

Abbeydore & Bacton Group Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of
Abbeydore and Bacton Group Parish Council
held in Abbeydore Village Hall
on Tuesday 7th July 2015

No ABPC/MW/075

Present

Councillor Mr. D. R. Watkins Chairman
Councillor Mrs. M. J. Jenkins Vice – Chairman
Councillor Mr. D. Bannister
Councillor Mr. D. Cook
Councillor Mrs. W. Gunn
Councillor Mr. M. J. Jenkins
Councillor Mr. W. Millington
Councillor Mr. T. Murcott

Clerk Mr. M. Walker

Also Present

Ward Councillor Mr. Graham Powell, Mr. Peter Barns-Graham and
one further member of the public

The Parish Council Meeting was formally opened by the Chairman at 8.00pm

1.0 Apologies

No apologies were received as all Parish Councillors were present
Parish Lengthsman Mr. Terry Griffiths was not present
Linzy Outtrim Locality Steward not present
Representative from Golden Valley Safer Neighbourhood Team not present

2.0 Minutes

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting No ABPC/MW/074 held on Tuesday 12th May 2015 were
unanimously confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3.0 Declarations of Interest

3.1 To receive any declarations of interest in agenda items from Councillors
There were no declarations of interest made

3.2 To consider any written applications for dispensation
There were no written applications for dispensation made

Confirmation that **Declaration of Acceptance of Office for Councillor Forms** had been
signed by all Parish Councillors

Also that the **Notice of Registrable Interest Forms** had been completed by all Parish
Councillors, copied and submitted to the Monitoring Officer at Herefordshire Council

4.0 Financial Report

4.1 Bank Balances as per statements @ 4th June 2015

Current Account	£7,909.28
Deposit Account	£6,540.36

4.2 Receipts

HMR&C VAT Remittance Advice by BACS 01/04/2014-31/03/2015 Reference 45349	£788.30
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4.3 Payments

Clerk's Salary May 2015 Gross	£280.48
Clerk's Vehicle Expenses	£14.69
Postage	£6.66
Hall Heating	£2.00
TAX £56.00 NIC £0.00	
Clerk's Salary June 2015 Gross	£280.48
Clerk's Vehicle Expenses	£9.72
Postage	£16.00
Hall Heating	£2.00
TAX £56.20 NIC £0.00	
HMR&C April May June	£168.20
{Due to the following item being allocated to personal credit card	
Plusnet PLC Broadband 22/05/2015 0845 1400200 Sheffield 008	£11.49
Edit Print and Distribute Annual Report + inclusions Invoice No 558	£246.74
Steve Wilkes General Builder Repairs to Village Hall invoice No 094	£206.32
Lengthsman Terry Griffiths (Contracts) Invoice TGC1284	
P3 Footpath Account + Worksheet	£72.00
Lengthsman Terry Griffiths (Contracts) Invoice TGC1281	
Road Account Specific Work + Worksheet	£330.00
Lengthsman Terry Griffiths (Contracts) Invoice TGC1280	
Road Account + Worksheet	£330.00
Lengthsman Terry Griffiths (Contracts) Invoice TGC1279	
Road Account + Worksheet	£330.00

Resolved unanimously that all payments are approved

External Audited Accounts received from Grant Thornton all clear with no comments

Copy of relevant pages of Annual Audit Form and

Councils' Accounts: A Summary of Your Rights was posted on the Parish Council Notice Board

The Pensions Regulator – "Automatic Enrolment Legal Duties" letter 1178893542

Enrolled 25th May 2015 – Staging Date 1st October 2016

5.0 Neighbourhood Plan Update

Formal Consultation on the draft Abbeydore and Bacton, Ewyas Harold Group and Kentchurch Neighbourhood Development Plan had taken place from 16th February 2015 – 29th March 2015.

Councillor Mr. T. Murcott updated the Parish Council on progress to date

A Flood Risk Assessment was now needed for the Ewyas Harold element of the plan and grants were being sourced

The Draft Neighbourhood Plan is ready to proceed on track

6.0 Public Question Time

Member of the public asked about a Website for Abbeydore & Bacton Group Parish Council
See Item 9.0

7.0 To Receive Reports from:-

7.1 West Mercia Police

No Police present See Item 12.0

7.2 Ward Councillor's Report

Ward Councillor Mr. Graham Powell gave a verbal overview of his report

Herefordshire Council Budget Outturn 2014/15

The 2014/15 revenue budget, which included savings of £15millions, underspent by £639k in the year



Herefordshire Council 2016 – 2020 Budget Planning

Council approved the current Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) in February 2015. This will be updated over the coming months, based on revised grant assumptions and savings plans, and extended to cover the period 2016/17 to 2019/20.

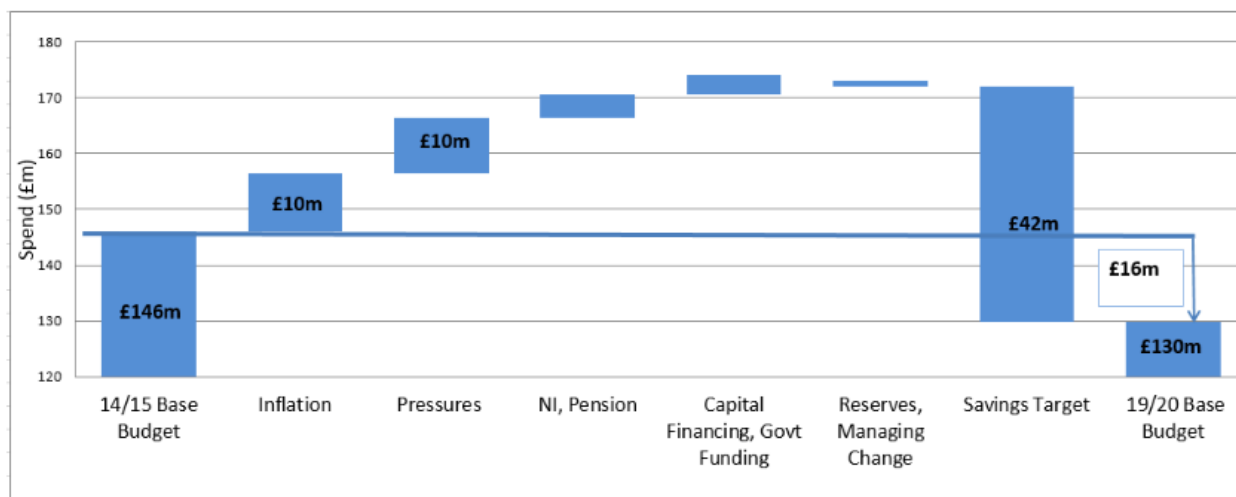
The overall savings requirement in the period 2015/16 to 2019/20 is £42millions. This assumes the removal of central government formula grant funding from 2019/20 with the council becoming self sufficient from business rates; council tax and specific grant allocations from that date.

The proposed savings targets have been calculated using the following assumptions:

Business rates income to inflate by 2% pa

Council Tax to be increased by 1.9% pa

2,000 new homes by 2020



Demographic growth in line with the Herefordshire Joint Strategic Needs Analysis (JSNA) - (Understanding Herefordshire)

Highways

Bacton Village Hall – “I have raised jobs to have the worst of the potholes repaired. I have also raised a query with the asset management team to have it resurfaced. It won't be this financial year, and it may not be next, but at least it's on the list now”

Hereford Butter Market

Herefordshire Council has selected a preferred bidder for the redevelopment of the iconic Hereford building.

Two final candidates presented their business case on Tuesday 9 June to a panel of councillors and officers from the council and Hereford City Council and local businessman Darren Sockett was selected as preferred bidder.

Funding for community green spaces now available

The scheme, which was first developed last year in response to reductions in grass cutting, offers a small fund of up to £750 to help local community groups within the county to bring ideas and projects to life for maintaining and enhancing public green spaces. The scheme particularly aims to support projects, which incorporate community involvement, and promote the benefits of a healthy lifestyle.

The deadline for all applications is Friday 10 July 2015 – to make an application, please visit www.herefordshire.gov.uk/grants.

Parish Councillor Training

There is a parish councillor training session on 9th July that may be of particular interest to new councillors. There is also a budget consultation seminar on 22nd July, which I would suggest does require representation.

HEREFORDSHIRE CORE STRATEGY EXAMINATION

INSPECTOR'S NOTE 2 July 2015

The Secretary of State for the Department of Communities and Local Government published a Written Ministerial Statement (WMS) on 18 June 2015. The WMS set out new considerations to be applied to proposed wind energy development. Subject to a transitional period the considerations took effect from the date of issue (18 June 2015).

The WMS indicated that when determining applications for wind energy development involving one or more wind turbines, local planning authorities should only grant permissions if:

- the proposed development site is in an area identified as suitable for wind energy development in a Local or Neighbourhood Plan; and
- following consultation, it can be demonstrated that the proposal reflects the planning concerns of affected local communities and therefore has their backing.

The WMS is supported by a number of consequential changes to the renewable and low carbon energy section of national planning practice guidance, including paragraph 5. This makes clear the need to identify suitable areas, and that if sites have not been allocated in a Local or neighbourhood plan application they will not be approved.

One of the tests of soundness for the examination of the Herefordshire Core Strategy (CS) is consistency with National Policy. CS policy SD2 supports development proposals that seek to deliver renewable and low carbon energy in line with the UK Renewable Energy Strategy (or national equivalent). I note that the Strategy includes direct references to the positive role wind turbines can play. Therefore, it is implicit in the wording of the policy that, subject to criteria, planning applications for wind turbines would be supported. The criteria set out in policy SD2 relate to environmental factors and energy efficiency, and make no reference to the matters referred to by the Secretary of State. There are no areas identified in the plan as suitable for wind energy development.

For these reasons, I have come to the conclusion that policy SD2 (and the accompanying text) is not sound. Any alterations to address the matter would constitute a Main Modification (MM) to the plan and I would be grateful for your views in the first instance about the wording of a suitable modification and whether it would be appropriate to carry out a Sustainability Appraisal of the main modification and publish it for consultation.

7.3 Lengthsman Report

Parish Lengthsman Mr. Terry Griffiths was not present but work sheet sent by email

Description of work carried out:-

Routine Maintenance Work

Clear grids and clean out road gullys

Jet connecting pipes

Clear road culvert headwalls

Jet culverts clear

Check inspection pits

Clear ditch headwalls

Clear grips and reform leads

Clear minor obstructions from ditches and reform leads

Clean off road signs

Clear minor storm debris off roads

Strim and cut back overgrowth round grit bins and road signs. **

NB. Item marked ** received higher level of attention than normal

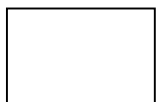
Roads covered on this visit:-

U74212, U74211, U74209, U74213.

From U74209 to Parish boundary (Dulas)

C1209

From parish boundary (Newton) to B4347



Description of work carried out:-

Strim undergrowth and cut back overgrowth around road access, stiles, gates, finger posts
C1212

AD30 – AD3 – AD31 – AD12 – AD4 – AD5

U74209

AD29 – AD24 – BK2

C1209

BK5

C1212

AD17

7.4 Parish Footpath Officer Report

Councillor Mr. D. Cook again raised concerns about the lack of feedback from Balfour Beatty
Ward Councillor Mr. Graham Powell to make enquiries

AD4 – Mr. Will Steel is investigating

7.5 Locality Steward Report on Highways & PRowS

See Item 12.0

8.0 Abbeydore Village Hall

Quotes needed and grant application to be sourced reference “Loop Hearing”

Councillor Mrs. W. Gunn and Councillor Mr. T. Murcott to meet with suppliers Wednesday
8th July 2015 2.00pm with Area Entertainments and Thursday 9th July 2015 2.00pm

Quotes needed and grant sourced reference “Low Energy light fittings/Bulbs”

Quotes needed and grant sourced reference “New Chairs”

Work had been completed by Mr. S. G. Wilkes and he suggested that if the gutters and
surrounding foliage was cleared and cleaned it would probably resolve the damp problems

Clerk to contact Mr. Gerald Powell

The Clerk was asked to investigate the ownership of land opposite Dore Abbey

The Clerk was instructed to write to The Village Hall Committee reference Village Hall Accounts,
suggesting that they be Internally Audited by Herefordshire Association of Local Councils (HALC)

9.0 Parish Council Website & Electronic Communications

To agree format and contents of a designated Website for Abbeydore & Bacton Group Parish Council
To consider options with regards to electronic communications for the Council

The Parish Clerk confirmed that he investigating option for creating a Website

10.0 Broadband Update

Councillor Mr. T. Murcott and Ward Councillor Mr. Graham Powell gave an update with a new
company (not BT) working in the Herefordshire area

Gigaclear Ltd Telecommunications Service Provider

Address: The Great Barn, Oxford Road, Old Chalford, Chipping Norton, United Kingdom OX7 5QR

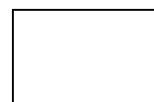
Phone:01865 591100

Gigaclear is one of the fastest and most reliable broadband networks in the UK delivered only to rural
areas

11.0 Policies for Adoption

Equal Opportunities Policy

The Equal Opportunities Policy was unanimously adopted by the Parish Council and signed by
the Chairman Councillor Mr. D. R. Watkins



Health & Safety Policy

The Health and Safety Policy was unanimously adopted by the Parish Council and signed by the Chairman Councillor Mr. D. R. Watkins

Audio / Visual and Photography at Meetings Policy

The Audio / Visual and Photography at Meetings Policy was unanimously adopted by the Parish Council and signed by the Chairman Councillor Mr. D. R. Watkins

Retention & Disposal of Documents Policy

The Retention & Disposal of Documents Policy was unanimously adopted by the Parish Council and signed by the Chairman Councillor Mr. D. R. Watkins

Proposed by Councillor Mr. D. Cook and Seconded by Councillor Mr. T. Murcott

12.0 Information Sheet

Sheet to include update on previous action points and a list of correspondence received

Planning Application Information

Application No 150612
Site Address Upper House Farm, Bacton, Hereford HR2 0AU
Description Proposed campsite for 5no demountable tents (6 month holiday season)
Application Type Planning Permission
Grid Ref OS 336161, 232016
Website Link www.herefordshire.gov.uk/searchplanningapplications

Application Withdrawn 14th May 2015

Application No 151323
Site Address Pentwyn Farm, Bacton, Hereford HR2 0AP
Description Proposed conversion of former Dairy currently used as workshop ancillary to domestic dwelling as additional residential accommodation
Application Type Planning Permission
Grid Ref OS 337727, 231689
Website Link www.herefordshire.gov.uk/searchplanningapplications

Still Valid

Application No 151620
Site Address Land at Upper Cefn & Hilling Grange, Dulas Herefordshire
Description Proposed agricultural workers dwelling with detached carport/secure storage building with new access drive/roadway to serve dwelling and existing farm building
Application Type Planning Permission
Grid Ref OS 335798, 231136
Website Link www.herefordshire.gov.uk/searchplanningapplications

Still Valid

3rd June 2015 Grant Thornton External Auditors
Acknowledgement via email accounts received reference HRF001

June 2015 Parish Paths Partnership (P3) Scheme – Annual Return
Submitted to Balfour Beatty

June 2015 Contract between Herefordshire Council and Parish Council
Submitted to Balfour Beatty



Correspondence

May-July 2015

Herefordshire Association of Local Councils (HALC)
Wise Owl Training

26th June 2015

Linzy Outtrim

Dear All Some technical changes are currently being made to our systems to take account of the changes to Ward boundaries. You will appreciate that hundreds of jobs are carried out across the County each week and the process of mapping these against Ward boundaries and producing reports in a usable form needs to be done in the most efficient way. The Ward boundary changes requires some fairly significant technical changes. It is hoped that these will be completed quickly, but in the meantime the detail of works completed will be restricted.

Your understanding whilst these changes take place is appreciated.

Jobs that I know have been completed in the Golden Valley ward this week include (but are not limited to!) pothole and signage repairs, and installation of verge markers, in addition to ditching works, and gully emptying. Next week I hope that the IT issues will be resolved so that I can provide more complete information for you. My best wishes Linzy

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25th June 2015 **Golden Valley Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) Briefing 3rd - 25th June 2015**
Crime Trends Bredwardine

Between 7pm on Thursday 8th June and 7pm on Saturday 10th June a garage at an isolated property was broken into and a brand new Hayter mower, a Stihl chainsaw and a Stihl combo tool were stolen. Incident ref 524-s-200615

Clehonger A brick shed attached to a property in Birchill Road was broken into sometime between 10.30am on Sunday 31st May and 3.30pm on Wednesday 3rd June. A Honda petrol lawnmower was stolen. Incident ref 391-s-030615

A metal stepladder that had been hooked to the rear wall of a property in Birchill Road was stolen between 7pm on Monday 15th and 9pm on Tuesday 16th June. The offenders went into the rear garden of the property to steal the ladder.

The same property was targeted again the following week when two terracotta pots containing plants, and a watering can were stolen sometime during the day on Tuesday 23rd June.

Incident ref 476-s-170615 & 422-s-240615

Overnight on Wednesday 17th/Thursday 18th June four hubcaps were stolen from a Ford Focus parked in Gosmore Road Incident ref 670-s-190615

Kingstone A quantity of logs were stolen from the rear of a Landrover parked on the grass outside the owners property overnight on Saturday 13th/Sunday 14th June Incident ref 262-s-140615

Moccas Overnight on Monday 22nd/Tuesday 23rd June a large metal container in a farmyard was broken into, and a new generator and a large number of power tools were stolen. The lock on the gate into the yard had been forced off as was the lock on the container Incident ref 70-s-240615

Suspicious vehicles

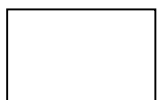
There were several reports of two males in a blue Ford Galaxy **DX14VNB** in and around the **Peterchurch** area on Wednesday 17th June offering generators and power tools for sale. PC Milton did manage to find and stop the vehicle and offered 'words of advice' to the occupants. The items are not stolen but are of very poor quality.

Arrests and updates

A 22 year old male from **Kingstone** was arrested in Hereford at midnight on Sunday 14th June for being drunk and disorderly. He was given a £90 fixed penalty notice.

A 46 year old Romanian male residing in **Clehonger** was arrested at his home address on Tuesday 16th June in connection with thefts on behalf of another force, who are dealing with the incidents.

A 19 year old male from **Longtown** was arrested in Hereford at 3.30pm on Thursday 18th June for possession of a class B controlled drug (amphetamine), he received a Simple Caution.



A 30 year old male from **Cleghonger** was arrested at 4am in Hereford on Saturday 20th June for criminal damage and using threatening words and behaviour. He received a Simple Caution for both offences.

The 48 year old male from **Hardwicke** who was arrested on 8th May for drink driving appeared at court and was disqualified from driving for 12 months, fined £300 with £85 costs and £30 victim surcharge.

The 16 year old male from **Kingstone** who was arrested for theft from store on 8th April was dealt with by way of Community Resolution.

The 45 year old male from **Kingstone** who was arrested for public order offences on 5th April appeared in court and received a caution.

Scams

One of our readers contacted us to report that she had received a call from a male purporting to be calling from BT and offering a service which would prevent or reduce nuisance callers. He told her it would be £2 per month, and then asked for her credit card details to set it up. The lady refused the offer and then contacted BT who confirmed this was a scam. The number the call came from was 020 376 690176, which, when dialled, gives an automated message that this number is no longer in service.

The National Rural Crime Network

We have had a request from Nick Payne of the Rural Services Network to remind all our contacts to complete the above survey - here is part of his e-mail to us....

Thank you again for your help so far with the NRCN survey – the numbers are looking great and this is of course thanks to your efforts. We have now exceeded 11,200 replies which is a great collective achievement.

As you may already be aware, Julia Mulligan appeared on BBC's Countryfile yesterday evening (at 7pm) and we'd really appreciate your help with advertising the iplayer link for those that may have missed the programme and of course its mention of the survey to get even more people to complete it. We've had around 800 additional responses after the programme aired yesterday evening.

If you missed it, please do follow the link and have a watch:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b05zqk0j> - the rural crime feature appears at around 20 minutes in. Please do share this with your members, contacts, followers and teams.

1) The Rural Services Network has published a Manifesto for Rural England setting out a programme of calls for policy action which, if adopted by an incoming Government, would set the framework for a thriving rural economy, active and mixed rural communities, and improved service delivery in rural areas. Click on the link for more information.

<http://www.rsnonline.org.uk/the-rural-services-manifesto>

2) The National Rural Crime Network website is now live at www.nationalruralcrimenetwork.net

We are also on Facebook as well as Twitter - follow us on @NationalRCN - We support the National Rural Crime Network – take this survey

<http://www.nationalruralcrimenetwork.net/research/internal/national-rural-crimes-survey-2015/?member=nrcnhomepage> and have your say on crime in rural areas # NRCN survey - <https://twitter.com/NationalRCN>

That's it for this edition - apologies for the delay in sending it out - I've been on leave, Paul is on a temporary attachment to Ross on Wye SNT due to staff shortages there and Tom has been run ragged as a consequence! Kind Regards **Fiona Golden Valley Safer Neighbourhood Team**

PC 2514 Tom Milton PCSO 6173 Fiona Witcher PCSO 70147 Paul Davies
Peterchurch Police Station Peterchurch Hereford HR2 0RR 101 ext 4820
Team mobile 07779 141232 goldenvalley.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk



South Hereford Rural Police Briefing 4th - 25th June 2015

Crime Trends

Callow 10pm on Thursday 4th June Incident ref 749-s-040615

A brick workshop on the Old Mushroom Farm was broken into overnight on Saturday 13th/Sunday 14th June, but nothing was taken. An internal office was also broken into, again, nothing was stolen.

Incident ref 202-s-140615

Hoarwithy 128 solar panels were stolen from a solar farm sometime over the past two months.

Incident ref 278-s-100615

Little Birch Between 5.30pm on Thursday 18th June and 8am the following day a property undergoing renovation was entered and a large quantity builders tools were stolen. It is believed the offenders climbed the scaffolding and gained entry via an insecure window on the first floor Incident ref 235-s-190615

Three Ashes A Mitsubishi L200 Warrior **CP05PDK** was stolen from a farm between 5.30pm and 10.30pm on Sunday 22nd June. The vehicle had been locked at the time of the theft. Paperwork that had been in the vehicle at the time of the theft was later found in Merthyr Tydfil but there was no trace of the vehicle Incident ref 716-s-210615

Suspicious vehicles

A silver Landrover Discovery **AE64PCY** was in **Garway** on Monday 15th June, the two male occupants were offering chainsaws and generators for sale. They were described as looking like father and son, one being about 45 years old with tight curly blond hair and the other aged about 18 with dark hair. Both were described as stocky.

Also on Monday 15th June a silver Vauxhall Insignia **EY11UPK** was in the **Ballingham** area with the occupant also offering generators and chainsaws for sale. There was one male with this vehicle who was described as 'a pleasant looking young but very pushy male with an Irish accent'

There have also been similar reports in other parts of Herefordshire; it appears that a team are working this area. The items are not stolen but are very poor quality.

Arrests and updates

A 22 year old male from **Little Birch** was arrested at 12.30am on Thursday 4th June in **Kingstone** after his vehicle was stopped by police and he was found in possession of a controlled drug (amphetamine) and also provided a positive breath test. He was charged attend court where he was disqualified from driving for 14 months and fined £125. For the drug offence he was fined £75, plus £85 costs and a £20 victim surcharge.

A 40 year old male from **Kingstone** was arrested at 1.40pm on Sunday 21st June for providing a positive breath test after being involved in an accident on the A465. He has been charged and is on bail to attend court. Kind Regards *Fiona*

13.0 Agenda of Next Meeting

Neighbourhood Plan Update

Village Hall

Parking Access Road

14.0 Parish Council Clerk's Annual Appraisal

The Parish Council Resolved to hold this item in closed session

The Parish Council resolved unanimously to increase the Parish Council Clerk's Salary Scale from SCP25 to SCP26

15.0 Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting

Confirmed that the next meeting will be the Ordinary Meeting of the Group Parish Council and will be held on **Tuesday 1st September 2015** in **BACTON Village Hall** meeting to commence at 8.00pm

Parish Council meeting declared closed at 9.40pm

Signed.....

Parish Councillor Mr D Watkins

Dated this day 1st September 2015