

DEERHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 23 June 2021 in Apperley Village Hall

Present: Len Attard – Chairman
Laura Bromberg
Ben Oldham
Jim Pollard
John Rutter
Fiona Wallbank – Clerk
County Councillor Awford

Parishioners: 0

1 APOLOGIES: Councillors Wilkes, Smith and Borough Councillor Mclain.

2 MINUTES OF MEETING: The minutes of the meeting held on the Wednesday, 26 May 2021, having been circulated with the agenda were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

4 REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCIL AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR:

County Councillor Awford reported as follows:

- Advised that grass cutting was being brought forward in the Northern Division given the rapid growth currently. Visibility splays in key places already having been cut.
- Attended Environment Scrutiny on the 16 June, Corporate Scrutiny being the next day and County Council on the 30 June.
- Attended the TBC meeting the night previously to observe the debates around two petitions around flooding and development control.
- Advised that the Inspectors Report into the TBC Local Plan was now out.
- Of particular interest to the Parish related to the Highfield Business Park where he had supported the Parish Councils objections to an access of Cursey Lane. The Inspector was silent on the issue following his site visit. This was very encouraging given the TBC Planning Committee had unanimously rejected that access. During this part of his report there was a considerable concern raised again around the state of the local highway.
- Advised he would again try to get safety inspections carried out on those areas highlighted by Cllrs.

He remained for the meeting noting other issues raised by the Council.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT: None present

6 PLANNING:

6.1 Applications:

21/00600/FUL Agricultural Building, Abbots Court Farm, Deerhurst: Erection of a two-bay extension to existing agricultural building for use as feed and machinery store.

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council has no adverse comments to this application.

21/00719/FUL Wood Lea, School Road, Apperley: Erection of a single storey front porch extension, single storey front extension to link existing garage and erection of a single storey rear extension.

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council has no adverse comments to this application.

21/00599/OUT The Newtons, School Road, Apperley: Outline application for the erection of 1 no. dwelling, with all matters reserved for future consideration except for access

As this application had only just been received it was agreed that this would be dealt with by the planning sub-committee. **Action planning sub-committee to agree comment.**

6.2 Decision: None

Appeal Decisions: None

6.4 Neighbourhood Plan (NP): Councillor Bromberg reported there would be a virtual NDP meeting on the 30 June at 7pm and all Councillors are welcome to attend. She will update those attending the meeting on what has been achieved since the last meeting and talk through the main points of each of the supporting documents and the draft Deerhurst NDP.

7 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

7.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:

Mrs F J Wallbank –

Salary for 1-30 June 2021	363.07		
Tax	<u>15.00</u>	348.07	Via Bank Transfer
Inland Revenue		15.00	Via Bank Transfer
Countrywide: Carrying out cuts on the 4,18 and 27 June	375.00		
	<u>VAT 75.00</u>	450.00	Via Bank Transfer
Ken Preece: Carrying out verge cut 2.6.21	370.00		
	<u>VAT 74.00</u>	444.00	Via Bank Transfer
Westminster Flat Arm Teak Bench and Anchor Kit	324.16		
(Refund to Clerk)	<u>VAT 64.84</u>	389.00	Via Bank Transfer
Shirley Fowler for carrying out internal audit		50.00	Via Bank Transfer
Total:		£1696.07	

Receipts:

Allotment Rents	90.00
Go Espresso	10.00
HMRC Vat Refund	1248.77
SCLT Charity – Chat Bench for Deerhurst	439.00
Total Receipt:	£1787.77

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

8 MATTERS ARISING

8.1 Apperley Village Hall: Hall bookings are starting to come through.

Carpark: Nothing to report

Play Area: Councillor Oldham reported Brian Leeke had secured a grant from the GPFA for the sum of £400. Clerk to send GPFA a copy of the Haggs invoice. **Clerk to action.**

Playing Field: Nothing to report.

Allotments: Nothing to report.

8.2 Highways: Sawpit Lane: Repairs have commenced on Saw Pit Lane

Pothole Policy: A discussion took place regarding the pothole policy which is Councillors felt was not an efficient way of spending money in carrying out the repairs.

8.3 Public Rights of Way: Councillor Pollard is trying to seek clarification on the 2026 registration of footpaths. **Councillor Pollard to action.**

Councillor Rutter reported that Ken Samuels had advised that due to walkers sometimes leaving a riverside gate open, allowing cows to stray, he had temporarily locked the gate, pending his replacing

with a self-closing type.

8.4 Proposed Path: Defer.

9 CORRESPONDENCE: Any Other Correspondence:

TBC: Community Governance Review: Email had been circulated to the Councillors for their information. It was agreed Councillors Bromberg and Pollard would liaise and report back at July meeting. **Councillors Bromberg and Pollard to action.**

Gloucestershire & Worcestershire Parish Council Review (GWPC): The email had been circulated to the Councillors regarding the creation of GWPC. The Councillors were in full agreement that they did not want to be involved in this group. **Clerk to action.**

10 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION:

Noticeboard Deerhurst Walton: This arrived with a damaged lock. Councillor Smith had erected it and had been in touch with the XL Displays however he had not had a response to this email. **Clerk to action.**

Chat Bench – Deerhurst: Councillor Rutter reported that the bench had been ordered and paid for by the Clerk and the grant had been received for the sum of £439. Councillor Rutter asked if the Clerk had been notified of a delivery date – no.

Clothes Bank: Now in situ at the Village Hall. Councillor Rutter thanked Councillor Oldham for organising this.

11 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, 28 July 2021 commencing at 7.15pm.

The meeting closed 8.22pm