

DEERHURST PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT:

Councillors: L Attard
L Bromberg
B Oldham
J Pollard
J Rutter
A Wilkes
Mrs F Wallbank – Clerk
BC H Mclain

Parishioners: 3 (partial attendance)

1 APOLOGIES: Councillor Smith

2 MINUTES OF MEETING:

The minutes of the meeting held on the Wednesday, 23 October 2019, having been circulated with the agenda were agreed and signed.

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

4 PUBLIC COMMENT: None

The Chairman agreed to bring forward agenda item 9.1

Play Area: The Chairman and Councillor Wilkes met with Mr Leeke on site to discuss possible improvements. Brian Leeke explained that the DPPFA may be able to acquire a grant from the Ministry of Housing, Communications & Local Gov't (Pocket Parks), for the Play Area's necessary work. Forms have been completed together with a GPFA application which the Clerk signed. It was agreed that the PC will support the applications by donating £50 to enable the DPPFA to acquire the grants (which needs the match funding). This amount can come from the surplus left over from the play area refurbishment scheme (£128.84). It was also agreed that Mr Leeke would carry out some **modifications to a piece of equipment as soon as possible.**

5 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT: Not present

6 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT:

- Pocket Park Grants had already been discussed
- TBP is in its final stage
- Deficit in the 5-year housing supply. Originally 40 houses proposed for Coombe Hill has been increased to 130 houses.

7 PLANNING:

7.1 Applications:

19/00767/OUT Bushey House, Court Drive, Apperley: Outline application for the erection of one dwelling (appearance, landscaping and scale to be reserved for future consideration)

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council has no adverse comments to this application

19/01006/OUT 1 & 2 Notcliffe Cottages, Walton Hill: Outline application for the demolition of 2 semi-d dwellings & erection of 2 replacement dwellings & associated outbuildings with all matters reserved for future consideration except for access

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council agree in principle to the erection of 2 replacement dwellings but have the following concerns:

1. The proposed detached dwellings are out of scale and proportion to the current semi-detached dwellings
2. Additional vehicular access onto a narrow road would be a safety hazard
3. Proposed access crossing ADE90

7.2 Decision:

19/0005/FUL Stora Lund, Sawpit Lane, Apperley: Installation and alteration of doors and windows and conversion of attached garage and loft space – **Granted**

19/00944/PIP Land at Gabb Lane, Apperley: Erection of one dwelling - **Granted**

7.3 Appeals: None

7.4 Proposed Garden Village – development of over 3,000 homes: Councillor Wilkes wanted it minuted that even without this proposed development recently the whole area around Apperley/Deerhurst has been gridlocked due to flooding issues and closure of the M5.

7.5 Neighbourhood Plan (NP): Councillor Bromberg reported that they have now appointed David Lowin, Ridge Property & Planning Consultants. The community questionnaire will be sent out mid-December and will have a 5-week consultation period. The NDP Committee are hoping to have a draft plan available in May 2020. Date of next meeting 10 December.

The Chairman wanted to extend this thanks to all those on the Steering Committee for all their hard work and professionalism. With new housing development projects CIL payments will be 15% but with a NDP they will be 25%.

7.6 Ian Scorer – 2 Moores Ground, Apperley: Mr Scorer's email had been circulated prior to the meeting for the Councillor's information and they agreed in principle to support the family's proposed plans to remove the current conservatory and construct a replacement 2 storey extension to the rear of the property to increase the property from a 2 to a 3 bedroom house.

8 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

8.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:

Mrs F J Wallbank –

Salary for 1-30 November 2019	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 27.11.19	15.00		
Hire of Hall for NDP meetings: 10 April, 8 May, 14 Aug & 7 dates			
In advance	<u>75.00</u>	90.00	Via Bank Transfer

Countrywide carrying out grass

Cutting on 11 October	125.00		
	<u>VAT 25.00</u>	150.00	Via Bank Transfer

John Preece & Son – cut roadside

Verges	360.00		
	<u>72.00</u>	432.00	Via Bank Transfer

Coopers: Cost of piping to increase drainage

Channel	172.50		
	<u>VAT 34.50</u>	207.00	Via Bank Transfer

Sevenside Senior Citizens Club

6 members at £1.50 per month for 11 months	99.00		Cheque No:000889
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Total: £1326.12

Receipts:

Ashleworth Football Club – one match 5.00

Total Receipt: £5.00

Payments to be drawn for December 2019:

Mrs F J Wallbank –

Salary for 1-31 December 2019 348.12

Less Tax 69.60 278.52 Via Bank Transfer

Inland Revenue – Refund due to Clerk 69.60 Via Bank Transfer

Total: £348.12

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 Councillors went through the revised budget.

9 MATTERS ARISING

9.1 Apperley Village Hall: Councillor Oldham reported as follows:

- The Village Hall had been broken into entered through an open window in the changing rooms. Thankfully nothing stolen.
- Hall bookings have gone up
- Looking at installing CCTV cameras
- In favour of installing a defib at the Hall – VH can afford the costs involved and will hold a quiz to raise further funds.
- Chris Freeman is looking to do something to enable the Football Club to use the playing field for football matches as the cuts carried out by the PC are insufficient. The FC are looking at purchasing a mower that can cope with the job and will have to purchase a container to store it in.

Clerk to send Councillor Wilkes the grass cutting contract.

Play Area: See above

Allotments: Jean Scorer had emailed to say that the allotment holders felt that the sum of £200 to put down some hatchings was excessive. The Councillors were not in favour of hand-painted markings or signage. Perhaps, some bollards would suffice?

Councillor Wilkes looked at the dripping tap and turn it off tighter which stopped the drop. The Chairman and Councillor Wilkes with the help of Pete Woodthorpe have found the water meter and informed the Clerk of its location. Councillors would like to thank Pete Woodthorpe for his help in this matter.

9.2 Highways:

Flooding: Bend by Staights Lane floods and drain at Inghams Corner needs regular cleaning.

VAS Signs: Councillor Pollard had attended the “Speeding Event” at Northleach which was very informative. The Chairman wanted to thank Councillor Pollard for all this hard work.

Debris from RTA’s: The debris is left in the verge which is not helpful when the verges are cut.

Dog Post: Councillor Pollard would chase this matter.

9.3 Public Rights of Way: Nothing to report as most of the footpaths have been under water.

9.4 Provision of Defib for Deerhurst, Deerhurst Walton and Apperley: Councillor Wilkes reported that there is funding available via ECB at Lords for Cricket Clubs of £1000 for the provision of a defibrillator. This would mean that the one at the CC could be moved to somewhere else in the Parish. Brian Leeke is in discussion with Will Morris about possibility siting it at the Church.

9.5 Noticeboard Deerhurst Walton: It was agreed that a noticeboard that would take 8 pages of A4 would be the right size. Councillor Bromberg would look at where this should be sited.

Post Box: No update

9.6 Memorial Bench for the late Janet Dance: Mr Leeke was happy for the bench that to be sited at the pond by the VH to be dedicated to Janet Dance. Chairman to agree wording for plaque.

9.8 Horse Chestnut Tree Sawpit Lane: The Chairman and Councillor Wilkes met on site. They felt the Alder Tree was a problem and it was agreed that Councillor Wilkes would meet with Matt Hale to discuss removal.

An urgent works order has been raised regarding the drain cover which is very dangerous. Clerk to email Mrs Natrass to keep her informed.

10 CORRESPONDENCE: Any Other Correspondence:

Sheep Attack Apperley: The Clerk had received a telephone call and email from the parishioner who lost sheep in the recent attack. The email had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting. Councillors Wilkes confirmed he had visited the parishioner and viewed the photos. A “big-cat” specialist had been consulted who confirmed they were pretty sure this incident was the result of a dog attack.

11 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION:

12 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, 22 January 2020 commencing at 7.15pm.

The meeting closed 9.22pm.