

## DEERHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 8 February 2023 in Apperley Village Hall

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

Parishioners: 3 (partial attendance)

**1 APOLOGIES:** Councillors Smith, Wilkes and CC Awford and BC McClain. Councillor Bromberg will be late.

**2 MINUTES OF MEETING:** The minutes of the meeting held on the Wednesday, 11 January 2023, having been circulated with the agenda were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

**3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None**

**4 REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR AWFORD: None**

**REPORT FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MCLAIN: None**

**5 PUBLIC COMMENT:** Received regarding application 22/01174/FUL

**6 PLANNING:**

**6.1 Applications:**

**22/01174/FUL** Land adjacent to The Newtons, School Road, Apperley: Approval of Reserved Matters (scale, layout, appearance, landscaping) pursuant to outline consent 21/00559/OUT for the erection of one dwelling

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council: No adverse comments

**23/00055/PIP** Part Parcel 0056 Adjacent The Marlowe, School Road, Apperley: PIP for erection of 1 no self-build dwelling

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council objects for the following reasons:

1. The proposed development would not represent infilling within the existing built up area of Apperley, and would not meet any of the other criteria within Policy SD10 of the Gloucester, Cheltenham and Tewkesbury Joint Core Strategy 2011-2031 (2017). The application site is located outside of a settlement boundary as shown on the Housing Proposals Map of the Tewkesbury Borough Plan, and the proposed development would conflict with Policies RES4 and RES5 of the Tewkesbury Borough Plan 2011-2031. There are no other specific exceptions/circumstances defined in district or neighbourhood plans which indicate that permission should be granted. The proposed development therefore conflicts with policies SP2 and SD10 of the Gloucester, Cheltenham and Tewkesbury Joint Core Strategy 2011-2031 (2017) and Policies RES3 and RES4 of the Tewkesbury Borough Plan 2011-2031 in that the proposed development does not meet the strategy for the distribution of new development in Tewkesbury Borough and the application site is not an appropriate location for new residential development.

2. The proposed development would be in an unsustainable location for residential development, and the proposal would place a high reliance on the use of the car for travel to work, shopping, leisure, community facilities and other usual travel destinations. The bus service is not of sufficient frequency to access employment and other services. The location of the application site and the corresponding need to travel by car would not accord with the environmental dimension of sustainability. As such, the proposal is contrary to the overall objectives of Policy INF1 of the Gloucester, Cheltenham and Tewkesbury Joint Core Strategy 2011-2031 (2017), policies PD 0.1, and PD 0.4 of the Local Transport Plan 4 and paragraphs 110 and 112 of the National Planning Policy Framework (2019) in seeking development to be balanced in favour of sustainable transport modes.

3. We note that there is no existing vehicular access to the site and believe that establishing a new one would not fulfil requirements for visibility splays without significant harm to existing hedgerow and other mature planting. These are a key feature in the parish and should be protected. In addition, the plot is on a significant slope which adds danger in wet or icy weather.

4. We believe that additional building on green spaces viewable from well used recreational spaces should be avoided. The site is visible from Norton and Lower Apperley, both of which have a number of PROW footpaths which are well used at all times of year. We would expect that, should our objections to this PIP be overruled, any subsequent plans would demonstrate a minimal impact to the existing views and vistas of our rural parish.

5. The parish council has not been canvassed by parishioners regarding this application.

**22/00943/FUL** Westview Farm, Gabb Lane, Apperley: Full application for the demolition of existing building & erection of one infill dwelling at Westview Farm (based on 21/01301/PIP)

Letter received from the Case Officer, Sarah Barnes stating it is considered that the new dwelling would be of a suitable size / scale. It would be set well back into the site and would be single storey. It's considered that it would still retain the character of this area and there are no grounds to refuse the application. The Case Officer asked if that alters the Parish Council's response? Councillors agreed that this information did not change the PC's response. **Clerk to email Sarah Barnes**

**6.2 TBC Decisions:**

**22/00965/PIP** Land Adjacent to Fox Covert, Court Drive, Apperley - **Refused**

**6.3 Appeals/Appeal Decisions:** None

**6.4 Neighbourhood Plan:** Councillor Pollard gave an update on the NDP.

*Councillor Bromberg entered.*

**7 FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

**7.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:**

	<b>Item</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Comment</b>
1	Clerk's salary – February Less Tax	423.39 <u>27.60</u> 395.79		Paid
2	Inland Revenue	27.60		Paid
3	Waterplus charges for period 10.12.22- 10.12.23	23.18		Paid
4	AVH – Hire of hall on 11.1.23	15.00		Paid
5	National Savings		6.61	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£462.17</b>	<b>£6.61</b>	

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

## **8 MATTERS ARISING**

**8.1** Councillor Oldham reported as follows:

**Apperley Village Hall:** The oven is now fully commissioned and the front doors would be replaced in the next 4 weeks.

**Allotment:** Concern was raised about the cost of the water bill. The Clerk said that the reading was estimated and perhaps it would be a good idea to get a reading and submit to Waterplus. **The Chairman said he would read the meter. It was agreed that the Clerk would invite the allotment representative to the next meeting and the Clerk to produce a summary of the water costs of the last 2 years.**

**Play area:** Nothing to report.

**Playing Field:** Continue to host Staunton FC however they are becoming demanding about the pitch being cut. Pitch also used by Ashleworth FC.

**8.2 Highways: Potholes in the Parish:** Whilst the one on the B4213 was repaired very quickly other around the Parish receive the white line treatment and then nothing get done. Some Councillors felt that the state of the roads in Gloucestershire are a disgrace and far worse than other Counties. **It was agreed to raise this with CC Awford at the next meeting.**

**Sign Lower Apperley:** Still not been replaced.

**Village Gateways:** Village Gateways are proven to slow traffic and add an important and attractive addition to traffic calming. These can be built to specification to suit almost any location with three different styles available. A discussion took place on whether these would be beneficial for the Village. Councillor Rutter said the residents of Deerhurst did not want these in Deerhurst. Other **Councillors to consider where in the Parish would be a suitable location.**

**8.3 Public Rights of Way:** Councillor Pollard said there was nothing really to report.

**8.4 Community Speed Watch Group:** A long discussion took place on the provision of a replacement VAS sign following the theft of the PC's sign and the PC's application for a Community Speed Watch sign. **It was agreed the Clerk would continue with processing the insurance claim and continue with the application for a Community Speed Watch sign.**

Councillor Oldham said that there were comments on the Community Facebook page about speeding traffic along the B4213 and the dangers of traffic egressing from side lanes onto the B4213. Councillor Oldham asked for emails to be sent to the Clerk however none had been received to date.

Councillor Rutter suggested the erection of a Camera sign when coming from the traffic lights with the A38.

**9 CORRESPONDENCE: None**

**10 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION: None**

**11 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, 8 March 2023 at 7.15pm

**Close of meeting 8.50 pm**