

Abbeydore & Bacton Group Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of
Abbeydore and Bacton Group Parish Council
held in Bacton Village Hall
on Tuesday 1st September 2015

No ABPC/MW/076

Present

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

Clerk Mr. M. Walker

Also Present

Ward Councillor Mr. Graham Powell, Parish Lengthsman Mr. Terry Griffiths and one further member of the public

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

1.0 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Mr. D. Cook, Councillor Mr. T. Murcott and Fiona Witcher representative from Golden Valley Safer Neighbourhood Team
Linzy Outtrim Locality Steward not present

2.0 Minutes

The Minutes of the Ordinary Group Parish Council Meeting No ABPC/MW/075 held on Tuesday 7th July 2015 were unanimously confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3.0 Declarations of Interest

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

4.0 Financial Report

4.1 Bank Balances as per statements @ 4th August 2015

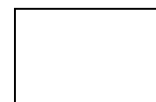
Current Account	£6,015.27
Deposit Account	£6,540.88

4.2 Receipts

Herefordshire Council Lengthsman / P3 Scheme 1 st Quarter reimbursement by BACS Reference 4675644	£1,490.00
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4.3 Payments

Grant Thornton External Audit Invoice No 8409251	£120.00
Clerk's Salary July 2015 Gross	£297.76
Clerk's Vehicle Expenses	£5.40
Hall Heating	£2.00
TAX £59.60 NIC £0.00	
Clerk's Salary August 2015 Gross	£297.76
Clerk's Vehicle Expenses	£4.32



Postage	£21.71
Hall Heating	£2.00
TAX £59.40 NIC £0.00	
Plusnet PLC Broadband 22/06/2015 0845 1400200 Sheffield 008	£11.49
Plusnet PLC Broadband 22/07/2015 0845 1400200 Sheffield 008	£11.73
Plusnet PLC Broadband 22/02/2015 0845 1400200 Sheffield 008	£11.49
(Reimbursement to Clerk paid using private credit card)	
Lengthsman Terry Griffiths (Contracts) Invoice TGC1349	
Road Account + Worksheet	£480.00
Lengthsman Terry Griffiths (Contracts) Invoice TGC1350	
Road Account + Worksheet	£180.00

Resolved unanimously that all payments are approved

5.0 Neighbourhood Plan Update

The grant monies had been awarded for the Flood Risk Assessment which will now be completed as soon as possible.

6.0 Public Question Time

No matters raised

7.0 To Receive Reports from:-

7.1 West Mercia Police

No Police present See Item 14.0

7.2 Ward Councillor's Report

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

“Council Tax Consultation 2016/17

The Herefordshire Council consultation on spending priorities; income and community services commenced on 23rd July 2015 and will continue to 9th October 2015. The consultation document is available at www.herefordshire.gov.uk

***Mobile Infrastructure Project (MIP)**

I have received a further letter from the Minister of State regarding progress towards the erection of new mobile infrastructure; the letter is dated 7th August 2015. A planning application has now been lodged (152451)

Waste Collection & Recycling

Based on the first six months of the alternate weekly collection scheme Herefordshire Council waste management team has reported a 5.34% increase in recycling; the equivalent to 121 tonnes of recycling per month. The amount of waste going to landfill has reduced by 7%, which is the equivalent to 293 tonnes per month. The move to alternate weekly collection had also delivered annual savings of £500k and there had been no noticeable increase in fly tipping.

Hereford Civic Society

I made representation directly to the society and through BBC Hereford & Worcester (on air and website) following the publication of the “Herefordshire Tomorrow” article that floated the idea of a “new town” on the A465. The article was published in the Summer 2015 edition of the Hereford Civic Society newsletter.”

Information P3 Footpaths Officer Councillor Mr. D. Cook

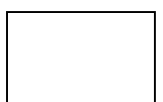
7.3 Lengthsman Report

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

Description of work carried out:- Specific task work

Following a prolonged period of dry weather which ended with some interesting bouts of torrential rain we carried out one full and one light maintenance day.

The plan was that these days would have carried us through to October leaving some funding for necessary ditch work.



However during P3 visit to the parish we found it necessary to carry out a further light maintenance day since following our previous roads day visit further heavy rain had blocked grids in some of our hotspot areas.

Clear gully grids at hotspot areas on the following roads

C1222, C1212, C1225, C1283, C1221

Specific task approval to proceed request

C1222 Nells Wood area Open up existing grips to 1m wide (8)

C1223 Blackbush farm area Clear obstruction from existing ditch Approximately 100m

C1209 Short ditch on the first bend from B4347 in the direction of Bacton

Clear obstructions from existing ditch Approximately 10m

Estimated costing Labour –equipment –fuel £450 + VAT

Subject to work being scheduled back to back

The Parish Council **resolved unanimously** for the work to be carried out.

Description of work carried out:- Routine Maintenance Work

Clear grids and clean out road gullies

Jet connecting pipes

Clear road culvert headwalls

Jet culverts clear

Check inspection pits

Clear ditch headwalls

Clear grips and reform leads

Clear minor obstructions from ditches and reform leads

Clean off road signs

Clear minor storm debris off roads

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

Strim verges on bends, junctions, splays, and areas regularly used by pedestrians where there is no footway provided **

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

Roads covered on these visits:-

C1212 From B4347 to parish boundary

C1225 From C1212 to C1283

C1283 From C1225 to C1221

U74209 From B4357 to parish boundary

C1223 From C1225 to C1222

C1223 From B4347 to C1223

C1222 From C1223 to C1221

C1209 From B4347 to parish boundary

U74210 From U74209 to parish boundary U74212

7.4 Parish Footpath Officer Report

Councillor Mr. D. Cook having given his apologies was not present

7.5 Locality Steward Report on Highways & PRow

See Item 14.0

8.0 Abbeydore Village Hall

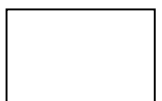
Quotes had been received for “Loop Hearing,” “Low Energy light fittings/Bulbs,” “New Chairs” and Defibrillator plus Outdoor Box

The Clerk had completed a Grant Application Form to Awards for All England / Big Lottery Fund, now ready for submission.

The Village Hall Management Committee had still not produced any Village Hall Accounts for the Parish Council or a copy of the Constitution.

Trustees were still needed on The Village Hall Management Committee

The Clerk had contacted Mr. Gerald Powell reference gutters and surrounding foliage and had asked if it could be cleared and cleaned thus reducing the damp problems.



9.0 Parish Council Website & Electronic Communications

Councillor Mr. T. Murcott having given his apologies was not present, however the Parish Clerk confirmed that he had investigated a grant for creating a Website.

The Parish Council resolved unanimously for an application to be completed and a grant applied for both Website and “.gov” Domain Name.

10.0 Broadband Update

Councillor Mr. T. Murcott having given his apologies was not present See **Item 7.2***

11.0 Upper House Farm Information Only

Application No 150612
Site Address Upper House Farm, Bacton, Hereford HR2 0AU
Description Proposed campsite for 5 no demountable tents (6 month holiday season)
Application Type Planning Permission
Grid Ref OS 336161, 232016
Website Link www.herefordshire.gov.uk/searchplanningapplications
This application withdrawn 14th May 2015

Overall opinion that the proposed site appeared to have been improved

12.0 Parish Council Records

Archived Information 11th August 2015:-
Minutes ABPC/MW/022 6th February 2007 -
ABPC/MW/041 10th November 2009

Minutes ABPC/MW/042 12th January 2010 -
ABPC/MW/047 9th November 2010

Minutes ABPC/MW/048 11th January 2011 -
ABPC/MW/055P 11th April 2012

Minutes ABPC/MW/056 1st May 2012 -
ABPC/MW/ 065 5th November 2013

13.0 Dore Abbey Parking Arrangements

Mr. Bruce Evans Herefordshire Council Highways Officer would be the contact, reference ownership of verge opposite The Old Rectory, Abbeydore

14.0 Information Sheet

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

Planning Application Information

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

Planning Permission Approved with Conditions July 2015

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

Planning Permission Refused 17th July 2015



21st August 2015 Linzy Outtrim

Dear All This week I am pleased to report the following works have been carried out:

Golden Valley North C1193 Preston on Wye multiple pothole repairs

Weed spraying in Cusop

Golden Valley South B4347 multiple pothole repairs, vegetation trimmed around signage
Stoney Street

Pothole repairs – Stone Street, A438, Birch Hill Road, Gorsty Common Road

This week I have:

- Successfully completed a 4 day Health and Safety course, resulting in a IOSH qualification
- Continued an annual U roads inspection

Next week I have Monday and Tuesday off; emergencies will be covered by a colleague. On Wednesday I will be completing my outstanding statutory inspections for August, and on Thursday I, together with the Locality Manager Paul Shipton, will be interviewing candidates for our Locality Steward vacancies. On Friday I will be continuing to do enquiries.

[Herefordshire Council website is the one-stop-shop for up to date information](#)

Maps and timetables for grass cutting and pot holes are now available on the Council's website.

[Grass Cutting](#) [Potholes](#) [Public Rights of Way](#)

Best wishes Linzy Senior Locality Steward – Golden Valley | Balfour Beatty | Services | Living Places

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August 2015

The West Mercia Police area and especially South Herefordshire remains low crime. That said a number of incidents have occurred and I would ask you to have a look at these to see if you could help with any information which may assist us in bringing the offenders to justice. Let me know if you need any crime prevention advice.

For daily updates on incidents in your area register for our Dotmailer service via

www.westmercia.police.uk.

Should you wish to review crime and anti-social behaviour trends in your area over a longer period this can be done by visiting www.police.uk.

Allensmore Incident 0113S 110815 On 8th August at 11:30hrs a white transit/luton style van with a sloping high roof, drove into Allensmore nurseries and stole a power washer.

Kivernoll Incident 0140s 100815 On 8th August at 20:39hrs two persons have accessed Vinco Sales Ltd with bolt cutters and cut the locks off a couple of containers and trailers. Nothing was stolen.

Incident 0181s 080815 On 7th August at 22:10hrs a white transit with two persons in entered Vinco Sales Ltd with bolt cutters and broke into three containers; something was stolen from one of the containers.

If you have any information regarding any of the above you can contact Hereford Police on 101, in an emergency please dial 999. Please be aware that any information provided within this letter is to inform you of incidents of note and to request possible assistance. We do not want to worry you in anyway. Any incidents stated are infrequent and spread about a wide area. Herefordshire is a safe place to live!

Rental Fraud: Targetting Empty Properties - Alert

This is a message sent via The Neighbourhood & Home Watch Network (England & Wales). This information has been sent on behalf of Action Fraud (National Fraud Intelligence Bureau)
Action Fraud (Action Fraud, Administrator, National)

The National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB) has received several reports of rental fraud whereby empty premises are being targeted and the locks are being changed for the purpose of adding legitimacy to a rental fraud.

The suspect(s) will find and enter an empty property for the purposes of changing the locks and then advertising it on online platforms, such as Gumtree, as a rental property. The suspect(s) then invite interested victims to visit the property for a viewing. Those victims which are interested in renting the property are then requested to pay a deposit and/or rent upfront in cash.



In some instances the victims have moved into the property only to be evicted by the real property owner, or have found that the locks have been changed, once they have received the keys. There are several instances where this fraud has left victims homeless.

Property Owners:

- If you or someone you know currently has an empty property, encourage them to visit the property regularly to make sure that the locks have not been changed and no damage has occurred.

Prevention Advice:

- Avoid communication with only email or mobile phone, request to see the property owner and ask for valid ID. You can also check ownership of the property using the Land Registry.
- The landlord will carry out their own due diligence and should request all of your details, references and proof that you will be able to afford to rent the property. Make sure that these checks are completed prior to paying a deposit / rent.
- Always view the property and the tenancy agreement before paying any upfront costs.

If you, or anyone you know, have been affected by this fraud or any other scam, report it to Action Fraud by calling 0300 123 2040 or visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk

Shed Security

We have had a number of reports recently of garden sheds being targeted and there are several precautions that you can take to protect your property.

Try to avoid leaving expensive equipment like garden tools, mowers, mountain bikes and power tools in your shed. If you have to then it is worth considering the below.

- * Keep your shed in good condition
- * Fit a closed shackle padlock to the door
- * Fittings should be bolted through the door and any screws concealed
- * Fit grilles or mesh to the windows
- * Invest in an alarm

Make sure:

Large items such as bikes are chained together. It is much more difficult to a thief to carry away a lot of large heavy items all at once.

Ladders are locked to a secure fixture in the shed or garage so they cannot be used to reach top floor windows of your house.

Top tips for a safer Garden

- * Gates fences and walls should be kept in good repair to stop intruders getting in.
- * Grow prickly plants close to vulnerable areas such as windows, fences, boundary walls and drainpipes – examples include Berberis, Pyracantha and Holly.
- * Don't leave ladders and tools lying around in your garden – these could be used to break into your home.
- * Mark your garden tools with your postcode.
- * If you have nowhere else to store valuable equipment, take measures to secure your shed.

Horse watch

This is a Watch Scheme for horse owners to join. There is no website at present but there is a Facebook page. The membership form is attached for anyone who may be interested. Free signage is available to those who join the Watch Scheme.

Anti-Social Behaviour

A quick guide as to what it is...

Anti-social behaviour means "any behaviour from any person that causes another person harassment alarm or distress". This means hurting or upsetting someone.

Now we are in to the summer holidays, this is where we tend to see a few more cases of ASB (Anti Social Behaviour), although, ASB is NOT just caused by young people! ASB covers many different types of behaviour, some which you might find is a part of your daily life without even realising the effects it can have on others and the consequences you can face.

Types of anti-social behaviour include:

- Graffiti and vandalism
- Littering or dumping rubbish
- Misuse of fireworks including using them late at night



- Shouting or noisy behaviour in places where this might be annoying or upsetting (e.g. outside someone's house)
- Using rude, abusive or insulting language
- Threatening behaviour or bullying - including on the internet or via mobile phones
- Uncontrolled or dangerous dogs
- Assaulting someone or threatening them
- Stealing
- Joyriding or using vehicles in an anti-social manner (for example noisy radios, wheel spinning)
- Drinking alcohol in the street
- Rowdy drunken behaviour in the street.

Some antisocial behaviour, are crimes and punishable by the law. Each case will be treated individually. Anti-social behaviour is widespread and takes many forms. The Police and Council work together in partnership, identifying and then trying to resolve these issues.

P- phone 999 only if

O- offenders r nearby

L- life is at risk

I- injury caused/threatened

C- crime in progress

E- everything else call 101

Regards Lowri ANDERSON PCSO 40247 Southwye Safer Neighbourhood Team

Correspondence

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Herefordshire Association of Local Councils (HALC)
Information Corner 10th August 2015

15.0 Agenda of Next Meeting

Budget / Precept 2015 - 2016

16.0 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 3rd November 2015** in **ABBEYDORE Village Hall** meeting to commence at 7.30pm

Parish Council meeting declared closed at 9.30pm

Signed.....

Parish Councillor Mr. David Watkins Chairman

Dated this day 3rd November 2015