

DEERHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 26 October 2022 in Apperley Village Hall

Present: Len Attard – Chairman
Laura Bromberg
Ben Oldham
Jim Pollard
John Rutter
CC Phil Awford (partial attendance)
BC Heather McLain (partial attendance)
Fiona Wallbank – Clerk

Parishioners: 2 (partial attendance)

1 APOLOGIES: Councillor Wilkes.

2 MINUTES OF MEETING: The minutes of the meeting held on the Wednesday, 28 September 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: Cllr Awford reported as follows:

- Chris Hawkins, GCC Highways will still cover his area
- **22/00864/FUL** Land Off Curse Lane (Part Parcel 315) Tewkesbury Road Deerhurst Hybrid application for full planning permission for the erection of a B2 unit and outline permission for a mix of B1 (E) B2 and B8 uses grateful to BC McLain calling the application to Committee. The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council had sent an objection

REPORT FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MCLAIN:

- Ever since being elected I have worked to stop speculative development. I have been very clear that the last JCS stitched Tewkesbury up, Cheltenham and Gloucester being able to off load most of their housing demand into the borough. None of which counts against our own housing requirements.
- The local plan was passed earlier this summer. The number crunching on the plan confirms that Tewkesbury borough has a 5.9-year supply. This is the strongest weapon we have against speculative development and on the JCS. I am pleased that the view of TBC is going to be much more robust.
- The recent announcement of the Rural prosperity grant is something to consider. It's early days but Defra are looking to hold seminars with County / Borough councils after which we should be able to source more information from these.
- It is worth thinking about whether there are potential projects or initiatives you want to put forwards. Andy Sanders is the officer to contact. It's only £100k for the first year in April 23 for business growth and community infrastructure. If successful, then most of the funds will be available in year 2 total £400k
- As part of the current presentation from the leisure Centre they are running an initiative where a community Health Bus in which some of the health and fitness team come out to do outreach work in the communities. Retirement homes community Centre's etc. I understand information is being sent out to parish clerks.
- Planning is still an ongoing battle. I recently had a private meeting with Alistair Cunningham. He

is very aware of the problems and Parish concerns. It was private so I am not able to discuss in detail.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT: Received about Environmental Health concerns at 1 Ringers Close – the communal pathway serving nos 1, 2 and 3 is becoming like an obstacle course and is difficult to access easily. It was agreed that BC McLain would take this up with TBC Environmental Health.

6 PLANNING:

6.1 Applications:

22/00877/FUL & 22/00878/LBC Old Farm House, Lower Apperley: To deconstruct an existing retaining wall that is in poor condition then re-construct the retaining wall

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council **supports** these applications

6.2 TBC Decisions: None

6.3 Appeals/Appeal Decisions: None

6.4 Neighbourhood Plan: Councillor Bromberg updated the Councillors with regards to the progress of the NDP and will be carrying out a presentation in the Village Hall date to be arranged.

7 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

7.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:

	Item	Expenditure	Income	Comment
1	Clerk's salary – October Less Tax	380.99 <u>18.60</u> 362.39		Paid
2	Inland Revenue	18.60		Paid
3	Countrywide carrying out cuts 1, 15 & 28 September	375.00 <u>VAT 75.00</u> 450.00		Paid
4	AVH Hire of Hall	15.00		Paid
5	GPFA renewal of subscription	50.00		Paid
6	Parish Online annual subscription	75.00 <u>VAT 15.00</u> 90.00		Paid
7	Wa+er plus – period 7 July to 10 October	176.78		Paid
	RBL Poppy Appeal – cost of wreath (refund due to Clerk)	30.00		Paid
8	Wicksteed – See-saw overhaul	1389.00 <u>VAT 277.80</u> 1666.80		Awaiting payment once works completed
	Total	£2859.57	£0.00	

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

7.3 Budget for the financial year 2023/24: A first draft had been circulated to the Councillors prior to the meeting. Several Councillors had some queries, and some adjustments were made. The general feeling of Councillors is that the reserves in the bank are high and as there are no specific large projects in mind it was agreed that the reserves could be run down. **The Clerk would prepare a second draft for further discussion at the November meeting.**

8 MATTERS ARISING

8.1 Councillor Oldham reported as follows:

Apperley Village Hall: Nothing to report.

Allotment: Nothing to report

Play area: GPFA holding a Rospa training event at the Village Hall. The annual inspection will be

carried out at the same time.

Playing Field: The pond had been dredged and looks much tidier. AVH committee are discussion the possibility of putting down an all-weather surface in the area where the BMX track was.

8.2 Highways: Councillor Pollard said that during the recent heavy rain Inghams Corner and School Lane did not suffer from flooding.

8.3 Public Rights of Way: Councillor Pollard said that he had received a report about a defective stile on ADE43 which has been passed to PROW.

8.4 Community Speed Watch Group: Councillor Pollard reported as follows:

- The group has met on 6 occasions for an hour at a time. As reported last month 5 letters had been sent to speeding vehicles with a further 2 letters issued by the Police.
- If successful with the bid for the Community Speed watch Camera protocols will have to be agreed as to what criteria would trigger the PC requesting the police to send a letter.
- Awaiting confirmation on whether the PC's bid has been successful

9 CORRESPONDENCE: None

10 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION:

Date of next meeting: The Chairman said he would not be able to attend the meeting on the 23 November along with Councillor Wilkes. Councillors Bromberg and Rutter were unable to make the meeting too. It was decided to rearrange the meeting for the 30 November. **Clerk to email AVH and advise Councillors asap.**

11 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, 30 November at 7.15pm

Close of meeting 20.51 pm