

Abbeydore & Bacton Group Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of
Abbeydore and Bacton Group Parish Council
held in Abbeydore Village Hall
on Tuesday 14th May 2019

No ABPC/MW/098

Present

Councillor Mr David Bannister
Councillor Mrs Ann Booth
Councillor Mr Dave Cook
Councillor Mr Richard Fenton
Councillor Mrs Wendy Gunn
Councillor Mr Melvin Jenkins
Councillor Mr Toby Murcott
Councillor Mr David Watkins

Clerk Mr M Walker

Also Present

Ward Councillor Mr Peter Jinman and one further member of the public

Prior to the opening of the Annual Parish Council Meeting
all members completed their Notice of Registrable Interests Forms and
signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Councillor Forms

The Annual Group Parish Council Meeting was formally opened by the Chairman at 7.40pm

1.0 Election of Chairman & Vice - Chairman

Councillor **Mr David Watkins** having been nominated unopposed was elected to the post of **Chairman** for the year 2019-2020 duly signed the appropriate Acceptance of Office form
Proposed by Councillor Mr Toby Murcott and Seconded by Councillor Mr Melvin Jenkins

Councillor **Mr Toby Murcott** having been nominated unopposed was elected to the post of **Vice – Chairman** for the year 2019-2020 duly signed the appropriate Acceptance of Office form
Proposed by Councillor Mr Dave Cook and Seconded by Councillor Mrs Wendy Gunn

2.0 Apologies for Absence

Locality Steward Mr Paul Norris, Parish Lengthsman Mr Terry Griffiths and representatives from the Local Policing Team not present

3.0 Declarations of Interest & Dispensations

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

4.0 Minutes

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Abbeydore & Bacton Group Parish Council
No ABPC/MW/097 held on Tuesday 5th March 2019 were confirmed by majority as a true record and
signed by the Chairman.

5.0 Financial Report

5.1 Clerk to present end of year Accounts for Ratification

Unanimously approved and signed by the Chairman

Clerk to make a minor amendment to the 2018-2019 Year End Draft Spread-sheet, figures all
correct but make up of bottom box to be amended

Agenda Item for the next full Parish Council meeting



5.1i Chairman and Clerk to Sign AGAR 2018/19 Part 2 Exemption Certificate
Signed by Councillor Mr David Watkins Chairman and witnessed by the Clerk

5.2 Parish Council to approve Annual Governance Statement
Unanimously approved
Signed by Councillor Mr D Watkins Chairman and witnessed by the Clerk

5.3 Chairman and Clerk to sign Annual Accounting Statement 2018/2019
Unanimously approved
Signed by Councillor Mr D Watkins Chairman and witnessed by the Clerk

Notice of Public Rights and Publication of Annual Governance & Accountability Return
(Exempt Authority) Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2019
Monday 17th June 2019 – Friday 26th July 2019

5.4 Confirmation of Invoices for Payment / Receipts / Bank Balances

Payments

HMR&C 4 th Quarter Payment January February March	£204.60
Cheque No 000852	
Terry Griffiths Contracts Invoice No TGC0640	£458.40
Cheque No 000853	
Terry Griffiths Contracts Invoice No TGC0747	£458.40
Cheque No 000854	

Abbeydore and Bacton Parish Council Account Roads February/March 2019(1).Orange Invoice No TGC0747

Description of work carried out: - Specific Task Work

B4347

Pentwyn Cottage

Clear pipe drain

Routine Maintenance Work;- Clear grids and clean out road gully's

Jet connecting pipes

Clear road culverts and jet

Check inspection pits

Clear ditch headwalls

Clear grips and reform leads

Clear minor obstruction from ditches and reform leads

Clean off road signs

Clear minor storm debris off roads

Strim round grit bins and road signs

Strim verges on bends junction splays and areas regularly used by pedestrians and no footway is present

Roads covered on this visit

C1209

From B4347 to Meadow Cottage

U74212

C1212

From B4347 to C1225

C1225

From C1212 to The Mynd

C1221

From C1225 to parish boundary Wormbridge

Materials Marker spray

Notes C1209_Brooklands Cottage Area_The short length of ditch from the headwall to the stream needs scraping out to allow water to run

C1209

BT pole number 1 The concrete slab cover on the chamber in the verge opposite the pole is cracked

In the event of pedestrian stepping on this cover or a vehicle driving over it injuries or vehicle damage may occur. Further up the road on the same verge there is another concrete cover which will need replacing with a steel one.



C1209

At junction with B4347 The ditch on the nearside, approaching the junction needs clearing and both headwall to the field entrance culvert needs clearing.

U74212 At entrance to Tan House Farm The outfall pipe for the 3 road gullys is blocked and fractured by roots from nearby trees. These drains cannot be serviced until the defect is cleared.

Clerk's Salary April 2019 Gross	£348.36
Mileage	£11.30
Postage	£1.74
Hall Electricity	£3.00

HMR&C TAX £69.60 NIC £0.00

Nett Salary £294.80

Cheque No 000856

Moneysoft computer programme 1/3 share £45.33

Cheque No 00857

Mrs Janet Watson Internal Auditor A&BGPC14/05/19 £40.00

Cheque No 000858

Clerk's Salary May 2019 Gross £348.96

Mileage £11.70

Postage £1.92

HMR&C TAX £69.80 NIC £0.00

Nett Salary £292.78

Cheque No 000859

Plusnet Invoice No 00002674174-012 22/04/2019 DD £20.85

Resolved unanimously that all payments are approved

Clerk instructed to write to Parochial Church Councils reference "No Donations due to legislation"

Receipts

Parish Council Precept 1st Part 16th April 2019 reference 2646539 £4,600.00

BACS Payment

HMR&C VAT Claim 01/01/2018-31/03/2019 £320.41

XCV126000106810 BACS Payment

Bank Balances as per statements No 1 @ 4th April 2019

Treasurers Account (Current) £4,499.41

End of Financial Year Balance £4,499.41

Treasurers Account (Current) 3rd May 2019 £8,588.57

Signed Bank Reconciliation £8,588.57 to agree Bank Statement No 14

Statements No 56 @ 4th April 2019

Business Bank Account (Savings) £13,059.75

End of Financial Year Balance £13,059.75

Business Bank Account (Savings) 3rd May 2019 £13,060.27

Signed Bank Reconciliation £13,060 to agree Bank Statement No 57

5.5 Consider Internal Auditors Report 2018-2019 and agree any required action

There were no actions required from the Internal Auditor's Report for 2018-2019

5.6 Confirmation of scope of Internal Audit for 2018-2019

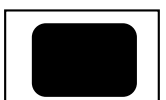
The Internal Audit Plan was agreed and signed by Councillor Mr D Watkins Chairman

5.7 To consider Appointment of Mrs J Watson as Internal Auditor for 2019-2020

The Parish Council confirmed the appointment of Mrs J Watson as their internal auditor for 2019- 2020

5.8 To update Lloyds Bank Mandate if required

Resolved to add Councillor Mr Dave Cook and Councillor Mr Toby Murcott Vice – Chairman to the Bank Mandate Form and remove Margaret Jenkins and Bill Millington



5.9 Parish Council Insurance review for 2019-2020

Zurich Insurance 01/06/2019-31/05/2020

Cheque No 000860 £288.35

{Premium for 2018-2019 £286.73}

6.0 Election of Delegates

Abbeydore Village Hall Committee

Councillor Mr D Watkins as Trustee and Delegate Councillor Mrs W Gunn as Delegate

Bacton Village Hall Committee

Councillor Mr M Jenkins as Delegate Councillor Mr R Fenton as Delegate

The William Hoskins Charity

Councillor Mr D Watkins as Trustee and Delegate Councillor Mrs Ann Booth as Delegate

Friends in Need

Councillor Mr D Cook as Delegate and Councillor Mrs W Gunn as Delegate

A meeting will be taking place during 2019

{For information only Representatives Hazel Prowse, Jean Griffiths and the Reverend Mark Godson}

To consider options available to appoint Parish Footpaths Officer

Mr J Rumer of Abbeydore was interested in the un-official role of Parish Footpaths Officer

Councillor Mr Toby Murcott Vice – Chairman to contact

{Maps required}

7.0 Policy Reviews

7.1 To formally adopt updated Code of Conduct

The Parish Council formally adopted their Code of Conduct

Proposed by Councillor Mr D Cook and Seconded by Councillor Mr Toby Murcott Vice – Chairman

Signed by Councillor Mr D Watkins Chairman, Councillor Mr R Fenton and Clerk Mr M Walker

7.2 To formally adopt 2019 version Parish Council's Standing Orders

The Parish Council formally adopted their 2019 version Standing Orders

Proposed by Councillor Mr Toby Murcott Vice – Chairman and Seconded by Councillor Mr David Bannister

Signed by Councillor Mr D Watkins Chairman, Councillor Mr Toby Murcott Vice – Chairman and Clerk Mr M Walker

7.3 To formally adopt 2019 version Parish Council's Financial Regulations

The Parish Council formally adopted their 2019 version Financial Regulations

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Ann Booth and Seconded by Mr Toby Murcott Vice – Chairman

Signed by Councillor Mr D Watkins Chairman, Councillor Mr Richard Fenton and Clerk Mr M Walker

7.4 To review and update as required Parish Council Asset Register

The Parish Council approved their updated Asset Register as presented

7.5 To receive Parish Council's Risk Assessment Schedule

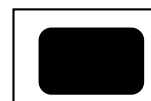
The Parish Council approved their updated Risk Assessment Schedule as presented

8.0 Parish Lengthsman's Contract for Approval & Specific Works Programme

8.1 Parish Council's contract with Herefordshire Council / BBLP

The Parish Lengthsman and Parish Paths Partnership (P3) Schemes Contract between

Herefordshire Council and the Parish Council was agreed and signed by Councillor Mr D Watkins Chairman and Clerk Mr M Walker, with the deletions of



PART 2A

Core Public Realm Maintenance – Lengthsman activities

3. Highway minor works	As agreed through the annual maintenance plan	Removal of soils and detritus build up; clear minor storm debris discharged onto the highway as is reasonable and practical; cutting back vegetation overhanging the road or footway; clearing and siding out of footways; removing vegetation from structures and fences; verge cutting and strimming of visibility splays; paint and repair fences.
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4. Environmental As agreed through the annual maintenance plan Sweeping footways and public realm spaces; litter clearance and litter picking and bin emptying; removal of fly posting, graffiti and unauthorised signs; street name plates cleaning ~~and repair; repair of street furniture including litter bins, benches and bus stops~~

PART 2C

Public Rights of Way – Parish Paths Partnership (P3) grant funded

6. Public Rights of Way	Parish Paths Officer (PPO)	The parish must have least one Parish Paths Officer (PPO) in post, who will inspect ALL paths in the parish at least twice a year.
	As agreed through the annual maintenance plan	Ensuring cutting back of vegetation (excluding crops) is carried out on ALL paths where necessary at least twice in summer months. Maintenance and installation of gates, stile crossing steps and other PROW furniture. Signposting and Waymarking. Purchase/hire/maintenance of tools

Ready for submission to Balfour Beatty/Herefordshire Council

8.2 To agree Specific Summer Contract Works

Unanimously agreed that the Lengthsman Work will be reactive not proactive
Instructions from the Parish Council via the Parish Clerk and to work within the budget
Several defects to be clarified by the Clerk before works commence

9.0 To Receive Reports

9.1 Ward Councillor Mr Peter Jinman (if available)

Mr Jinman thanked the Clerk for all the information sent to him as it was very useful
Planning information is vital and the views of the Parish Council

9.2 Broadband update

Councillor Mr T Murcott Vice – Chairman updated the Parish Council on progress so far
Gigaclear now has a new schedule
Bacton area, some of Abbeydore and Kerry's Gate hopefully will be connected during 2019
Rest of Abbeydore and Longtown starting 2020 Fastershire are holding meetings
Gloucestershire are now back on track
Longtown and Thruxton Exchanges for fibre - cabinet is happening

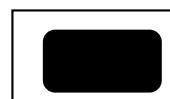
9.3 Neighbourhood Development Plan

Councillor Mr T Murcott Vice – Chairman updated the Parish Council
Information received from Sam Banks Herefordshire Council Planning Officer stated that a review would be required about April 2020
Government are reviewing at present

10.0 Planning Applications for Consideration

10.1 No 191100 Huntsmans Cottage Abbeydore HR2 0AD Retention of Mobile Home

"Abbeydore and Bacton Group Parish Council considered the above application at their Annual Meeting which was held on the 14th May 2019 in Abbeydore Village Hall.



Resolved:-

*As a matter of principal this Parish Council **does not support retrospective planning applications.** However under the circumstances surrounding this application should a suitable and compassionate alternative which gave sympathetic consideration to other local objections be brought forward then the Parish Council would be prepared to re-consider its objection*
Yours Sincerely Malcolm Walker Clerk to Abbeydore & Bacton Group Parish Council”

10.2 No 191380 Blackbush Abbeydore HR2 0AJ Proposed Garage

“Abbeydore and Bacton Group Parish Council considered planning application No 191380 at their annual meeting held in Abbeydore Village Hall on Tuesday 14th May 2019.

Resolved:- To support the application as presented.”

11.0 Information Sheet

Planning Result

1 st March 2019	Application No 190761 Moorhampton Park Abbeydore Hereford HR2 0AL Prior notification of agricultural or forestry development – proposed building Agricultural and Forestry Buildings and Operations Prior Approval is Not Required 26th March 2019
19 th March 2019	Application No 190838 Oakdene Court Abbeydore Hereford HR2 0AJ Proposed garage and garden workshop to replace an existing substandard building Type Full Householder Application Granted 29th April 2019

Correspondence

29 th March 2019	Seafarers UK Letter and Booklet Flying a Red Ensign 3 rd September 2019
24 th April 2019	Herefordshire Archive Service Minutes ABPC/MW/066 7 th January 2014 - ABPC/MW/071P 26 th November 2014 Minutes ABPC/MW/072 6 th January 2015 - ABPC/MW/083 1 st November 2016 Minutes ABPC/MW/084 10 th January 2017 ABPC/MW/089 7 th November 2017
Abbeydore and Bacton Parish Council Account Roads January 2019(1) Blue Invoice No TGC0640	
Description of work carried out: - Specific Task Work Defects Reported from Parish Clerk	
C1209	
Lower end of Bacton Pitch	
Jet out and clear blocked road gully	
C1225	
Jury Bridge Area	
Clear grips and ditch leads	
Clear headwalls	
Defects found on previous visit.	
C1209	
Upper Grange Farm Area	
Locate and clear headwall in ditch covered by resurfacing contractors	
Routine Maintenance Work Clear grids and clean out road gully's	
Jet connecting pipes	
Clear road culverts and jet	
Check inspection pits	
Clear ditch headwalls	
Clear grips and reform leads	
Clear minor obstruction from ditches and reform leads	
Clean off road signs	
Clear minor storm debris off roads	
Strim round grit bins and road signs	



Strim verges on bends junction splays and areas regularly used by pedestrians and no footway is present
Roads covered on this visit

C1209

From B4347 to parish boundary

C1212

From B4347 to Old Magistrates Court

C1221

From C1225 to parish boundary

Notes C1209 Upper Grange Farm Area We encountered considerable problems caused by resurfacing contractors allowing cement used to raise the road gullies in preparation for resurfacing the road to fall in the sumps. This had hardened and, in some cases had blocked the inlet/exit pipes. C1225 We cleared the grips in this area which should help with clearing surface water off the road but some minor ditch clearing would help significantly. Materials Marker spray

April 2019 Golden Valley Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) Newsletter

Your team based at Peterchurch

PC 164 Roger Bradley 07976 938 755 roger.bradley@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

PCSO 6173 Fiona Witcher 07773 054582 fiona.witcher@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

PCSO 6378 Pete Knight 07773 053919 peter.knight@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

Crime Trends 1st - 31st March 2019 Overnight on Tuesday 5th/Wednesday 6th March, 25 wooden planks were stolen from a building site in **Clehonger** Incident ref 262-s-060319

Damage was caused for the second time to the zip wire seat on **Clehonger** playing fields by a male allowing his dog to jump up and repeatedly bite the seat. This happened around 6pm on Sunday 10th March, and the dog was described as a sandy coloured Staffordshire bull terrier. The seat had just been repaired at a cost of £200, if you have any information please get in touch Incident ref 546-s-100319

A quantity of hand tools including spanners, a socket set, wrenches and screwdrivers were stolen from a farm yard in **Cockyard** on Tuesday 12th March between 12.45 pm and 2pm Incident ref 496-s-120319

A Honda 125cc motorcycle, registration number **DK55GZJ** was stolen from a front garden in Pennyplock, **Madley** overnight on Thursday 14th/Friday 15th March Incident ref 67-s-150319

More items were stolen from a building site in **Clehonger** sometime between 12 noon on Saturday 16th and 8am on Monday 18th March. This time it was a quantity of stair rails and spindles Incident ref 271-s-180319
3000 roof slates awaiting installation at the primary school in **Peterchurch** were stolen from within the school grounds between Friday 22nd and Monday 25th March. Excellent detective work by PC Bradley led to the discovery of all the stolen tiles and the three males responsible who are 'assisting with enquiries Incident ref 235-s-250319

A workshop at a property near **Clifford** was broken into sometime overnight on Monday 25th/Tuesday 26th March, and two Stihl chainsaws were stolen Incident ref 218-s-260319

If you have any information regarding any crime you can contact police on 101, in an emergency please dial 999.

You can also contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 to report any crime or criminal activity anonymously

TV Licence Scam Fraudsters are sending the public fake TV Licensing emails to steal their personal and financial information. Victims who click on the link are led to a convincing looking TV Licensing website – where fraudsters can obtain bank account details and commit identity fraud.

The increase in reporting was identified in September 2018, following publicity the same month around a security issue with the TV Licensing website. Reporting to the NFIB has increased month on month since then. Since April 2018, **926 crime reports** have been made to Action Fraud, with a **total loss of over £830,000**. The highest single recorded loss is **£50,000**.

Reports made to Action Fraud identify that the current TV Licensing phishing emails are part of a larger scam where criminals call individuals claiming to be bank employees. This is how the scam works:


1. The victim receives a TV Licensing phishing email with links to a convincing-looking website that steals personal and financial details.
2. Within a week or two, victims will receive a phone call from a fraudster claiming to be from the fraud department of the victim's bank.

The fraudsters are able to convince victims they are genuine banking staff by providing some of the personal details that were obtained using the fake TV Licensing emails and websites The fraudster states that the victim's account has been compromised, possibly by a phishing scam they may have fallen victim to recently,



and states that they need to transfer their money to a new 'safe account'. **The average age of a victim is 54 and that 65% of victims are female.**

Simple Steps to Avoid on Line Bank Fraud



STOP AND THINK

Your bank or the police will never:

- 1 Phone and ask you for your PIN or full banking password.
- 2 Ask you to withdraw money to hand over to them for safe-keeping.
- 3 Ask you to transfer money out of your account.
- 4 Send someone to your home to collect cash, PINs, cards or cheque books.



SCAM EMAILS

Don't click on the links or attachments in suspicious emails, and never respond to messages that ask for your personal or financial details.

Arrests A 38 year old male from **Peterchurch** was arrested in Hereford for causing Criminal Damage, he has been released under investigation.

A 48 year old male from **Kingstone** was arrested in Kingstone for assault and driving with excess alcohol. He has been released on police bail.

Speed Enforcement Marathon - Police urge motorists to 'Slow Down'



With a European-wide speed enforcement campaign taking place this week, West Mercia Police are urging all motorists to stay safe and keep speeds down.

The campaign is run by TISPOL, the European Traffic Police Network - established by police forces across Europe to improve road safety and law enforcement

The campaign is encouraging motorists to think about their speed and to remind drivers to always travel within the speed limit. It is estimated that across Europe speeding contributes to as many as one third of all collisions that result in fatality and is the most important contributory factor to road deaths. Speeding, as well as inappropriate speed can have a devastating impact on the safety of road users, increasing the risk of a collision and the severity of the consequences.

Over the past 3 years in West Mercia 123 people have been killed and 929 seriously injured in collisions where speeding or use of inappropriate speed has been recorded as a contributory factor.

The Safer Roads Partnership, local policing teams, special constables and community speed watch volunteers will be out and about in local communities taking part in a mixture of enforcement and educational initiatives. Roads Policing Inspector Jem Mountford for West Mercia Police comments: "Supporting this Europe-wide campaign with local activities is an important way of raising the issue and highlighting the dangers of speeding

There are many local residents across our region whose quality of life is affected by people speeding through their community and families that unfortunately know far too well the devastating consequences that speeding and collisions can lead to. We'd like to take the opportunity to remind people of the consequences of speeding



Apart from the obvious consequences if you are involved in a collision, if prosecuted for speeding, the minimum penalty is a £100 fine and 3 penalty points. You could be disqualified from driving if you build up 12 or more penalty points within a period of 3 years".

Speeding is one of the 'FATAL FOUR' and has been evident in many of the Road deaths within our County and beyond. Please watch your speed and help keep Herefordshire Roads Safer.

News from your local Fire Crews Carelessness in the kitchen can cost lives 25 March 2019 in News

Each year cooking causes more accidental fires in the home than anything else and Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Service (HWFRS) is supporting the Fire Kills Cooking Safety campaign.

Station Commander Amy Bailey from the Community Risk department, HWFRS said: "More than half of all accidental fires in the home start in the kitchen so it's essential to take care, especially when cooking with hot oil." Station Commander Bailey urged anyone who is cooking to take note of the following safety tips:

- Keep your cooker and grill pan clean, burnt food and fat causes fires
- Turn off all electrical appliances and pull out the plugs when not using them
- Cooking becomes dangerous if you drink alcohol, you could become drowsy and not be as safe as you think
- Do not use a toaster under a cupboard
- If you use a chip pan, never fill it more than a third full and stay with it all the time
- Never leave a pan unattended when the heat is switched on and NEVER attempt to move the pan if it should catch fire
- Do not take risks. If a pan should catch fire, turn off the heat only if it's safe to do so. Never throw water over the pan.
- Keep children safely away from the cooking area
- Never tackle a fire yourself, but GET OUT, STAY OUT, CALL 999

SC Bailey concluded: "In addition to the above vital safety advice, I would urge people to test their smoke alarms are working on a weekly basis. If you require further advice on fire safety or would like to call the Community Risk department to see if you qualify for a free Home Fire Safety Check please call 0800 032 1155."

Further kitchen safety advice is available at www.hwfire.org.uk under the Your Safety section or visit @HWFireSafety

May 2019 Golden Valley Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) Newsletter

Crime Trends 1st – 30th April 2019 Clehonger: Sometime between 18th and 19th April, damage was caused to the bus shelter on the corner of Church Road, Old Clehonger and the B4349.

Hay On Wye: At around 1:30 to 1:45am on Friday April, the Co-Op in Newport Street, Hay on Wye, was attacked and the cash machine was stolen from the premises.

A number of offenders and two vehicles were involved. If you have any information about this incident, please contact us here at Peterchurch and we will pass on the information to Hereford CID who are investigating.

If you have any information regarding any crime you can contact police on 101 in an emergency please dial 999

You can also contact Crimestoppers on **0800 555 111** to report any crime or criminal activity anonymously.

Rogue Traders are people pretending to be builders or "qualified" trades men or women needing to do 'urgent' repairs or sales people offering bargain products. Things to be aware of:

- They often pressurise householders to make quick decisions to have work done, pay in advance for materials or do poor work at highly inflated prices
- They will often cold call on vulnerable households and deliberately overcharge for unsatisfactory goods and services. This can include charging for unnecessary work, damaging property deliberately in order to obtain money, leaving work unfinished and intimidating householders
- Victims of this practice are often vulnerable or elderly and in the most serious cases, offenders will return to the same victim again and again until their savings are exhausted

Police work jointly with local authority trading standards officers and other agencies to target offenders who prey on vulnerable members of the community in this way.

The following advice will help tackling doorstep rogue traders:

- Close and lock your back door before answering the front door
- Use a spy hole, chain or window to have a look at the caller before answering the door. If you do not recognise them speak through the closed and locked door
- Never buy goods and services from people calling unexpectedly or unannounced at your door
- If the caller is selling something or offering work on your house or garden tell them that you are not interested and ask them to leave



- If they do not leave tell them you will call the police
- Always ask for proof of identity. Take it from the person (through the letterbox) and read it carefully
- Phone the company or organisation the caller claims to be from (use the number in the phone book) to confirm their identity
- If you have any doubt keep them out Remember it's your home Don't be afraid to say 'No' and report anything suspicious to police
- If you do need to employ a tradesman, please remember these useful tips:
 - Take advice from family, friends or reputable traders to check if the work really needs doing
 - Avoid any cold callers that may turn up or ring unexpectedly or unannounced offering to carry out repairs
 - Only use reputable workmen recommended by family and friends, or those who have worked satisfactorily for you before. Consider contacting your local Trading Standards who may run a registered traders scheme for advice on choosing a trades person.
 - If you do decide the work needs doing, always obtain at least 3 quotes and make sure the quote you accept is in writing
 - Ask traders to provide you with written contact details and ask about insurance backed guarantees
 - Ask for details of previous satisfied customers and contact them. Go and see the work for yourself if you can
 - Consumer law allows you a seven day cooling off period so you can change your mind about any service offered by someone who arrives uninvited or by appointment
 - Keep back part of the cost until the repair job has been satisfactorily completed. This will provide an incentive for the trader to complete the job or put right any problems
 - Report any unscrupulous traders either to police or trading standards.

Look Out For Your Neighbours Friends, neighbours and people who have regular contact with older and vulnerable people can help them to make their lives more secure. Research shows that fewer distraction burglaries are committed in areas where there is a supportive community.

You can help by:

- Keeping an eye on people calling in the area or acting suspiciously
- Noting the registration numbers of vehicles parked in your area for a period of time
- Calling on vulnerable people regularly. If it is not too much trouble, help them keep their front garden tidy and find reliable trades people for any maintenance work that really does need to be undertake
- Inform the police to provide information about suspicious people activity or vehicles however insignificant it may seem.

Remember treat every stranger with caution

If you are suspicious about a caller inform the police on 101 or in an Emergency dial 999

Arrests A warrant was executed at a premises in Clehonger and two males aged 24 and 26 yrs were arrested on suspicion of Theft, and have subsequently been released under investigation.

At the same time two quad bikes and a trials bike were recovered suspected of being stolen.

A 13yr old youth was arrested in Kingstone, on suspicion of possessing a bladed article/knife. He was later released without charge.

New support service that gives victims a voice - Victim Advice Line As part of Police and Crime Commissioner John Campion's commitment to ensuring victims of crime receive an improved and more consistent service, a new support function in the form of the Victim Advice Line is launching in West Mercia. Wanting to know if victims of crime felt fully supported, Police and Crime Commissioner John Campion carried out a consultation with a number of people who gave a clear mandate for wanting things to be done differently.

The victims stated they wanted a single point of entry into support, they wanted quick updates on their case, and they also wanted to have greater ownership of their journey and help shape it themselves - as opposed to being labelled by a type of crime and having a 'one size fits all' support package.

The outcomes from the consultation have shaped all that the Victim Advice Line (VAL) is aiming to deliver when it goes live on 1st April 2019.

The VAL will be replacing the initial needs assessment function that has previously been provided by Victim Support and will remove many layers within the victim's journey, meaning they will have a clearer pathway of support and they won't need to repeat their story multiple times.

The Victim Advice Line will be made up of a team of expert and fully trained Victim Care Coordinators who will help the victim when they come through to the service, be it through police, third party or self-referral (the crime doesn't have to have been reported to the police). The victim may then be referred onto other specialist services, dependent on the level of support they may need.



This type of model is being seen as best practice and a flagship across the country in delivering support to victims, having already been adopted by other PCCs and police forces.

Police and Crime Commissioner John Campion said: "Whilst the contract we had with Victim Support was good, in order to provide victims with what they wanted we needed to make some fundamental changes.

"The Victim Advice Line will look at an individual and make sure they're getting the level of support they need. They won't be given a pre-determined package, they'll be given support that is completely tailored to them. By doing this we hope to give victims greater confidence and satisfaction that will help in moving forward with their life."

"The service will also allow better multi-agency working, such as with the police and other support services, which will ensure victims are supported throughout the entire criminal justice system from the very beginning of their journey through to the end."

Assistant Chief Constable Martin Evans said: "I have been working closely with the PCC's office for a number of months and I am delighted to see that the new Victim Advice Line will be going live on 1st April. West Mercia strives to put victims at the heart of what we do and the support that the Victim Advice Line will provide alongside us will be invaluable.

"The majority of staff that will be working within the Victim Advice Line already have a great deal of experience in supporting victims of crime and their enthusiasm and determination to provide the best service possible is very clear to see."

How to Contact Us 101 to talk to your local SNT or report a crime crimegoldenvally.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk www.westmercia.police.uk @GValleyCops
Only call 999 in an emergency, when a crime is in progress or life is in danger.

News from your local Fire Crews

Everyday activities near water can put you at risk of drowning 29 April 2019 in News

Half of accidental drownings in 2017 happened when people didn't even intend to go in the water.

Activities such as running, walking, fishing and cycling near water can all put you at risk of drowning.

The potentially fatal dangers of water are highlighted in the National Fire Chiefs Council's (NFCC) Be Water Aware campaign.

Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Service is supporting the national week-long campaign which runs from 29 April - 5 May 2019 and aims to highlight the risk of accidental drowning. In 2017:

- 255 people accidentally drowned in the UK
- around 50% of these people just happened to be near water
- about 85% of these fatalities were male
- in addition 75 UK nationals, mainly tourists, drowned while abroad in 2017

NFCC's Drowning Prevention and Water Safety Lead, Chief Fire Officer Dawn Whittaker, said: "Most people would be shocked to hear that those people who drowned just happened to be taking part in everyday activities near water, like going for a run or walk.

"They are unaware of the risks and are totally unprepared for the scenario of ending up in the water.

"By highlighting this issue and making sure simple safety messages reach them we hope to reduce the number of these needless and preventable deaths."

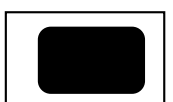
Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Service's advice:

- if you are going for a walk or run near water stick to proper pathways and stay clear of the water's edge
- make sure conditions are safe, avoid walking or running near water in the dark, slippery or in bad weather
- if you've had alcohol don't enter the water, avoid walking alone and avoid routes near water
- never enter the water to try and help a person or animal - always call 999 and use any water rescue equipment if it is available
- if you are spending time near water - whether at home or abroad make sure you are familiar with local safety information and children are fully supervised

The fire service has successfully reduced the number of fire deaths by focusing on prevention work and now we must apply the same principle to tackling drowning.

Response is not enough - we must prevent drownings.

Parish Council asked for letters to be written to Mr Bill Millington and Mrs Margaret Jenkins thanking them for their time as Parish Councillors



12.0 Roads and Footpaths

See Item 8.2

13.0 Agenda of Next Meeting

Local Communications with parishes

Accreditation of Parish Council with General Power of Competence

Parish Council Clerk's Annual Performance & Salary Review

14.0 Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting

Confirmed that the next meeting will be an Ordinary Meeting of the Group Parish Council and will be held on Tuesday 2nd July 2019 in the Village Hall Abbeydore meeting to commence at 8.00pm

Meeting declared closed at 9.50pm

Signed..........

Chairman Councillor Mr D Watkins

Dated this day the 2nd July 2019