

## DEERHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 27 March 2019, in Apperley Village Hall.

### **PRESENT:**

Councillors: J Pollard  
B Oldham  
J Smith  
A Wilkes  
Mrs F Wallbank – Clerk

Parishioners: 3

**Police:** PCSO Rees and PCSO Wasley in attendance. They reported an increase in burglaries but there has been in a lot of villages. No set pattern to break-ins however most happen between 3-8pm. Best advice is to put lights on timers, have an alarm and CCTV. They have been in contact with the school about the parking problems at drop off and pick up times. Road Safety Campaigns have been run at a school in Walton Cardiff with a view to the children educating the parents. The PCSOs said they could look at running one of these campaigns at the school. Councillor Pollard discussed the data that has been collected from the VAS unit.

*Councillor Smith and Wilkes entered*

In the absence of the Chairman Councillor Pollard took the Chair.

**1 APOLOGIES:** Borough Councillor Waters and Councillor Attard.

**2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** None

### **3 MINUTES OF MEETING:**

The minutes of the meeting held on the Wednesday 27 February 2019, having been circulated with the agenda were agreed and signed.

**4 PUBLIC COMMENT:** Comments were received concerning the provision of a defibrillator for Deerhurst. Clerk to make enquiries.

**5 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT:** Not present

**6 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT:** Not present

### **7 PLANNING:**

**7.1 Applications:** None

**7.2 Decisions:** None

**7.3 Appeals:** None

**Appeal Decisions:** None

**7.4 Proposed Garden Village – development of over 3,000 homes:** The government announced that Tewkesbury and its surrounding area is one of only a handful of locations to be awarded Garden Town status, which will see it receive around three quarters of a million pounds in initial funding to deliver long-term sustainable development plans. Through the Joint Core Strategy and the Ashchurch Concept Masterplan, options have been discussed on how best to deliver Tewkesbury's housing shortfall of 2,500 homes by 2031. By planning to 2041, and using its new Garden Town status, the council is better equipped to meet future housing need, provide space for new businesses and help ensure new and existing communities work well together.

**7.5 Neighbourhood Plan (NP):** Councillor Pollard invited Laura Bromberg (Chair, NP Steering Group) to report on this matter:

- Meetings of the NP have been rearranged to be 2 weeks prior to PC meetings – the Clerk pointed

out that the May meeting is on Wednesday, 15 May, earlier due to local elections

- The grant application is in progress but cannot be submitted until April. Once the first draft of the project plan is available a budget can be drawn up
- Two examples of a logo designed by Lo Cole were circulated to the meeting for comment and a preferred option agreed by vote
- A questionnaire is to be prepared and sent out to all residents and businesses to ensure the plan reflects local opinion
- A parishioner has offered to set up a website at minimum cost. A sample view was circulated to the meeting. The website is for the Neighbourhood Plan only – not for the Parish Council as previously considered. The web address is: “ourparishplan.co.uk

**7.6 John Alison Land & Research Proposal:** The Clerk reported that the PC had been asked to put this matter on the agenda as another agent was looking to secure land for mass development. The Clerk had no further details. Councillors noted this but could not discuss without any details.

## 8 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

### 8.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:

Mrs F J Wallbank –

Salary for 1-31 March	337.98		
Less Tax	<u>67.60</u>	270.38	Via Bank Transfer
Inland Revenue – Tax for FJW		67.60	Cheque No: 000887
Apperley Village Hall: Meeting held 27.3.19		15.00	Via Bank Transfer
Deerhurst PCC: Contribution towards Parish Magazine and Churchyard mowing		300.00	Via Bank Transfer
<b>Total:</b>		<b>£642.98</b>	

### Receipts:

**Total Receipt:** £0.00

**8.2 Financial Statement:** The Chairman signed the statement for the end of February 2019.

**8.3 Purchase of a dog bin:** It was agreed to purchase a “Fido 25” dog bin from Glasdon with a metal liner for a total of £95.30 plus VAT which will be sited on the verge opposite the cricket pavilion, subject to the approval of Glos Highways.

## 9 MATTERS ARISING

**9.1 Apperley Village Hall:** Nothing to report.

**Playing Field:** Councillor Oldham had been asked to find out the additional cost of cutting the football pitch.

**Play Area:** Nothing to report.

**Allotments:** Rents due 1 April 2019 Clerk to send out letters.

### 9.2 Highways:

**VAS Unit:** Some strange results – probably due to high winds.

**Speeding Traffic Through the Village:** Councillor Pollard had asked Glos Highways for additional posts in the Village to enable the VAS unit to be erected at various times. Awaiting a response.

**Memorial Bench on B4213:** Councillors Attard and Pollard had offered to meet with the deceased family to discuss siting a memorial bench on the grass area near to where the accident happened. The family have had discussions by e-mail with Gloucestershire Highways.

**Graffiti:** Has been removed from signs on B4213 near Sawpit Lane.

**Potholes:** by school require attention.

**Tree Debris:** Opposite Wightfield Manor needs to be removed.

**B4213 Deerhurst Corner:** The damaged chevrons sign has been reported and a works order raised by Glos Highways.

**Road Closures A38:** Clerk to put these on the Community Facebook page.

**9.3 Public Rights of Way:** Councillor Pollard that he had ordered a map of the Parish for the NDP team. The feeding trough on ADE4 has been moved and the gap has been replaced with a fence and simple stile.

**9.4 Broadband:** Councillor Pollard said that the Broadband meeting scheduled for 24 March in the Village Hall had been cancelled due to lack of interest. There had been an outage of the broadband service on the 26 March. Councillor Pollard had requested a progress report from Ben Stone (Gigaclear) and would be meeting him soon.

**9.5 BMX Track:** Councillor Pollard that he had seen youngsters using the track. Agreed to monitor use. Councillor Oldham reported that some of the vegetation needs attention.

**9.6 GCC are running free First Aid Courses:** It was agreed to advertise this on the Community Facebook page to assess the level of interest.

**9.7 Noticeboard Deerhurst:** The Clerk had asked Mr Lovejoy to have a look at the noticeboard. Report back anticipated at the April meeting.

**10 CORRESPONDENCE: None**

**11 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION:**

**TPO Notices:** The Clerk gave Councillor Wilkes the laminated TPO notices which he agreed to put up at The Green, Apperley

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

The meeting closed 8.41pm.