

DEERHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 10 April 2024 in Apperley Village Hall.

Present: Len Attard – Chairman
Matt Dimond-Brown (partial attendance)
Ben Oldham
Jim Pollard
John Rutter
Jonathan Smith
CC McLain (partial attendance)
Fiona Wallbank – Clerk

Members of the Public: 2

1 APOLOGIES: Councillor Bromberg and BC McLain.

2 MINUTES OF MEETING: The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 13 March 2024, having been circulated with the agenda were agreed and signed

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: None

4 PUBLIC COMMENT: None

5 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MCLAIN: Following last month's extensive report not a lot has happened. £3M is available for the provision of electric charging points.

REPORT FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MCLAIN: None

Councillor Dimond-Brown entered

6 PLANNING

6.1 Applications:

24/00180/FUL Part Parcel 4675 Deerhurst Road Apperley: Change of use of land from agricultural to private equestrian and erection of a single storey stable block with associated handstanding
Comments to Tewkesbury Borough Council:

The Parish Council has no adverse comments.

6.2 Decisions:

23/00819/FUL Highfield Farm House, Tewkesbury Road, Deerhurst: Change of use for temporary storage of new vehicles (retrospective): Application withdrawn

6.3 Appeals: None Appeal Decisions: None

6.4 Neighbourhood Plan: Councillor Bromberg reported in her absence that:

Following many hours work (and 55 pages corrections) the Design Guidelines Document has now been completed and is with Aecom for signing off. As soon as the final copy arrives, I will forward it. It is a greatly improved version (around 80 pages), giving specific guidance on what Building Designs are in keeping within the Parish. We should find it really helpful when deciding our responses to future applications. This document will now form the backbone to the policies in the NDP.

Having spent many hours with Councillor Pollard in finalising this document, I have now, again chased the planning consultant for the work on policies which he has been working on. I have held back the current invoice until these have been received.

The planning consultant is now refining our plans for:

Policy 8 – conserving and enhancing the natural environment.

Policy 9 – Meeting the challenge of climate change and flooding.

Policy 10 – supporting production of renewable energy.

The next jobs for the steering group are to

Construct a list of economic developments in the Parish - with pictures.

Identify specific non designated heritage assets for the Parish (use historic England Criteria).

Designated local open spaces need identifying, mapping and owners consulting.

If any Counsellors would like to contribute to getting these jobs done, do not hesitate to volunteer!

A Teams meeting is planned for Sunday 14th April to catch up on what has been achieved this week.

6.5 CIL: Councillor Dimond-Brown had circulated draft Cil policies. He went through this with the Councillors. After a few minor tweaks he would re-circulate to the Councillors, **and it was agreed the Clerk would upload to the website.**

7 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

7.1 Accounts for payment and receipts:

	Item	Expenditure	Income	Comment
1	Clerk's salary April Less Tax	452.51 <u>33.00</u> 419.51		To be paid
2	Inland Revenue	33.00		To be paid
3	AVH – Meeting 13.3.24	12.00		To be paid
4	Data Protection renewal due 8.5.24	40.00		Direct debit
5	Gloucestershire Police: Letters sent for Community Speedwatch for period 1.10.23- 31.3.23	39.20		To be paid
6	GAPTC: Annual subscription due 1.3.24- 31.3.25	269.16		To be paid
7	Wa+erplus for period 12 March to 12 April	16.57		To be paid
8	HMRC – VAT return for 2023/24		879.03	
	Total	£812.87	£879.03	

7.2 Financial Statement: Was agreed and signed by the Chair.

8 MATTERS ARISING

8.1 Apperley Village Hall: Malcolm Booth is currently pursuing various grants for the Village Hall and is keeping the Parish Council updated.

Dog Waste Bin – Carpark: Awaiting installation.

Allotment: Awaiting progress on the “uniform” storage containers.

Play area: Nothing to report.

Playing Field: The advertisement for a new Chairman would be appearing in the April edition of the Severn-Sider.

8.2 Highways: The Chair said that the hole on the B4213 had been repaired for the fourth time.

Councillor Pollard reported as follows:

- Had emailed Max Kelly about the traffic situation at Sawpit Lane following last month's meeting and was awaiting a response.
- Water is running off the road near Moores Ground. The householders at No 18 dug a trench outside their property which moved the water problem further down the road. Glos Highways need to jet the gullies.

8.3 Public Rights of Way: Councillor Pollard said there was little to report.

8.4 Community Speedwatch Camera: Councillor Pollard has sent an email following discussions with Tim to Councillors following the discussion at last month's meeting.

8.5 Risk Assessment for Pond at Village Hall: Defer and take off agenda for time being.

8.6 Tirley Minibus: The Chairman said that he was keen to progress this matter to see if it would be a service that locals would want to utilise and also ascertain if there would be any volunteer drivers. Council Dimond-Brown said he would be happy to drive the mini-bus. The minibus is 20 years old. **The Clerk said she would try and find out who the best person was to speak to at Tirley Parish Council and to put a notice on social media trying to gauge the need for the service and if there would be volunteer drivers.**

9 CORRESPONDENCE: None

10 MATTERS RAISED FOR NOTIFICATION:

Deerhurst Walton Flood Pumps: It was agreed that Councillor Smith would come back to the meeting with the cost of running the pumps.

11 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, 8 May 2024 at 6.45pm with the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Council Meeting.

Close of meeting 20.33pm