

DEERHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the virtual Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 25 November 2020 by Zoom

Present: Len Attard – Chairman
Laura Bromberg
Ben Oldham
Jim Pollard
John Rutter
Jonathan Smith (partial attendance)
CC Awford (partial attendance)
Fiona Wallbank – Clerk

Parishioners: None

1 APOLOGIES: BC McLain, Councillor Wilkes

2 MINUTES OF MEETING: The minutes of the meeting held on the Wednesday, 28 October 2020, having been circulated with the agenda were agreed and signed by the Clerk

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: The Chairman in 20/00953/FUL

4 REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUCILLOR AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR None present

5 PUBLIC COMMENT: None

6 PLANNING:

6.1 Applications:

20/00857/FUL Green Orchard, Walton Hill, Deerhurst: Erection of a side and rear extension and alterations to barn/garage block

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council has no adverse comments to this application

20/00953/FUL Apperley Cricket Club: Extension of existing cricket pavilion

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council has no adverse comments to this application

20/00999/FUL Bushey House, Court Drive, Apperley: Variation of condition 9 (highways visibility splays) of planning application number 19/00767/OUT

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council objects to this application as the proposed access onto Court Drive is on the inside of the bend and could be safer than shown in the visibility splay diagram. If it were re-sited a few metres to the North-East, it would be noticeably safer; based on the sight stopping distance analysis supplied with the proposal. The Parish Council could provide further details if requested.

6.2 Decision:

20/00452/FUL Green Farm, School Road, Apperley: Erection of one dwelling - **Permit**

6.3 Appeals: None to report

Appeal Decisions: None

6.4 Neighbourhood Plan (NP): Councillor Bromberg reported:

- another planning officer had been furloughed at Ridge Planning.
- received an apology from TBC regarding the whole HNS survey
- draft plan should be issued next week

6.5 Housing Needs Survey: Martin Hutchings has sent a short update following the completion of the HNS. The return rate was 21% where the NDP questionnaire had a response rate of 43%.

County Councillor Awford joined the meeting

7 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

7.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:

Mrs F J Wallbank –

Salary for 1-30 November 2020	363.07		
Tax	<u>72.60</u>	290.47	Via Bank Transfer
Inland Revenue		72.60	Via Bank Transfer

Mrs F J Wallbank:

Expenses for the period Jan-Dec 2020:

Stamps	8.40		
Clerk's home working allowance for the period 1.7.20-31.6.21	200.00		
1/3 cost of Office 365 renewal	26.66		
1/3 cost of Zoom: June, July, August, September October, November, December 7 months @£14.39 = £100.73	33.58		
1/3 of cost to travel to Shirley Fowler to deliver books for auditing 20 miles round trip x 2 = 40 miles @ 45p per mile	<u>6.00</u>	274.64	Via Bank Transfer

GPFA renewal of annual subscription due October 2020		50.00	Via Bank Transfer
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John Preece & Sons – Cut roadside verges (reduced)	195.00		
	<u>VAT 39.00</u>	234.00	Via Bank Transfer

Mr B Lovejoy refund due re materials Purchased for necessary repairs to Play equipment	37.48		
	<u>66.58</u>	104.06	Via Bank Transfer

APV: Donation equivalent to our normal PC meeting costs		150.00	Via Bank Transfer
Total:		£1175.77	

Receipts:

Gumbies Pizzas	10.00		
Total Receipt:		£10.00	

Payments for December agreed:

Mrs F J Wallbank –

Salary for 1-31 December 2020	363.07		
Tax	<u>72.60</u>	290.47	Via Bank Transfer
Inland Revenue		72.60	Via Bank Transfer

7.2 Financial Statement: Circulated with the agenda. The Councillors agreed for the Clerk to sign this.

7.3 Grass Cutting Tenders: The Clerk had circulated the 4 tenders to the Councillors for their consideration. It was agreed to award the 3-year contract to Countrywide at a total cost of £1875 per annum for 15 cuts.

7.3 Precept 2021/22 – Consider proposed budget: The Clerk circulated a draft budget for consideration. A discussion took place, and some adjustments were made. Clerk to prepare a revised budget for further discussion at the January meeting.

County Councillor Awford reported:

- Gloucestershire will probably be going into Tier 2 as Covid case numbers have increased in the South West and Tewkesbury
- Campaign for improvements to the A417 and B4213 – 10 parish councils have signed up – also being support by the principal of Hartpury College as it is crucial to his 6,000 students to keep the road open
- Pleased to get the funding for the Play Area from Growing the Communities Fund.

8 MATTERS ARISING

8.1 Apperley Village Hall: Nothing to report as there have been no bookings.

New Bookings Secretary is Jenny Jenkins however she is not officially in post yet

Carpark: Gumbies Pizzas: Returning this evening

Play Area: Councillor Oldham reported

Allotments: Allotment has been relet and now there is a waiting list.

Playing Field: Nothing to report

8.2 Highways:

Potholes: Exchange of emails between Councillor Pollard and Glos Highways.

Road Closure: There have been signs placed at the top of Gabb Lane warning of a road closure. These have now been moved to the correct location on School Road, between the top of Sawpit Lane and Ringers Close, which effectively cuts our village in two. Severn Trent Water are due to carry out some work outside Jasmine Cottage. Requiring digging in the middle of the road, traffic lights cannot be used. Instead, we will be asked to divert around the main road (B4213) through Lower Apperley. This could affect the school run and the bus service, as well as local traffic through Apperley. Pedestrian access should be maintained. Vehicle access to all properties should be unaffected, subject to the diversion.

8.3 Public Rights of Way: Councillor Pollard reported that Len spoke someone near his house who was inspecting the footpaths. It transpires that it was Rob Deeley who inspects the PROW for Glos. Hilary Grace will share the report that Mr Deeley had compiled to for comparison.

8.4 Provision of Defibrillator for Deerhurst Walton: Councillor Bromberg said that an electrician needs to connect the defib to a power supply. She would liaise with Councillor Rutter. The Chairman will need to report back to the Charity which supplied the defibrillator with an update.

Noticeboard: No further updates

ANPR: The Clerk had sent an email to Glos Police who confirmed that it was illegal to have a camera facing on the public highways. As now it stands Ben Davies will email the residents of Deerhurst Walton to request funding for the costs of the signs as the camera is now in position and is facing the highway. It was agreed that the PC would take no further action.

8.5 Parish Council Website: Ongoing.

8.6 Proposed Path: Defer

9 CORRESPONDENCE: None

10 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION:

Remembrance Sunday: Councillor Pollard reported that the laying of wreaths was carried out one at a time, to comply with Covid regulations.

Village Hall: One of the Councillors proposed that as the Village Hall has not received any revenue due to the pandemic the Parish Council would donate the cost of the room hire that they would

normally pay. All Councillors were in favour of this proposal.

11 DATE FOR NEXT VIRTUAL MEETING: Wednesday, 27 January 2021 commencing at 7.15pm.

The meeting closed 20.41pm