

# Abbeydore & Bacton Group Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of  
Abbeydore and Bacton Group Parish Council  
held in Bacton Village Hall on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019

No ABPC/MW/100

## Present

Councillor Mr T Murcott Vice - Chairman  
Councillor Mr D Bannister  
Councillor Mr R Fenton  
Councillor Mrs W Gunn  
Councillor Mr M Jenkins  
Clerk Mr M Walker

## Also Present

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

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

### **1.0 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies received and accepted from Councillor Mr D Watkins Chairman,  
Councillor Mrs A Booth and Councillor Mr D Cook  
Parish Lengthsman/Contractor Mr Terry Griffiths, Locality Steward Mr Paul Norris and Police representative not present

### **2.0 Minutes**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Group Parish Council Meeting No ABPC/MW/099 held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2019 were unanimously confirmed as a true record and signed by the Vice - Chairman.

### **3.0 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

- 3.1** To receive any declarations of interest in agenda items from Councillors  
No Declarations of Interest were made
- 3.2** To consider any written applications for dispensation  
There were no written applications for dispensation made

### **4.0 Financial Report**

#### **4.1 Receipts**

No receipts received

#### **4.2 Payments**

HMR&C 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Payment April May June	£209.00
{ Cheque held over until signature obtained from Mrs Margaret Jenkins }	
*Cheque Number 000862	
Clerk's Salary July 2019 Gross	£360.04
Mileage	£5.85
Postage	£7.95
TAX £72.00 NIC £0.00	
Nett Pay £301.84	
{ Cheque held over until signature obtained from Mrs Margaret Jenkins }	
*Cheque Number 000863	
Clerk's Salary August 2019 Gross	£360.04
Mileage	£10.35
Postage	£4.94
Village Hall Electric	£2.00
TAX £72.00 NIC £0.00	
Nett Pay £305.33	
**Cheque Number 000865	



Terry Griffiths Contracts TGC0766

Worksheet see Item 11.0

\*\*Cheque Number 000866

{\*\*The Parish Council unanimously authorised the Clerk to obtain cheque signatures from Councillor Mr David Watkins when convenient}

Plusnet 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2019 Invoice No 00002674174-016 £20.84  
(DD payment)

**4.3 Bank Balance** as per Bank Statement @ 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2019 No 60  
Business Bank Deposit Account £13,061.90  
Bank Reconciliation to agree with Internet Printed Bank Statement  
03/09/2019 £13,062.45 and signed by the Vice - Chairman

**Bank Balance** as per Bank Statement @ 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2019 No 17  
Treasurers Current Account £6,617.79  
Bank Reconciliation to agree with Internet Printed Bank Statement  
03/09/2019 £6,295.47 and signed by the Vice - Chairman

**Resolved unanimously** that all payments are approved

{Finance Sheets given to all Parish Councillors present}

**4.4 Bank Mandate Update**

Councillor Mr D Watkins Chairman, Councillor Mr T Murcott Vice – Chairman and Councillor Mr D Cook are now Cheque Signatories

Councillor Mrs W Gunn to provide current details so as to be a Bank Signatory

**5.0 Public Question Time**

A 10 minute period is to be allocated if required to facilitate any member of the public to address the assembled Parish Councillors

No matters raised

**6.0 Neighbourhood Plan Update**

*The three parishes (Abbeydore & Bacton, Kentchurch and Ewyas Harold) will meet as and when required. Councillor Mr T Murcott will represent Abbeydore & Bacton Group Parish Council at any meetings. Items to include:- Pontrilas Railway Station, Dore Abbey improvements.*

*cc email to Councillor Mr D Cook*

*Parish Councillor Mr Nic Eynon had been nominated as Representative for the Kilpeck Parish Council.*

A meeting possibly to be arranged to discuss Pontrilas Station

Possible review of Joint Neighbourhood Development Plan in 2020

Councillor Mr T Murcott Vice – Chairman to contact Sam Banks Planning Officer at Herefordshire Council and report back to the Parish Council at the next meeting

**7.0 To Receive Reports (if available) from:-**

**7.1 Golden Valley South Ward Councillor Mr Peter Jinman**

Mr Peter Jinman reported on the following:-

- A meeting had taken place with Jesse Norman MP, Golden Valley South Ward Councillor Mr Peter Jinman and Mr Clive Stainton to discuss the Railway Station proposition and support had been given with future meetings be held at Cross Ash and Skenfrith. Proposals have received initial support from the Welsh Assembly, Herefordshire Council and the general public, however it should be recognised that the project is in its very early stages
- Transport Package for Herefordshire – Southern Link Road / By-pass is currently on hold with an estimated completion date potentially 7 – 10 years hence.
- Review taking place
- Worcester waste recycling plant to hold educational days for schools and organised visits for groups and members of the public
- Ward Councillor to forward relevant information



## 7.2 West Mercia Police

See item 11.0

## 7.3 Parish Footpaths

AD 12A New Brook Farm – a new kissing gate has been installed but the footpath has no bridge over the river and is closed at the other end

No progress as yet

### 7.3i Officer Vacancy

Councillor Mr T Murcott to contact Mr Joe Rumer with A3 map

## 7.4 Locality Steward Report Mr Paul Norris

Information sent to Parish Councillors by email

## 7.5 Terry Griffiths Lengthsman

Terry Griffiths not present

Clerk to instruct works for October

Concrete lump by Pentwyn Cottage HR2 0AP Clerk to contact Balfour Beatty

## 8.0 Broadband Update

To receive update from Councillor Toby Murcott

Councillor Mr T Murcott reported on the following:-

Roll out is still on schedule at the moment

Michaelchurch apparently has been started

Abbeystead and Bacton hopefully to start October

Fastershire and Gigaclear will be holding public meetings

Issues reference Banking Passwords due to poor/no mobile signal

## 9.0 Local Communications

Local communications with parishioners

Councillor Mr T Murcott Vice – Chairman to edit policy

Agenda item for the next full Parish Council meeting

## 10.0 Planning Application

Planning Application 192815 Llanderwyn Kerry's Gate Hereford HR2 0AH

Proposed two storey rear extension to dwelling OS 338726, 233662

**Abbeystead & Bacton Group Parish Council considered planning application No 192815 Llanderwyn at their meeting held on the 3rd September 2019.**

**Resolved :- Unanimously to support the application as presented.**

## 11.0 Information Sheet

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

### Planning Result

7<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Application No 191849 Wellfield Abbeystead Hereford HR2 0AE

Proposed replacement dwelling

**Application Granted 30<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019

Application No 192620 Pentwyn Farm, Bacton Hereford HR2 0AP

Prior notification of agricultural or forestry development – proposed building

**Agricultural and Forestry Buildings and Operations**

**Prior Approval is Not Required**

11<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Application No 191100 Huntsmans Cottage Abbeystead Hereford HR2 0AD

Retention of a mobile home by a dependent family member

**Still Valid**

### Correspondence

2<sup>nd</sup> July 2019

Abbeystead Defibrillator registered with The Circuit -

British Heart Foundation – West Midlands Ambulance Service

31<sup>st</sup> July 2019

Bacton Defibrillator registered with The Circuit -

British Heart Foundation – West Midlands Ambulance Service



15<sup>th</sup> July 2019      The Pensions Regulator reply to Mr Malcolm Walker Parish Clerk  
reference Acknowledge of Re-declaration of Compliance

17<sup>th</sup> July 2019      Electoral Services Office  
Notification of Arrangement to Comply with Local Government Act 2000

19<sup>th</sup> July 2019      Reply sent to Herefordshire Council  
reference Allowances Scheme for Parish or Town Councillors  
“**resolved not to introduce the scheme**”

Abbeydore and Bacton Parish Council Roads Account April 2019 (1) **Invoice No TGC0766 Terry Griffiths**

Description of work carried out: - 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

C1222 From parish boundary (Allensmore) to C1223 junction

Special attention to drains at The Lodge

C1223 To C1224 junction

C1224 To B4347

C1209 From B4347 to U74210

C1212 From A4347 to C1215

[July 2019 Golden Valley Safer Neighbourhood Team \(SNT\) Newsletter Your team, based at Peterchurch](#)

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[PCSO 6378 Pete Knight 07773 053919 peter.knight@westmercia.pnn.police.uk](#)

[News from the Nick](#) Sadly, we have to report that PC Roger Bradley is hanging up his boots after 30 years service with West Mercia Police on 9th July. Roger has spent many of these years based at Peterchurch, and we're sure many of you will know Roger from his time working in The Valley. He will be missed by his colleagues, but we wish him all the best in his well earned retirement.

A Few Words from Roger.....

“I have completed my last day at work as I write this following 30 years service, which I must admit has flown by. I have worked at nearly all stations within Herefordshire during that time, but can honestly say that policing the Golden Valley has been the best years of my career. Those who know me well will recall I first worked here from 2002 to 2010 and then I returned in 2016.

Having also lived in the Golden Valley during this time for a period of 10 years, I feel this is one of the best parts of the county and is generally a safe and very pleasant place to live and work. This is not necessarily down to policing, but the strength and attitude of the communities who are passionate about the area and who have helped me and the team at Peterchurch over the years. We couldn't do our job without you, and I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your help and support.

I have made some good friends locally, and I will remain in contact with you and my colleagues at the station. So it's time to move on to a new chapter in my life, and I will no doubt see some of you around... Cheers, Roger”

Rogers' replacement (if there could be such a thing!) will be PC Jeff Rouse, currently serving as a response officer in Leominster; he is due to join the team sometime in September, and is very much looking forward to working with us in this beautiful corner of Herefordshire.

[Crime Trends 1st - 30th June 2019](#) Sometime between 10.00 am and 5.15pm on Wednesday 5th June, a bag containing clothing and a purse was stolen from the footwell of an insecure vehicle parked at a livery yard in [Vowchurch](#) Incident ref 600-s-050619



A Landrover Defender was stolen from a yard by farm buildings in **Bredwardine** between 11.25am and 1pm on Wednesday 5th June Incident ref 340-s-050619

The sports pavilion at **Michaelchurch Escley** was broken into sometime during Friday 7th July; although a cupboard was forced open, it does not appear that anything was taken - nothing of value is kept at the pavilion Incident ref 754-s-070619

A cat was seriously injured with what appears to have been an air gun pellet sometime during the evening/night of Friday 7th July in **Cusop Dingle**. the elderly cat has had extensive treatment at the vets and has recovered although will need more surgery.

It has since come to light that two other cats in the same area have been injured since then, one was found to have in excess of 70 shotgun pellets in it's body. If you have any information about this, please get in touch, or you can contact Crimestoppers anonymously on the number below Incident ref 155-s-110619

A fibreglass canopy was stolen from a building site in **Clehonger** overnight on Wednesday 12th/Thursday 13th June Incident ref 252-s-130619

Sometime between Sunday 16th June and Tuesday 18th June, a wooden shed at the side of the Salem Baptist Chapel in **Longtown** was broken into, but nothing was taken as no items of value are kept in there Incident ref 525-s-180619

A garden shed at a property in **Llanveynoe** was broken into sometime between Tuesday 18th June and Sunday 23rd June. Items stolen include a Stihl strimmer and brush cutter, a Husqvana chainsaw and a leaf blower Incident ref 336-s-230619

A shed in the garden of a property in **Longtown** was broken into sometime in the two weeks leading up to the 30th June. A lawnmower, petrol strimmer, chainsaw and hedge trimmer were stolen. Incident ref 463-s-010719

A red Honda 420 quad bike was stolen from a farm yard outside **Dorstone** at about 5.15pm on Thursday 27th June. The bike was seen being driven away by a lad in a hoody - no further description. Just before this a silver transit type van containing two males had called into the yard Incident 608-s-270619

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**  
**Herefordshire record low burglary crime figures** Herefordshire police have been working hard to reduce the volume of burglaries across the county.

Our dedicated officers have been making in-roads into reducing the number of burglaries by targeting prolific offenders and proactive operations to clamp down on the crime.

This problem solving approach has produced a reduction, over the past six months, in the amount of homes involved in burglaries by 20% from 132 to 106.

Detective Inspector Ross Jones said: "Being broken into is absolutely devastating and can have a long lasting impact on victims, when someone has unfortunately been a victim we make sure this is followed up with advice and support.

"As well as investigating the crimes that take place and supporting victims our dedicated officers have been targeting prolific offenders and implementing proactive operations with the aim of disrupting these individuals from committing further crime.

"Our officers, in particular the safer neighbourhood team, use local events, routine patrol and social media accounts to communicate messages to members of the public on how they can help beat the burglar.

He continued: "All these components mean we continue to crack down on burglars and reduce homes being targeted across Herefordshire."

Crime prevention can help play a crucial part in preventing the burglars in the first instance, we want to remind homeowners of the simple steps they can take, making a home unattractive to potential thieves can often make a real difference.

- Install CCTV, burglar alarms and outside lighting;
- Lock front and back doors, even if you are in the house and particularly overnight;
- Keep ground floor windows shut when you leave the house and overnight;
- Hide items such as mobile phones, car keys, wallets and purses, out of view from windows and doors;
- Put lamps and/or radios on a timer to make it appear that someone is home;
- If you are away ask a neighbour to keep an eye on your home, you could even ask them to occasionally park their car on your drive to make it look as though people are currently in.

We Don't Buy Crime is West Mercia Police's response to tackling serious acquisitive crime, which includes crimes such as burglary and theft. The initiative, supported by West Mercia Police and



Crime Commissioner John Campion, utilises a range of overt and covert tactics to help take the value out of acquisitive crime.

#### [Drivers Targeted With Fake Fines](#) Information sent on behalf of Action Fraud

What you need to know

Action Fraud have received an increase in reports and intelligence where elderly victims are being targeted by individuals purporting to be police officers or traffic wardens. The victims are being approached whilst parked in a car park and are told by the suspect that they have parked illegally or broken a speed limit and a photo has been taken of their car for 'evidence'.

Victims are advised that they will face a substantial penalty fine unless they pay a smaller upfront fee immediately. Victims, who opt for paying the smaller penalty, will be directed to a parking meter and asked to enter their card and PIN. These parking meters have been tampered with by the suspect in order to retain the card.

Once the victim inserts their card and are asked for their PIN, the victims are shoulder surfed for their PIN by the suspect. Once victims input their PIN, the card is retained by the machine and victims are told by the suspect to seek help from the company who operates the parking meter or their bank.

What you need to do

- If you are suspicious about the authenticity of the fine, do not pay it until you have verified it with your local council.
- Always shield your PIN from view when using an ATM machine, and never share your PIN with anyone.
- If your bank card is retained by an ATM machine, contact your bank immediately to inform them.

*For more details regarding Action Fraud and to keep informed of the latest scams go to*

<https://www.actionfraudalert.co.uk/>

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#### [Crime Trends 1st - 31st July 2019](#)

Damage was caused to a kitchen window at a property in Syers Croft, **Madley** by an unknown object being thrown sometime overnight on Sunday 7th / Monday 8th July Incident ref 354-s-080719

Overnight on Wednesday 10th / Thursday 11th July a lock up on a farm in **Madley** was broken into and a quantity of tools were stolen, including a generator, a welder and drills Incident ref 519-s-110719

Two males with dogs were disturbed trespassing in a field on a farm in **Bacton** at around 11.10pm on Saturday 13th July. The males, described as aged about 30 and having Birmingham accents, claimed they were lost when challenged by the farmer. They had a Subaru nearby with both front and rear number plates covered, and with several tools in the back. The farmer believes the males were about to catch and kill some of their sheep - there has been a spate of sheep being butchered in their fields in the Midlands area recently Incident ref 857-s-160719

A stable block in **Clifford** was entered sometime during the night of Wednesday 17th / Thursday 18th July, but nothing appears to have been stolen Incident ref 110-s-180719

Two males aged 20 were found trespassing in the grounds of **Longtown** Outdoor Education Centre and using their equipment, on Monday 22nd July. The males were in possession of air rifles which caused added concern for the centre manager. Fortunately there were no young people using the site at the time, and the males when challenged, gave their details and we were subsequently able to speak to them and give words of advice Incident ref 551-s-220719

Lead was taken from the roof of a property in Lower Eaton, **Eaton Bishop** overnight on Wednesday 24th / Thursday 25th July. A shed at the property was also broken into and a strimmer stolen. A trailer that had been hitched to the back of a vehicle had been unhinged and moved but was left with the tail gate down as if the offenders had been disturbed Incident ref 84-s-250719

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. Committed approach leads to decrease in burglary

Burglary offences are continuing to fall in West Mercia, following a committed approach from the West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner and the police force. Burglaries of dwellings have fallen 6%, and of non-dwellings have fallen 7%\*, ahead of the national trend of a 3% decrease.



The Commissioner has invested in a number of initiatives to protect homes and businesses from burglary including Smartwater technology, We Don't Buy Crime Officers and other increased resources around business and rural crime. He's also invested in police resources, including increasing officer numbers and improved victim services, to provide the best possible service to those who are affected.

Other crime types including vehicle crime, bicycle theft, criminal damage and drug offences have also shown a continual decrease, in the most recent figures.

Commissioner John Champion said "I made a commitment to make our communities safer, and this is just one example of how this is being achieved. The investments I have made are not only ensuring the police are better equipped to prevent and deal with crime, but enable the public to protect themselves longer term. My SmartWater offer still stands to those who want to take practical steps to continue to keep their communities safe.

There are of course always areas we can improve on, and I committed to ensuring we continue to work together, to deliver the very best for communities across Herefordshire, Worcestershire, Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin."

West Mercia Police Deputy Chief Constable Amanda Blakeman said: "It is encouraging to see reductions in burglary, however that does not mean we are complacent and our efforts to reduce this even further continue. We know the huge impact being a victim of burglary can have on our communities and are grateful for the opportunity to work with John Champion to strengthen our response and help ensure we're doing the very best for our communities." For more information on the PCC's Smartwater offer click here:

[https://www.westmerciapcc.](https://www.westmerciapcc.gov.uk/pcc-encourages-more-to-take-up-offer-of-smartwater/)

[gov.uk/pcc-encourages-more-to-take-up-offer-of-smartwater/](https://www.westmerciapcc.gov.uk/pcc-encourages-more-to-take-up-offer-of-smartwater/)

How to Contact Us \_ 101 to talk to your local SNT or report a crime

[goldenvalley.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:goldenvalley.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk)

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Only call 999 in an emergency, when a crime is in progress or life is in danger.

### News from your local Fire Crews

Cold Water Shock Even in sunshine, cold water shock kills.

Now that summer is here, Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Service (HWFRS) is warning people about the risks of 'cold water shock' from jumping or falling into open water.

In the last 10 years, 38 people drowned in Herefordshire and Worcestershire. Of these, 33 were men aged 17+, and five were women. In addition, an 18 year old man died earlier this month after swimming in a quarry lake near Stourport.

On a hot day, rivers and lakes can look inviting, but the water can be extremely cold just under the surface and cause heart attacks even in relatively young and healthy people. Any water below 15 degrees centigrade can seriously affect breathing and movement, so the risk is still great despite the sunshine.

"We also ask people to take care at night after visiting the river and canal side pubs and bars – organise a lift home, or walk with a friend, but don't walk home alone near open water.

"Be water aware - enjoy being around the rivers, canals, and lakes, but don't end up in them on a day or a night out."

Barbecues don't cause too many fires; but that may be due to a history of excellent message promotion by fire and rescue services!

However, it can also be a way in to talk about cooking fire safety more generally.

Barbecue messages include:

- Enjoy yourself, but don't drink too much alcohol if you are in charge of the barbecue or any cooking!
- Make sure your barbecue is well away from sheds, fences, trees, shrubs or garden waste.
- Never leave a barbecue or any cooking unattended.
- Never use a barbecue indoors.
- Keep a bucket of water, sand or a garden hose nearby for emergencies.
- Follow the safety instructions provided with disposable barbecues.
- Never use petrol or paraffin to start or revive your barbecue; use only recognised lighters or starter fuels on coal.
- Empty ashes onto bare garden soil, not into dustbins or wheelie bins. If they're hot, they can melt the plastic and start a fire.



Carbon monoxide There have been incidents of people bringing barbecues into enclosed spaces resulting in carbon monoxide poisoning. More detail is available in the June Fire Kills briefing pack and on the Gas Safe Register website [http://www.gassaferegister.co.uk/advice/seasonal\\_advice/bbq\\_safety.aspx](http://www.gassaferegister.co.uk/advice/seasonal_advice/bbq_safety.aspx)

Bacton Village Hall Defibrillator requires attention – Clerk to action

**12.0 Agenda of Next Meeting**

Local Communications Policy

**13.0 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 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019** in **ABBEYDORE Village Hall** meeting to commence at 7.30pm

Parish Council meeting declared closed at 9.00 pm

Signed.....  .....

Parish Council Chairman Councillor Mr David Watkins.....

Dated this day 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019