

Abbeydore & Bacton Group Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting
of Abbeydore and Bacton Group Parish Council
held in Abbeydore Village Hall
on Tuesday 6th September 2022

No ABPC/MW/115

Present

Councillor Mr T Murcott Chairman
Councillor Mrs A Booth Vice – Chairman
Councillor Mr R Fenton
Councillor Mrs W Gunn
Councillor Mr M Jenkins
Councillor Mr K Millington
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 Chairman at 7.30pm

1.0 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Mr D Cook, Councillor Mr D Watkins and the Police.

Parish Lengthsman/Contractor Mr Terry Griffiths and Locality Steward Mr Paul Norris not present.

2.0 Minutes

The Minutes of the Annual Group Parish Council Meeting No ABPC/MW/114 held on Tuesday 3rd May 2022 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

4.0 Chairman / Vice – Chairman Position

Discussion on which title to be used

The Parish Council unanimously resolved to leave positions as above.

5.0 Financial Report

5.1 Receipts

Receipt received from Zurich Insurance for £232.85

Reference 17/05/2022 3645265C

HMRC VTRXCV126000106810

£401.59

5.2 Payments

Clerk's Salary May 2022 Gross

£376.42

Mileage

£6.98

Postage

£6.83

Tax £75.40 NIC £0.00

Nett Pay £314.83

Cheque Number 000948



Clerk's Salary June 2022 Gross	£376.42
Mileage	£16.20
Postage	£2.13
Village Hall Electric	£3.00
Tax £75.20 NIC £0.00	
Nett Pay £322.55	
Cheque Number 000949	
HMR&C 1 st ¼ Payment April May June	£241.20
Cheque Number 000950	
{Paid 30 th June 2022}	
Mugworks.co.uk Invoice No 6134	£144.00
Platinum Jubilee Mugs x 48	
{Reimbursement - Clerk authorised to pay by private cheque}	
Cheque Number 000951	
Ashley Jolly SADS UK (Pawle & Co Ltd)	£540.00
Invoice No 23699	
{Reimbursement - Clerk authorised to pay by private BACS Transfer}	
Cheque Number 000952	
Clerk's Salary July 2022 Gross	£376.42
Mileage	£8.78
Postage	£3.53
Tax £75.40 NIC £0.00	
Nett Pay £313.33	
Cheque Number 000953	
Clerk's Salary August 2022 Gross	£376.42
Tax £75.20 NIC £0.00	
Nett Pay £301.22	
Cheque Number 000954	
TEEC Limited Invoice No 4285	£155.99
Hosting, Email & Domaine 2022-2023	
Cheque Number 000955	
Clerk's Salary September 2022 Gross	£376.42
Mileage	£6.98
Postage	£1.73
Tax £75.20 NIC £0.00	
Nett Pay £309.93	
Cheque Number 000956	
HMR&C 2 nd ¼ Payment July August September	£225.80
Cheque Number 000957	
{To be paid 30 th September 2022}	
Plusnet 29/04/2022 Invoice 00002570640-3	£25.19
Plusnet 30/05/2022 Invoice 00002570640-3	£23.76
Plusnet 22/07/2022 Invoice 00002570640-3	£23.76

DD Payment

Cancellation date 15th August 2022

Resolved unanimously that all payments are approved

5.3 Bank Balances

Bank Statement @ 4 th May 2022	No 1	
Treasurers Current Account		£12,714.66
Bank Statement @ 1 st June 2022	No 2	
Treasurers Current Account		£12,312.23
Bank Statement @ 4 th July 2022	No 3	
Treasurers Current Account		£11,973.64



Bank Statement @ 4 th August 2022	No 4	
Treasurers Current Account		£11,386.13
Bank Statement @ 4 th May 2022	No S1	
Business Bank Instant Account		£13,071.07
Bank Statement @ 1 st June 2022	No S2	
Business Bank Instant Account		£13,071.17
Bank Statement @ 4 th July 2022	No S3	
Business Bank Instant Account		£13,071.28
Bank Statement @ 4 th August 2022	No S4	
Business Bank Instant Account		£13,071.39
Internet Printed Bank Statement @ 3 rd September 2022		
Business Bank Instant Account		£13,071.82

Bank reconciliations signed for both accounts by the Chairman

6.0 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

7.0 Planning No P202280/F Farmhouse Barn Holiday Lets

To discuss correspondence received reference planning related issues

Resolved not a Parish Council issue but they would forward comments to home owners

Mr Peter Jinman and Herefordshire Council's Planning Enforcement Officer

Reference neighbours should record activities and collect evidence

Neighbourhood Development Plan – light, noise and access.

8.0 Queens Green Canopy

Possible site for a tree is on Ewyas Harold Common – Ann to contact the Trustees – no reply as yet. Ann stated that there were trees available from the Woodland Trust in multiplies of 30 trees, some Silver Birch, Rowan and Wild Cherry.

No further information as yet, Ann to make further contact.

9.0 HGV Traffic Issues

To considered issues raised by Councillor with reference to local HGV traffic

Chairman to draft a letter maybe Weight Limit / Access Only / 50mph

Balfour Beatty / Herefordshire Traffic Regulations

10.0 To Receive Reports (if available) from:-

10.1 Local Police update (if available)

No Police present and no report available

Only two Police persons in our area

10.2 Golden Valley South Ward Councillor Mr Peter Jinman reported on the following:-

Rural area grants for businesses – levelling up

Children's Services not fit for purpose, OFSTED rated very poor

Phosphate and sewage in the River Wye – work in progress to address problems

Budget cuts

Bitumen core transported through Russia

*Vulnerable and elderly people this winter - "Warm Banks" similar to food banks but for people in fuel poverty, will see public spaces used by residents unable to heat their homes during the colder months. { Ann Booth Vice-Chairman to contact Black Hill Community Network }

Bus Route Dulas to Longtown for School children – Parish Council to write to Herefordshire Council

10.3 Parish Footpaths

No matters raised.



10.4 Plusnet Contract Terminated Abbeydore Village Hall

Confirmation of terminated Plusnet contract at Abbeydore Village Hall

10.5 Locality Steward Mr Paul Norris

Information sent to Parish Councillors by email.

10.6 Broadband update

Herefordshire Council scheme for Broadband – all can apply for a grant Fastershire / Gigabit
Gigabit-capable broadband is a connection that is able to deliver speeds of 1000Mbps or more (1Gbps). Gigabit capable connections are usually FTTP but some parts of the cable network (Virgin Media) are also able to support gigabit connections.

Government consultation

4G installed

10.7 Golden Valley Action Group (GVAG) update

The Group are now a CIC registered company

Chairman Councillor Mr Toby Murcott had attended a meeting and they are looking at joining with other groups around Hereford for a “Green Way” – bicycles, horses, walkers etc. plus Cross-border Tourism.

10.8 Black Hill Community Network (BHCN) update

Working Group members Toby Murcott & Ann Booth

See Item * 10.2

11.0 Herefordshire Council Open Space Audits

To discuss Audit Form {responses by 26th September 2022 }

The Parish Council passed no comments.

12.0 Bacton Post Box

Missing Post Box at Bacton update

“Sent: 05 September 2022 13:39

To: ceo.office

Subject: Abbeydore & Bacton Group Parish Council

Good Afternoon,

I hesitated to write to yourself as clearly with the current employment dispute you have a very important role to play, however I have attached the chain of correspondence between the Parish Council and the Post Office.

You will see the letters in April & June 2022 were directed to the Escalated Customer Resolution Team neither of which have been replied to.

I urge you to read the series of communications attached which outline the need to replace this very rural mailbox which was only removed because of the telegraph pole on which it was mounted being damaged by a falling tree. Clearly the pole has long since been replaced.

The replacement of the mailbox will avoid the need for the postmen/postwomen having to call to collect mail from the rural properties as has been suggested previously in the various replies.

Can you please resolve this ludicrous situation by having the mailbox replaced?

Yours Sincerely Malcolm Walker Clerk to Abbeydore & Bacton Group Parish Council”

5th September 2022 14.38

Dear Mr Walker,

Thank you for your email to our CEO Office. I am very sorry you have had cause to contact us.

Michael Hogg, our Senior Public Affairs Manager, is looking in to this as a matter of urgency and will be back in contact with an update shortly.

Kind regards Public Affairs Team Royal Mail HQ



13.0 Highways and Footpaths Issues

13.1 Lengthsman & Drainage Grant Work update

5th September 2022

Grant funded Drainage Schedule.

We are scheduling in ABPC 012 project for w/c 19-09-22.

ABPC 001/009 will be scheduled in when the hedge cutting is done in those areas.

We have found that our ditch clearing work can be undone by hedge trimmings blocking the headwalls.

Annual Maintenance Plan - Winter 2022/23.

Is the PC looking at some maintenance days during the coming winter? Terry.

The Parish Council resolved for Terry to use the 4 / 5 days in the budget up to 31st March 2023 in Abbeydore and in Bacton parishes.

13.2 To receive **new** information on Parish Highways & Public Footpaths

Bottom of Bacton a salt bin has been mangled

14.0 Information Sheet

Update on previous action points and a list of correspondence received

Planning Result

18th March 2022 Planning Consultation 220736 Farmhouse Farm Abbeydore Hereford HR” 0AL
Proposed change of use of existing Wain Barn and Car Port to provide
gym/training facilities including resistance pool. Proposed single storey
extension and solar panels
(Revised Consultation Date 5th May 2022)

Application Still Valid

28th May 2022 The Pensions Regulator
Automatic Enrolment Duties – Acknowledge of Re-declaration of compliance

6th June 2022 Balfour Beatty Herefordshire Council
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10th June 2022 Hereford Council
Herefordshire Local Plan 2021-2041 Place Shaping Consultation information
13th June 2022 – 29th July 2022

15.0 Agenda of Next Meeting

Queens Green Canopy

Bacton Post Box

Golden Valley Action Group

Black Hill Community Network

16.0 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 1st November 2022** in Abbeydore Village Hall, meeting to commence at **7.00pm**

The Clerk and public left the meeting room

17.0 **Subject to Council Resolution this Item may be held in Closed Session**

Parish Council Clerk's Annual Performance & Salary Review

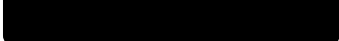
Clerk's Annual performance and Salary Review

The Parish Council unanimously resolved to increase the Clerk's salary to SCP 26

Proposed by Chairman Councillor Mr Toby Murcott and Seconded by

Councillor Mrs A Booth Vice – Chairman

Parish Council meeting declared closed at 8.55pm

Signed..... 

Parish Council Chairman Councillor Mr Toby Murcott

Dated this day 1st November 2022