

DEERHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 16 March 2022 in Apperley Village Hall

Present: Len Attard – Chairman
Laura Bromberg
Jim Pollard
Jonathan Smith
A Wilkes
CC Philip Awford (partial attendance)
BC Heather McLain
Fiona Wallbank – Clerk

Parishioners: 0

1 APOLOGIES: Councillor Rutter, CC Awford would be late

2 MINUTES OF MEETING: The minutes of the meeting held on the Wednesday, 23 February 2022, having been circulated with the agenda were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

4 REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR AWFORD: see below :

REPORT FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MCLAIN:

- TBC will be issuing an energy rebate to those houses in bands A-D. Leaflets promoting will be delivered to all households
- TBC are encouraging everyone to go paperless where possible
- Had a response re the application for the Cricket Club for a scorers hut – Mr Kitts said an application with the relevant charges should be submitted
- Land adjacent to Apperley House – awaiting to hear back from Sandra who has been on holiday
- New Chief Executive – Alistair Cunningham
- TBC are looking at a 3-weekly collection of household rubbish – Councillors were not in favour of this and would like a weekly collection

5 PUBLIC COMMENT: None present

6 PLANNING:

6.1 Applications:

22/00128/FUL Willow Hill Farm, Apperley: Change of use to form two self catering units, 15 pitch camping site & associated facilities (camping area will have a dual camping and agricultural use as it will revert to farmland out of the camping season)

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council has no adverse comments to this application

22/00233/FUL Thornbury Cottage, Gabb Lane, Apperley: Erection of a side garden room extension

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council has no adverse comments to this application

6.2 Decisions:

21/015048/FUL Thuya House, School Road, Apperley: Garage conversion to office suite – **Granted**

21/00318/FUL Land Adjacent To Apperley House School Road Apperley: Erection of 3 single storey dwellings including associated landscaping, parking and access – **Granted**

21/01443/FUL & LBC Old Farmhouse, Lower Apperley: Installation of solar panels and a double EV charging point. Removal of existing hard standing and swimming pool and replacement of an existing pedestrian gate - **Granted**

6.3 Appeals: None

Appeal Decisions: 21/00618/FUL Dippers Cottage, Gabb Lane, Apperley: Installation of a balcony, window and rooflight to main dwelling house. Erection of an outbuilding to be used as an office-play room - **Allowed**

6.4 Neighbourhood Plan (NP): Councillor Bromberg said it was nearing the year end and the unspent NDP grant had to be returned. She had an expense to send through the Clerk.

7 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

7.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:

	Item	Expenditure	Income	Comment
1	Clerk's salary – March Back pay Sept '20-Feb '22 inc Less Tax	380.99 281.59 <u>75.00</u> 587.58		Paid
2	Inland Revenue	75.00		Paid
3	AVH – Meeting 23.2.22	15.00		Paid
4	Community Heartbeat: Annual Support for Defib Year 2	135.00 <u>VAT 27.00</u>		Paid
5	Deerhurst PCC: Contribution towards Parish Magazine and Churchyard mowing	300.00		Paid
6	GRP Electrical Ltd: Carrying out electrical work at the Village Hall	775.00 <u>VAT 155.00</u> 930.00		Paid
7	GCC Verge cutting grant		1279.80	
	Total	£2038.53	£1279.80	

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

CC Awford entered

8 MATTERS ARISING

8.1 Apperley Village Hall: Nothing to report

Allotment: Nothing to report.

Play area: Nothing to report

Playing Field: The Chairman said the parishioner was happy with the proposed cost of £50

8.2 Highways: Councillor Pollard reported:

Fir tree Orchard End had been pollarded by Glos Highways

Potholes – Sawpit Lane: No progress has been made however Glos Highways have agreed to investigate

Spoil on Gabb Lane which has been due to landscaping works – This had been reported to Glos Highways

Overgrown Hedges onto Public Highway: Councillor Wilkes reported that the vegetation had been removed

Road Opening following flooding: There was a complete mismanagement of re-opening the B4213 following the floods due to staff holidays – hopefully the protocol will be revised.

8.3 Public Rights of Way: Footpath diversion for ADE90 has been granted.

8.4 Speed Signs/ANPR: Councillor Pollard said he had spoken to Westcotec about the costs involved of purchasing an ANPR which is around £5,000 and has spoken to Western Power about

providing mains power

8.5 Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations: Councillor Bromberg said she had spoken with the Church, and they are not doing anything specific for this event however there will be a Sunday service. Councillor Wilkes said Sam Butler had met with Chris Freeman to discuss plans for the joint event which are ongoing.

9 CORRESPONDENCE: Any Other Correspondence:

Slimbridge Road Safety Group: 20mph The Stockholm Declaration has mandated the UK to adopt 20 mph as the default speed limit where vulnerable road users mix with vehicles. Gloucestershire County Council has passed a motion which excludes non-residential areas contrary to the intent of the Declaration. Email noted.

Mrs Nattrass – Power Cuts: The PC had received a copy of an email Mrs Nattrass sent to Western Power following the prolong power cut. The matter was discussed the Councillors agreed it was not necessary to have a meeting. **Clerk to reply to email.**

CC Awford reported as follows:

- His activities both during and following the recent flood events
- Been invited by the EA to submit a report about impacts on Gloucestershire following the multiple storms. On submitting the report he was invited to a debriefing meeting with the Severn and Wye RFDC to speak on the concerns he had raised including forecasts, gauges, timings, data and COMMS with GCC
- He had highlighted many issues in relation about barriers and signage on the B4213 in particular and the lack of highways enacting a well put together plan due to the local highways team being on both scheduled and sickness leave
- There were errors in both signage and barrier work as witnessed by Parish Councillors in impacted Parishes also a confusion on reopening the road as it cleared of flooding
- There were issues upstream in both Shropshire and Worcestershire with considerable property flooding, fortunately not replicated in Gloucestershire this time but similar concerns were highlighted by attendees from upstream communities
- Concern about messaging for the event of the 18th of February where both GCC and TBC had been door to door warning of levels on a par with 2007
- Whilst he was supportive of the Authorities preparations given the anticipated tidal impact he had great concerns about the lack of reaction in any future event given residents do not respond as they think the Agencies are to use an expression (crying wolf)
- He had been invited to attend the meeting with flood wardens at the end of the month
- He had also received intensive training for over 8 hours on Carbon Literacy and Climate change with Directors and Managers together with Members given the changing weather patterns and storm events

10 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION:

Housekeeping: The Chairman reiterated if Councillors write emails on behalf of the Parish Council they must copy in the Clerk.

Clearing of tree: The Parish Council would like to thank Ken Samuel for kindly clearing a large tree that was blocking the road following recent storms.

11 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, 27 April 2022 at 7.15pm

Close of meeting 20.14pm