

DEERHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 14 February 2024 in Apperley Village Hall.

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

Members of the Public: 0

1 APOLOGIES: Councillor Bromberg, CC McLain.

2 MINUTES OF MEETING: The minutes of the meeting held on the Wednesday, 10 January 2024, having been circulated with the agenda were agreed and signed

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Councillor Smith on 24/00063/FUL

4 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MCLAIN: No report

REPORT FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MCLAIN: As follows:

The public consultation on the Strategic and Local Plan (SLP) is ongoing until March 12th 2024. This primarily looks at development and infrastructure needs across the three Councils, Cheltenham Borough, Gloucester City and Tewkesbury Borough. You can feedback online or attend one of several workshops or consultations being run throughout the month in different locations. These are on the TBC site and have been communicated out to the Parish Councils.

The maps attached are only illustrative at this stage, and no land allocations or preferences have been stated, as public views have not been heard yet.

There is a dedicated site that it would be worth everyone looking at on Strategiclocalplan.org or contact Ian Bowen, Planning Policy Manager on ian.bowen@tewkesbury.gov.uk

The new administration at TBC looking to pool Community Infrastructure Levies (CIL) with Gloucester city and Cheltenham borough for larger more cross-boundary strategic projects. This will be managed by a committee from all three councils. (This is only the Council's part of any CIL monies and the parishes will still receive their quota.)

The total pot is just over £11m, although £8m is from TBC! We are currently challenging what Gloucester city and Cheltenham borough are contributing in kind, given that much of the housing numbers will once again fall into Tewkesbury borough

A statement of Common Ground has been agreed across all 6 Councils. This lays out the revised general rules that all 6 Councils must operate under. In preparing local plans, local authorities are required to work together on strategic cross-boundary issues.

Polling District boundaries and where we vote, have all been reviewed.

TBC has again seen properties flooded within the Borough. Helpful surgeries have been run to help affected people. A review of all the flood areas and better contingency plans will be made for the future, as climate change is not going away. A separate budget is to be earmarked for this work. Anyone affected by flooding that haven't told the Council are encouraged to do so, in order to

create a full and detailed report and produce actions for the future.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT: None

6 PLANNING

6.1 Applications:

23/01188/FUL Westview Farm, Gabb Lane, Apperley: Section 73 application for the variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of 22/00943/FUL to allow for design changes to proposed dwelling

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council objects to this application as there is insufficient parking and the plans are incomplete as they are not showing:

1. The impact on the neighbours
2. Relationship between the existing property and the proposed dwelling with respect to access and parking

24/00063/FUL Manor Cottage, Walton Hill, Deerhurst: Erection of two extensions to existing buildings for arable machinery storage with water storage tank for roof water

Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council has no adverse comments to this application

6.2 Decisions:

23/00951/FUL & LBC Oak House, Deerhurst: Installation of woodburning stove & associated flue to extension – **Granted**

23/00860/FUL Land Adjacent to, Fox Covert, Court Drive: Erection of a single storey self-build dwelling and detached garage/store utilising the existing access – **Application withdrawn**

6.3 Appeals: None Appeal Decisions: None

6.4 Neighbourhood Plan: Councillor Pollard reported:

- Councillor Bromberg had made her presentation to Councillors with Councillors Rutter and Oldham present. She covered why they are only looking at a settlement edge for Apperley – as the other areas can be covered by policies within the NDP.
- Councillor Bromberg re-ran the presentation for the wider NDP group on Friday (9th) evening.
- There was an NDP meeting on Monday (12th) to look at policies.

Councillor Rutter would like to see dates on the NDP Next Steps bullets? He notes that CIL moves from 15% to 25% for parishes with an NDP.

Councillor Oldham said that by the end of March the first draft should be complete and will be checked for suitability and fit for purpose however it could be another 2 years before completion. There may be a shortfall of grant money as another couple of consultants days may be required at a cost of the PC of £1k.

6.5 Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL): Councillors Rutter, Dimond-Brown, Oldham and the Clerk attended the on-line meeting hosted by Paul Hardiman who had kindly circulated his presentation and the PC's updated spreadsheet following the meeting.

Councillor Oldham raised at the meeting that as Deerhurst is a rural Parish with most of the properties built since 2019 being classed as self-build therefore avoiding the payment of CIL. Paul Hardiman said that the Parish could tap into the CIL money that goes into the Borough if the PC has a worthy Community Spend project. **It was agreed to take this matter off the agenda for the time being.**

6.6 Garden Town Initiative: It was agreed that this mainly affects Ashchurch however if any Councillors wish to attend any of the monthly meetings they can do.

6.7 Cheltenham, Gloucester & Tewkesbury Strategic & Local Plan: It was agreed that Councillors should submit their own responses to the 31 questions.

7 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

7.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:

7.2 Financial Statement:

	Item	Expenditure	Income	Comment
1	Clerk's salary – February Less Tax	452.51 <u>33.00</u> 419.51		Paid
2	Inland Revenue	33.00		Paid
3	Apperley Village Hall – meeting 10.1.24	12.00		Paid
4	Andrea Pellegram Ltd: Technical & professional support for the preparation of an NDP	924.72 <u>VAT 184.94</u> 1109.66		Paid
5	SystemForce IT: SSL Certificate for Apperley Community Website	149.00 <u>VAT 29.80</u> 178.80		Paid
6	Wa+erplus monthly invoice for January	24.45		Paid
7	Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner: 23 letters sent for Community Speed Watch Between 1.7.23-30.9.23 @70p/letter	16.10		Paid
8	GCC – Grant towards verge cutting for 2023		1279.80	Received
	Total	£1793.52	£1279.80	

8 MATTERS ARISING

8.1 Apperley Village Hall: The latest information from Malcom Booth had been circulated to the Councillors for their information. He was most grateful to Councillor Dimond-Brown for organising a meeting with a representative of TBC as their input has been valuable.

Dog Waste Bin – Carpark: Councillor Oldham said that the current bin is very rusty and needs to be replaced. The Clerk had emailed Oliva Danter at TBC to obtain a quotation for supply and fit a new mixed waste bin similar to the one opposite Oddas Chapel. **It was agreed that if the cost was less than £500 the Clerk was authorised to proceed with the replacement after confirmation from Councillor Oldham that this type of bin is acceptable by the Play Area.**

Allotment: Nothing to report.

Play area: Councillor Oldham said that Brian Leeke had applied for a grant of £3,000 from the Build Back Better Fund enabling repair works to be done to the safety surface in some areas where required. The zip wires need a service and Brian Leeke is obtaining a quote.

Playing Field: DPPFA are still without a Chairman. At the AGM last May it was agreed that Chris Freeman would publicise this post along with the vacancy for a secretary and if not successful would hand the matter over to the Parish Council. **It was agreed the Clerk should seek a job description.**

Request from a parishioner to use the playing field: The Clerk had heard back from Chris Freeman who confirmed the parishioner would have to hire the hall to be able to use the toilet facilities and the booking would end at 11pm latest. **It was agreed if the hall and field were hired there would be no charge for anyone staying overnight in the carpark.**

8.2 Highways: Pothole Deerhurst: Reported and repaired.

Sink Hole School Road: Glos Highways attended and took action and repaired.

Blocked Drains School Road: These were attended to.

8.3 Public Rights of Way: Councillor Pollard said that a step had been made with a concrete block to aid people to get over the high stile on ADE21.

8.4 Community Speedwatch Camera: Councillor Pollard reported that the pole had been knocked/pushed over so he has reinstated.

8.5 Risk Assessment for Pond at Village Hall: Councillor Oldham would circulate.

9 CORRESPONDENCE: None

10 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION:

Tirley Minibus: The Chairman reported that Amy & Simon from the Ashleworth Hub were no longer able to offer the services of minibus. They were approached by Tirley Parish Council and decided to take the minibus on and set up a Community Interest Company where any profits made will go back into the company.

The Chairman said he was going to have initial talks with Amy & Simon to ascertain what it would entail for Deerhurst Parish Council to run it. **It was agreed to place on the agenda for the March meeting.**

11 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, 13 March 2024 at 7.15pm

Close of meeting 9.11pm