other organisations could apply too. It was suggested that Deerhurst PCC would apply for one at the Church – Councillor Rutter to persue; Apperley Village Hall – clerk to contact Chris Freeman; Deerhurst Walton – the Parish Council.

9.6 Noticeboard Deerhurst Walton: A suitable location needed to be agreed on. Councillor Smith said that we would make some enquires with various people in Deerhurst Walton.

10 CORRESPONDENCE:

10.1 Mrs Forth, Land at School Road, Apperley: The Clerk had circulated Mrs Forth's email prior to the meeting and it was agreed to note the contents.

11 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION:

Governance Matters: Councillor Rutter requested that the minutes were distributed within a week of the meeting. After a short discussion it was agreed that the clerk would send the minutes to the Chairman for approval (as normally happens) and then the clerk would circulate to Councillors.

12 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, 24 July 2019 commencing at 7.15pm.

The meeting closed 8.35pm.