

DEERHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 10 May 2023

PRESENT:

Councillors L Attard (Chairman)
L Bromberg
M Dimond Brown
J Pollard
J Rutter
J Smith
Mrs F Wallbank – Clerk

Parishioners: 0

1 APOLOGIES: None

2 ELECTION OF OFFICERS DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE

The Chairman asked for nominations for Chair – Councillor Rutter proposed Councillor Attard and Councillor Smith seconded the proposal all voted in favour. Councillor Attard accepted the post, and the Declaration of Acceptance would be signed later.

It was agreed not to appoint a Vice-Chairman.

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

4 MINUTES OF MEETING:

The minutes of the meetings held on the Wednesday, 19 April 2023, having been circulated with the agenda were agreed and signed.

5 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES:

Village Hall	TBC
Deerhurst Parish Playing Field	Mat Dimond Brown
Public Rights of Way	Jim Pollard
Neighbourhood Watch	John Rutter
Snow	Timothy Morris/Anthony Wilkes
Flood	Apperley, Gabb Lane: Ginger Blayney Deerhurst: TBC Deerhurst Walton: Jonathan Smith
Allotment:	Jean Scorer
NDP:	Laura Bromberg

6 PUBLIC COMMENT: None present

7 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT: BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT: Not present

8 PLANNING:

8.1 Applications: None

8.2 TBC Decisions:

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

22/0036/TWR3MJ Coombe Hill Junction, Tewkesbury Road, Coombe Hill: Improvements to the existing junction - **Granted**

8.3 Appeals/Appeal Decisions: None

8.4 Neighbourhood Plan: Councillor Bromberg reported that Alison Beddoes will bid for this year's

funding for the NDP however the window is not open yet. There would be a NDP steering group meeting at the end of May.

Other Planning Matters:

Coombe Hill Junction, Tewkesbury Road, Coombe Hill: Several Councillors were concerned about illegal access onto the A4019. This has been created to access the Sales Office for the new houses and was not part of the planning permission. **It was agreed that the Clerk emails Enforcement at TBC.**

9 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

9.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:

	Item	Expenditure	Income	Comment
1	Clerk's salary – May Less Tax	423.39 <u>27.00</u> 396.39		Paid
2	Inland Revenue	27.00		Paid
3	AVH – Meeting 19.4.23	10.00		Paid
4	Zurich: Renewal of insurance 1.6.23	556.98		Paid
5	The Workshop, Aberfeldy: Cost of plaque & Spike for tree to mark Kings Coronation	47.50 VAT 9.50 <u>P&P 3.99</u> <u>60.99</u>		Paid
6	Purchase of handheld radar gun with batteries Refund due to Clerk	171.47 <u>VAT 34.30</u> 205.77		Paid
7	Countrywide: Grass cutting 5 & 18 April	250.00 <u>VAT 50.00</u> 300.00		Paid
8	Allotment Rent		415.00	
9	Precept for 2023/24		9100.00	
10	Zurich: Insurance Claim for stolen VAS sign		2941.00	
11	GCC – Verge cutting allowance		1279.80	
	Total	£1264.68	£13735.80	

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

9.3 Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023: Defer to June

9.4 Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 Agree and sign Governance Statement: Defer to June

9.5 Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 Agree and sign accounts: Defer to June meeting

10 MATTERS ARISING

10.1 Apperley Village Hall: Nothing to report

Playing Field: Nothing to report

Allotments: The Chairman had been sent photos of vehicles that had been using the path in these extremely wet conditions. **It was agreed that the path would be closed until further notice and a sign would be erected to this effect.** Councillors agreed that a week of no rain would be required before the path would be reopened. Councillor agreed that it would be helpful if some form of storage boxes could be left at the allotments that could be used to leave equipment on site. **It was agreed that Council Dimond Brown would liaise with Jean Scorer and canvass the allotment holders and report back to the Parish Council.**

Play Area: Nothing to report

10.2 Highways:

B4213 Hidden Dip (after right turn to Deerhurst Walton when travelling towards traffic lights): After recent near misses, concern was expressed about the possibility (or probability) of a head-on

collision along the B4213. **Councillor Pollard to raise with Glos Highways.**

Lower Apperley Sign: Still to be replaced. Glos Highways are aware.

Collapsed Culvert Deerhurst Walton: Councillor Pollard had already sent a photograph of barriers fallen in the culvert in March however he would chase up when the damage to the wall would be repaired.

10.3 Public Rights of Way: Councillors Pollard would chase Hilary Grace re the repair or replacement about the stile on the top of the flood defence wall.

10.4 Speed Signs/ANPR:

Councillor Pollard reported he had a site meeting with David and Lorraine re the siting of the Community Speedwatch Sign. **It was agreed that this would be sited just before the Apperley Hall Farm entrance.** The Annual Maintenance cost will be £148 with a cost of 50p per letter sent by the Police for regular speeding vehicles. Awaiting delivery of sign.

10.5 Community Website: The Clerk reported that she had spoken with Ian Wiseman about the way forward for the Community Website. Systemforce are happy to host a Wordpress website for £36 plus VAT. **It was agreed that the Parish Council would cover this cost.** Clerk in touch with Systemforce to get a temporary Wordpress site up and running so this can be created whilst the existing site stays live.

11 CORRESPONDENCE: None

12 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION:

Kings Coronation Tree: The tree looks lovely, and thanks goes to Ben Oldham for organising. The tree was kindly donated by Trioscape, and the Parish Council paid for the plaque.

Councillor Vacancy: There is one seat available on the Parish Council and **it was agreed Councillor Bromberg would canvass several "female" parishioners, who may be suitable, as currently there was only one female Councillor.**

Proposed Severn to Thames Transfer Project (STT): Councillor Rutter asked if any further information had come to light about this project. The Clerk said she had got a direct email address for the CEO, Liv Garfield and had emailed her stating the PC is urgently seeking more information and would like to invite a representative/s working on this project to come along to carry out a presentation to the residents of Deerhurst. Awaiting a reply.

13 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, 14 June at 7.15pm

The meeting closed at 8.27pm.