

Abbeydore & Bacton Group Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Abbeydore and Bacton Group Parish Council held in Abbeydore Village Hall on Tuesday 3rd March 2020

No ABPC/MW/103

Present

Councillor Mr D Watkins Chairman
Councillor Mr T Murcott Vice - Chairman
Councillor Mr D Bannister
Councillor Mrs W Gunn
Councillor Mr M Jenkins

Clerk Mr M Walker

Also Present

PC Jeff Rouse, PCSO Pete Knight and one further member of the public

The Parish Council Meeting was formally opened by the Chairman at 7.30pm

1.0 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs A Booth, Councillor Mr D Cook, Councillor Mr R Fenton and Golden Valley South Ward Councillor Mr Peter Jinman
Parish Lengthsman/Contractor Mr Terry Griffiths and Locality Steward Mr Paul Norris not present

2.0 Minutes

The Minutes of the Ordinary Group Parish Council Meeting No ABPC/MW/102 held on Tuesday 7th January 2020 were unanimously confirmed as a true record and signed by the 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

The Parish Council resolved to change the order of business at this time to Item 7.2

7.0 To Receive Reports (if available) from:-

7.2 West Mercia Police

PC Jeff Rouse Safer Neighbourhood Team reported on the following:-
No recent thefts or burglaries on the patch
Scams involving the elderly, vulnerable females e.g. withdrawing money from a banks etc.
Potentially suspicious vehicles in the area should always be reported to the 101 number or Police mobile numbers and stating the direction of travel if possible

The Parish Council resumed the correct order of business to Item 4.0

4.0 Financial Report

4.1 Receipts

No receipts received

4.2 Payments

Clerk's Salary February 2020 Gross	£360.04
Mileage	£11.30
Village Hall Electric	£3.00
TAX £72.00 NIC £0.00	
Nett Pay £302.34	
Cheque Number 000880	



Worksheet TGC1023 February 2020 (1) Roads – specific task

Description of work carried out

Specific Task Work

Quotation Work

U74211

Clear existing ditches

Clear grips and reform leads

Clear road culvert and ditch headwalls

Form new ditch from Cot Farm entrance to join up with existing ditch

Resolved unanimously that all payments are approved**4.3 Bank Balance** as per Bank Statement @ 4th February 2020 No 66

Business Bank Deposit Account

£13,065.18

Bank Reconciliation to agree with Bank Statement

03/03/2020 £13,065.18 and signed by the Chairman

Bank Balance as per Bank Statement @ 4th February 2020 No 23

Treasurers Current Account

£7,226.71

Bank Reconciliation to agree with Bank Statement

03/03/2020 £7,226.71 and signed by the Chairman

{Finance Sheets given to all Parish Councillors present}

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

Member suggested that a notice be put on the Village Hall Door, both at Abbeydore and Bacton, reference Coronavirus (COVID-19). Clerk to action

6.0 Neighbourhood Plan Update Related Issues 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.

Councillor Mr T Murcott Vice – Chairman reported that there was to be a 1 to 1 Event in two weeks time. Herefordshire Council Guidelines reference Neighbourhood Planning would be published before Easter. There were several options available:-

- 1) Do nothing to the Plan
- 2) Update the Plan with minor changes
- 3) Review and inspection of the Plan
- 4) Re-do Plan as not fit for purpose, then a Referendum

Toby willing to Chair a meeting with Abbeydore & Bacton, Ewyas Harold and Kentchurch members

Herefordshire Council Core Strategy Settlement Hierarchy Review 2020 – Review of Rural Facilities Completed ready for submission to Herefordshire Council

7.0 To Receive Reports (if available) from:-**7.1 Golden Valley South Ward Councillor Mr Peter Jinman**

Mr Peter Jinman sent the following report by email:-

“Malcolm, My apologies for the meeting but I will be away on the night of the meeting on business.

Report Clearly the flooding has been the major issue over the last few weeks and the consequences of that are still being evaluated. In terms of the parish area the single biggest effect has been the damage to the roads.

The so called Bellwin fund has been activated and Herefordshire will have access to further funding as a consequence.



If any house or business has been flooded or damaged in the parishes covered by the parish council then please notify the clerk who has the details of the funding that is available and the access to discounted council tax etc. I have been in contact with our locality steward it is obvious that he has had his time taken up by the gross effects of the flooding.

I have again reported the issues around the Cwm pitch and whilst it is agreed that some repair work needs to be done here there is also the issue of the drainage that is affecting the water flow from the top of the hill down the road.

Balfour Beattie are keen to point out the responsibility of land owners to stop the flow of water off their land and to maintain the ditches and grips. I am aware that some other parish councils have increased their budget for the lengthsman and indeed the council itself is looking into distributing some more money for lengthsman schemes. This was an issue that was raised at the meeting of the cabinet held in Ewyas Harold last week. I am not sure I saw anyone from Abbeydore and Bacton PC in the audience? Currently the council is keen to get across the national message relating to coronavirus most notably hand washing and voluntary isolation whilst contacting the GP surgery if anyone has a suspicion of infection. Since we last met the budget for the year has been agreed and there is an overall rise of 3.9% in council tax but with the discounted or nil rate for special cases. Details are on the council website. Band D premises will face a rise of £4.92 per month. In effect this is 2% rise for social care funding and 1.9% to cover all other areas of council business.

I know that Toby has his finger on the pulse of the broadband rollout but the Fastershire broadband strategy has now been agreed whilst the project continues with the roll out of the fibre deployment through Gigaclear, Airband and Openreach. On the 6th of February a suppliers day took place to explain the scheme to the potential providers. There were over 50 delegates showing the change in how the broadband market has grown from a single supplier in 2012.

Fastershire has launched Faster Tourism a series of six free training sessions delivered in partnership with Visit Herefordshire, Marches Growth Hub and Fastershire to help support tourism and leisure based businesses.

Fastershire is also offering agricultural and land based business, training to help expand businesses.

The station at Pontrilas has been the subject of further emails and discussion. Jesse Norman has sent in on our behalf a request to the Secretary of State for Transport for access to the so called Beeching Fund. This has been supported by the Welsh Minister with responsibility for transport and by both Herefordshire Council cabinet member and the same for Monmouthshire.

Council might be aware of the problems in the north of the county with phosphates in the water and the consequent moratorium on planning applications. This is putting even greater pressure on the new homes building requirements for the county.

Shortly the council will be launching a rural access grant which is seeking to target funding for schemes which will improve access for rural residents and in particular limited access for private transport. The aim being to improve access in 2020/2021

Herefordshire trading standards have successfully prosecuted a rogue trader who was based in Glasgow and exploiting the elderly in the pricing of TV installations. He is awaiting sentencing in the crown court as the case was deemed so serious. The long arm of the law in action!"

7.2 West Mercia Police

See after item 3.0

7.3 Parish Footpaths

No new information received

7.3i Officer Vacancy

Councillor Mr T Murcott still 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

Meeting had taken place between Terry Griffiths Lengthsman, Councillor Mrs A Booth and Mrs Barbara Lloyd see Item 4.2



Authorisation for Terry to supply and install new grit-bin

Lengthsman & Parish Paths Partnership (P3) Expression of Interest Form 2020/2021 completed ready for submission to Balfour Beatty

Site meeting on Friday 28th February between Councillor Mr Dave Cook and Clerk Mr M Walker reference Highway issues

Site meeting on Friday 28th February between Councillor Mr Richard Fenton and Clerk Mr M Walker reference Highway issues

8.0 **Broadband Update**

To receive update from Councillor Toby Murcott

Councillor Mr T Murcott reported on the following:-

Fastershire progress is slow but in the right direction possible two years before completion

Gigaclear has a revised scheme

Another cabinet installed November 2020

9.0 **Proposed Resilience Plan**

To consider creation of Parish Council Resilience Plan

The Parish Council resolved **NOT** to participate in the Herefordshire Council Scheme as they already have a community based approach to disasters within their area.

10.0 **New Railway Station**

Proposed new Pontrilas Railway Station

See Item 7.1

11.0 **Information Sheet**

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

Planning Result

24th October 2019

Application No 193601 Hubtsman Cottage Abbeydore Herefordshire

Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 3, 7, 9, 10, 11,
Proposed two storey side extension

Approval 16th January 2020

20th December 2019

Application No 194056 Land at Wellfield C1225 from C1212 to Forty Acre
Abbeydore Herefordshire

Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 3, 7, 9, 10, 11,
attached to planning permission 191849

Approval 20th December 2019

"I refer to the above discharge of condition application.

With regard to the conditions of the planning permission described above I would confirm the following:-

- *Condition 3 – The submitted material details are acceptable. For the avoidance of doubt these are included on the document titled Planning Condition 3: details of external materials.*
- *Condition 7 – The submitted details in relation to the vehicular access are acceptable. For the avoidance of doubt these are indicated on drawing number P005A.*
- *Condition 9 – The submitted details in relation to the construction of the driveway and vehicular turning area are acceptable. For the avoidance of doubt these are indicated on drawing number P005A.*
- *Condition 10 – The submitted details in relation to site operative, visitor parking and ensuring mud is not deposited onto the highway are acceptable. For the avoidance of doubt these are indicated on drawing number P006A.*
- *Condition 11 – The submitted details in relation to cycle storage are acceptable. For the avoidance of doubt these are indicated on drawing number P005A.*

I can confirm that there are no pre-commencement Conditions outstanding.

*This letter should be attached to the decision notice to avoid any doubt as to the nature of the approved scheme. Yours sincerely, **KEVIN BISHOP LEAD DEVELOPMENT MANAGER***

11th December 2019

Application No 194131 Red Barn Abbeydore Hereford HR2 0AD

Proposed replacement garage with play room and guest bedroom above

Approval 21st January 2020 (received after information sheet was printed)



February 2020 Golden Valley Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) Newsletter

Your team based at Peterchurch

PC 3687 Jeff Rouse 07870150972 jeff.rouse@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

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

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

Crime Trends 1st - 31st January 2020

Sometime between 13th and 27th January, around 1000 litres of heating oil was taken from an oil tank at an isolated property in **Michaelchurch Escley** Incident ref 352-s-270120

A candlestick was stolen from the altar in **Belmont Abbey** on Tuesday 29th January, the incident was captured on CCTV. The offender was identified and the property has been recovered and returned to the abbey, enquiries are continuing Incident ref 243-s-290120

A shed in the garden of a property in **Bredwardine** was broken into at 2.30pm on Thursday 30th January but nothing was taken as it is believed the intruder was disturbed by a neighbour Incident ref 599-s-300120

10 ewes in lamb were stolen from a field in **Llanveynoe** sometime between Christmas and 22nd January Incident ref 154-s-010220

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

Scam Updates (no picture) The picture below is a screenshot of an email that is doing the rounds, purportedly from the TV Licensing, sent in by one of our readers and is a scam.

It was sent to their correct email address but was not acted upon as they knew their licence was up to date. There are two giveaways with this - firstly if you look at the email address it has been sent from, you can tell it's not an official one, and secondly, further down the note the date is showing as 1/10/2020 instead of 10/1/2020 - the date is written in the American way.

Always look for things like this if you are not sure about an email that has been sent to you.

Common scamming tools Scammers often use one or more of the following to help them commit fraud and hide their true identity.

Money transfer agents Money transfer agents offer a fast, convenient and reliable way to send and receive money worldwide to and from people you know and trust. However, they're often used by scammers to commit many types of fraud, such as: ☐ advance fee ☐ identity ☐ investments ☐ mass market fraud
Money transfer services are popular with scammers because they don't have to show ID to collect the money, only senders do. This way, the scammers can hide their identity.

Make sure you know who you're dealing with before giving them the reference numbers they need to collect the money you deposited. Never let a potential scammer tell you how a money transfer service or cash voucher systems works. Only trust advice given by the money transfer or cash voucher company itself. Read the warnings on money transfer documents. The information is there to protect you.

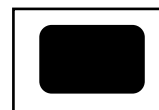
Don't use a money transfer agent to pay for anything you buy online, including auction sites. Money transfer agents are not responsible for the safe delivery of goods or services that you paid for using a money transfer. Never share details of a money transfer with someone to prove you've got the funds. If you do, it may allow the money transfer to be paid to that person. This is known as a 'proof of funds' fraud.

For more information and help or to report on this and many other types of fraud, go to www.actionfraud.co.uk the UK's national fraud and cybercrime reporting centre.

Virtual offices A virtual office is an address registered by a person or business instead of their real address. They may never actually visit the address and can have all mail to the virtual address redirected.

You may think you're dealing with a well-established, professional individual or business because of a prestigious (yet virtual) office address. However, the reality can be very different.

Most businesses using virtual offices are honest and legitimate, but scammers often use a virtual office address instead of their own home or business address to hide their true identity. Often scammers use false ID to get the virtual office. If you see a website that has an address on it, it could be a virtual office address and the company doesn't operate from it.



Victims of scams have been known to go to these addresses to get money back or claim prizes in person, only to find they're virtual offices.

Phone numbers Some phone companies provide national numbers and premium rate numbers, such as 0800 or 0845, to businesses or individuals, who often don't need to provide ID to get them.

Scammers often use these numbers. They'll divert them to unregistered pay-as-you-go mobile numbers or to a separate answering service, making them difficult to trace.

Because of this, don't rely on the appearance of a phone number to tell you what sort it is.

For example, 0208 is usually a London number and 07952 a UK mobile number. But scammers buy these numbers to trick you into believing the business is legitimately based somewhere that it really isn't.

Scammers also use software to have any number they wish to appear on your phone's caller ID screen. This method, known as 'spoofing', means they can appear to be calling from a legitimate number linked to a person or company, when in fact they aren't.

Always be wary of the identity of a person you don't know when speaking to them on the phone. If a scammer gives out a phone number, that number can't always be traced and the user identified.

For more information and help or to report this and many other types of fraud, go to Action Fraud.

How to Contact Us_ 101 to talk to your local SNT or report a crime

[_goldenvally.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:goldenvally.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.

12.0 Agenda of Next Meeting

13.0 Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting

Confirmed that the next meeting will be the Annual Meeting of the Group Parish Council and will be held on **Tuesday 5th May 2020** in **ABBEYDORE Village Hall** meeting to commence at 7.45pm or immediately on completion of the Parish Meetings if later

Parish Council meeting declared closed at 8.35 pm

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

Dated this day 4th August 2020