

DEERHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at Apperley Village Hall on Wednesday, 10 May 2023 at 6.45pm

Present: Len Attard – Chairman
Laura Bromberg
Matt Dimond-Brown
Jim Pollard
John Rutter
Jonathan Smith
Fiona Wallbank – Clerk

Parishioners: 1

1. Apologies: None

2. Minutes - The minutes of meeting held on 25 May 2022 were agreed and signed

3. Matters Arising from last year's Minutes:

Allotment Path: Still problems with Countrywide cutting the paths at the allotments.

Play Area: Grant was received from the GPFA last year.

4. Chairman's Annual Report: The Chairman read out his report.

5. Report from DPPFA: None

6. Matters Raised by Parishioners:

The following matters were raised by the Church Warden, Danny Vince:

Tower Clocks: There are two in the Parish – one at Apperley War Memorial and one at the Church.

Clock at War Memorial: Currently trying to raise £23,000 to carry out the necessary repairs – Secured a grant of £4,000, £3,000 of donations to date and currently fund raising.

Clock at Church: Needs a new crutch costing £1800 – the Friends of Deerhurst Church have agreed to take over raising the necessary funds.

Both clocks will require approximately £250 per annum for ongoing maintenance.

Mr Vince asked if the Parish Council would be willing to contribute to the maintenance cost of one of the clocks. **It was agreed that the Clerk would put this item on the agenda for the June meeting for further consideration.**

Willows by Village Pond: These trees required some maintenance to keep them in good condition and wondered who was responsible for this? A short discussion took place, and **it was agreed that the Chairman would look into the ownership question. Put on the June agenda.**

Kings Coronation Tree at Village Hall: Highlighted that the tree had been planted over the sewer.

Meeting closed at 7.15pm