

DEERHURST PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Jim Pollard
Jonathan Smith
John Rutter – Acting Chairman
Fiona Wallbank – Clerk

Parishioners: 2 (partial attendance)

It was agreed that Councillor Rutter would chair the meeting in the absence of Councillor Attard

1 APOLOGIES: Councillors Attard, Bromberg, Oldham and Wilkes and CC Awford and BC McClain.

2 MINUTES OF MEETING: The minutes of the meeting held on the Wednesday, 8 February 2023, having been circulated with the agenda were agreed and signed by the acting Chairman.

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

4 REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR AWFORD: None

REPORT FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MCLAIN: None

5 PUBLIC COMMENT: Received re Bushey House

6 PLANNING:

6.1 Applications:

22/01177/FUL Bushey House, Court Drive, Apperley: Approval of reserved matters (layout, scale, appearance and landscaping) pursuant to 20/00999/FUL (revised plans)

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council has no adverse comments to this application

6.2 TBC Decisions: None

6.3 Appeals/Appeal Decisions: None

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

7 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

7.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:

	Item	Expenditure	Income	Comment
1	Clerk's salary – March Less Tax	423.39 <u>27.00</u> 396.39		Paid
2	Inland Revenue (less 60p over paid)	26.40		Paid
4	AVH – Hire of hall on 8.2.23	15.00		Paid
5	Community Heartbeat: Annual support for defib	135.00 <u>VAT 27.00</u> 162.00		Paid
6	Contribution to Parish Magazine and grass cutting	300.00		Paid

7	TBC – renewal of lottery licence	20.00		Paid
	Total	£899.79	£0.00	

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

7.3 Audit for the financial year ending 31 March 2023 – Appointment of Internal Auditor The Clerk asked the Councillors whether they wish to employ the services of Shirley Fowler to carry out the external internal audit? **It was agreed the Clerk would ask Shirley Fowler to conduct this service for the financial year ending 31 March 2023.**

8 MATTERS ARISING

8.1 Apperley Village Hall: The village hall has a new front door

Allotment: The Allotment representative, Jean Scorer was asked to attend the meeting. The acting Chairman brought this matter forward for discussion. Jean Scorer reported the following:

- The Allotment holders do not wish to lose the use of both the taps
- They are mindful of the amount of water they use
- Allotment holders are aware that everything has increased in price
- At times children have been found playing with the water during the hot weather

At short discussion took place and Councillors **agreed that as there has not been an increase in the allotments for 6 years that a £5 increase per allotment would be appropriate. Clerk to write to the allotments holders**

Play area: Nothing to report.

Playing Field: The Football pitch use is under review following some parking issues with other bookings clashing.

8.2 Highways: Potholes in the Parish: Some of the potholes in Saw Pit Lane, Deerhurst Walton and School had been attended to however there were still others awaiting attention.

Deerhurst Walton: Collapsed culvert has been fenced off however has still not been repaired. **Councillor Pollard to chase Highways.**

8.3 Public Rights of Way: Councillor Pollard said the stile on the top of the step by the Church had been repaired and he is in contact with Hilary Coates at PROW about another issue in the Parish

8.4 Community Speed Watch Group: The Clerk had circulated a draft DPIA to the Councillors for adoption. **It was agreed to adopt the draft. It was also agreed that the Clerk would complete the questionnaire and submit to the Community Speedwatch team. Clerk to chase up the Insurance Claim.**

8.5 Community Website: The acting Chairman and Clerk has received an email from Anne Wiseman explaining that going forwards Weebly will be making a monthly hosting charge of £8 per month as from 14 March and perhaps it was time to move over to a Wordpress site. Also, Anne said if anyone wanted to take over the role of managing the website that she would be very happy. **It was agreed that the Community Website should be a stand-alone website rather than to be tagged onto the Parish Council's. The Clerk to speak to Systemforce to see if they would be willing to host the Community website.**

8.6 Elections Thursday, 4 May 2023: The Clerk handed around nominations papers and asked Councillors Smith, Pollard and Rutter to put up the elections notices on the noticeboards. The Clerk said that she had put the Election Toolkit that has been produced by the GAPTC onto the website.

9 CORRESPONDENCE: Any Other Correspondence:

TBC Model Code of Conduct: The current requirements for Councillor conduct have been in place since 2012 in response to the Localism Act 2011 which made significant changes to the Councillor conduct regime. The national mandatory Code of Conduct, Standards Board and sanctions to suspend or disqualify Councillors from Office were removed and Councils were given the freedom to adopt their own Codes of Members' Conduct.

The Monitoring Officers of all Local Authorities within Gloucestershire have developed a revised

Code of Conduct and now recommends for adoption by Councils.

The Clerk had circulated the draft to Councillors and **it was agreed that Deerhurst Parish Council would adopt the renewed Code of Conduct as from 8 March 2023 taking effect on the 1 April 2023.**

10 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION: None

11 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, 12 April 2023 at 7.15pm

Close of meeting 8.20 pm