

DEERHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 19 April 2023 in Apperley Village Hall

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

Parishioners: 5 (partial attendance)

1 APOLOGIES: Councillor Wilkes

2 MINUTES OF MEETING: The minutes of the meeting held on the Wednesday, 8 March 2023, having been circulated with the agenda were agreed and signed after one amendment

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

4 REPORT FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MCLAIN: Report received. Copy available upon request.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT: Received from Jean Scorer (allotment representative) regarding the track to the allotments (see below).

Comments were also received regarding agenda item 9.1

6 PLANNING:

6.1 Applications:

23/00207/FUL Duckpool Cottage, Walton Hill: Single storey rear extension

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council has no adverse comments to this application

22/01009/APP 1 Court Drive, Apperley: Application for approval of reserved matters (Appearance, Landscaping, Layout & Scale) pursuant to outline planning permission 21/00054/OUT

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council has no adverse comments to this application

6.2 TBC Decisions:

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 – **Approved**

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

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) - **Permit**

22/01147/FUL Land Adjacent to Apperley House, School Road, Apperley: Variation of condition 2 of 21/00318/FUL and removal of condition 3 - **Permit**

6.3 Appeals/Appeal Decisions: None

6.4 Neighbourhood Plan: Councillor Bromberg reported as follows:

- Alison Beddoes had submitted the end of year return for the NDP Grant. Unused month has to be returned and then a bid has to be submitted for this year's grant
- The plan has been rewritten with much stronger policies and the settlement boundaries have now been removed
- Councillor Pollard to check the policies prior to the plan being available for consultation
- Would like to have the plan ready for consultation at the end of May

7 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

7.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:

	Item	Expenditure	Income	Comment
1	Clerk's salary – April Less Tax	423.39 <u>27.00</u> 396.39		Paid
2	Inland Revenue	27.00		Paid
4	AVH – Hire of hall on 8.3.23	No Charge		
5	GDPR/Date Protection fee due 8.5.23	35.00		Paid
6	GAPTC Annual Subscription due 1 April 2023	262.97		Paid
7	Groundworks: Repayment of unused grant	6537.81		Paid
	Total	£7258.54	£0.00	

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

7.3 Financial Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 – Sign exemption certificate: This was signed by the Chairman and Clerk. **Clerk to send to PKF Littlejohn**

8 MATTERS ARISING

8.1 Apperley Village Hall: Nothing to report

Allotment: Jean Scorer has received some concern from allotment holders following the placement of notices stating that the track was closed due to the wet conditions. One allotment holder had to carry his rotavator and other articles up to their allotment and back again which was very hard work. Councillor Oldham had erected the signs as a concerned Trustee of the DPPFA as vehicles had been seen on the playing field. **It was agreed that the Clerk would email allotment holders asking that the use of the track be kept to a minimum especially when wet and was for the sole purpose of accessing the allotments.**

Jean Scorer also mentioned that the allotment paths had not been cut. **Clerk to email contractors.**

Play area: Nothing to report.

Playing Field: Nothing to report.

8.2 Highways: Potholes: The potholes around the Parish are becoming very bad in places especially Sawpit Lane, B4213 and Deerhurst Walton. Any repairs had been carried out very badly and had not lasted for any length of time. **Clerk to raise this with Highways.**

8.3 Public Rights of Way: Councillor Pollard said he was still waiting for the stile by the floodgates at Deerhurst to be repaired.

8.4 Community Speedwatch: Radar: It was agreed that the PC would purchase their own speed gun at a cost of approx £200. **Clerk to action**

Camera: Following the completion of the triage form the camera has been approved and Councillor Pollard will meet up with David Holland from Glos Constabulary on the 3 May at 10am to agree the location.

8.5 Community Website: The Clerk reported that Systemforce is happy to host the Community website at a cost of £30 plus VAT providing it is created in Wordpress. **Clerk to contact Ann Wiseman**

8.6 Elections: The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council election would be uncontested as there were 6 persons nominated for 7 seats. Councillors Oldham and Wilkes had to decided to stand down and Matt Dimond-Brown had completed the nomination papers.

The Chairman wanted it formally recorded that Councillors Oldham and Wilkes will be sorely missed and thanked Councillor Oldham especially for all the hard work he has undertaken in connection with the Play Area, Village Hall, Playing Field.

Councillor Smith left

9 CORRESPONDENCE:

9.1 River Severn to River Severn Transfer (SST) – Strategic Water Source Solution: This matter was discussed earlier in the meeting. BC McLain and made some enquires into the matter after an article in the Sunday newspaper. TBC are not aware of any consultation with Thames Water or Severn Trent. On further enquires it would seem that several GCC teams have been consulted/updated in relation to the emerging proposals, which seem to be at a very early stage. These teams include: Flood Risk Management, Archaeology, Ecology and Highways. There was a recent workshop run by consultants on behalf of the project proposers, which some GCC Officers attended. The briefings and the slides provided were specifically marked as confidential. **It was agreed the Clerk would email Severn Trent Water and ask them to attend a public meeting to explain to residents what is proposed with the SST.**

9.2 Local Gov Boundary Commission – Revision of boundaries for Gloucestershire (ref email sent 30.3.23): The number of County Councillors currently stand at 53 and the proposal is to increase this number to 55. Councillors felt that the workload of the County Councillors is vast. To reduce County Councillors workload Councillors felt that the numbers needed to be increased to 63 to have any effect on already overworked County Councillors. **Clerk to submit comments.**

10 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION:

The late CC Phil Awford: Councillor Oldham wanted it formally recorded the PC's sincere thanks to CC Awford for all his dedication and hard work he did over the years for the Parish. He will be greatly missed.

Kings Coronation: Councillor Bromberg asked if the PC was considering marking the occasion. Councillor Oldham said there were celebrations planned at the Village Hall and Councillors Bromberg and Rutter confirmed that their villages respectively were having their own event.

A short discussion took place on how the PC could mark the occasion and it was agreed that the PC would plant a tree at the Village Hall and erect a plaque. **Councillor Oldham said he would speak to a local resident re sourcing a suitable tree.**

11 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, 10 May2023 at 6.45pm

Close of meeting 8.45pm