

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 November 2015

No ABPC/MW/077

Present

Councillor Mrs. M. J. Jenkins Vice – Chairman
Councillor Mr. D. Bannister
Councillor Mr. D. Cook
Councillor Mrs. W. Gunn
Councillor Mr. M. J. Jenkins
Councillor Mr. T. Murcott

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 Vice - Chairman at 7.30pm

1.0 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Mr. D. R. Watkins Chairman, Councillor Mr. W. Millington and PCSO 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/076 held on Tuesday 1st September 2015 were unanimously confirmed as a true record and signed by the Vice - 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 @ 2nd October 2015

Current Account	£10,134.18
Bank reconciliation to agree with bank statement No 70	£10,134.18
Deposit Account	£6,541.44
Bank reconciliation to agree with bank statement No 14	£6,541.44

4.2 Receipts

Herefordshire Council Lengthsman / P3 Scheme 2 nd Quarter reimbursement of £825.00 (applied for but as yet not received)	
Herefordshire Council Precept part 2 by BACS reference 2024221	£3,600.00

4.3 Payments

Lengthsman Terry Griffiths (Contracts) Invoice TGC1357	
P3 Footpath Account + Worksheet	£420.00
Lengthsman Terry Griffiths (Contracts) Invoice TGC1370	
P3 Footpath Account + Worksheet	£134.40



Clerk's Salary September 2015 Gross	£297.76
Clerk's Vehicle Expenses	£4.32
Postage	£9.43
TAX £59.60 NIC £0.00	
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Lengthsman Terry Griffiths (Contracts) Invoice TGC1405	
Road Account + Worksheet	£330.00
HMR&C TAX & NICs reimbursement	£178.60
(paid by Parish Clerk with private cheque due to time constraints)	
Plusnet PLC 2570640-3 Broadband 28/09/2015 Direct Debit	
Bank Statement No 70	£9.99

Resolved unanimously that all payments are approved

5.0 Neighbourhood Plan Update

Councillor Mr. T. Murcott gave an update of progress to date
 Back on track now with grant monies received for Flood Risk Survey in Ewyas Harold
 Still 1 more consultation required

6.0 Public Question Time

No matters raised

7.0 To Receive Reports from:-

7.1 West Mercia Police

No Police present See Item 13.0

7.2 Ward Councillor's Report

Ward Councillor Mr. Graham Powell gave a verbal overview of his report **November 2015**
 (handed out to all present)

“Council Tax Consultation 2016/17

The Herefordshire Council council tax consultation closed on 9th October 2015 with some 1950 responses – somewhat better than the 260 of the previous year.

Broadband Strategy

The Broadband Strategy 2014-2018 is being updated and will be issued on 20th November 2015. The revised strategy recognises the emerging entrants into the supplier market.

Mobile Infrastructure Program

The Treasury have announced that the program funding will not be carried forward past 31st March 2016. This is being challenged by a number of MPs but subject to change at the CSR (25th November) only the mast at Clodock (planning approved on 30th October) has survived the process.

Herefordshire Core Strategy

The independent inspectors report on the examination of The Herefordshire Local Plan Core Strategy 2011 - 2031 is complete, the report was debated and voted on at a Cabinet Meeting on 15th October and a full Council Meeting on 16th October 2015. Subject to any legal challenge the Core Strategy has now been adopted.

Council Tax Reduction Scheme

Too complex for a written report... verbal update.

Devolution

Herefordshire Council has submitted an expression of interest in having freedoms and flexibilities devolved to it by central government.

Earlier this year central government asked local areas to come forward with proposals for devolution that would enable economic growth and better services to local residents. The Cities and Local Government Devolution Bill is currently working its way through the Houses of Parliament.



Initial national proposals have mainly involved major cities, with Manchester being the first devolution deal announced, followed by the first rural deal in Cornwall. There have been a couple more deals announced in the last couple of weeks and some more can be expected in advance of the comprehensive spending review announcement scheduled for 25th November. In all, 38 areas across the UK submitted proposals to government by the initial deadline of 4th September, but these are at very different stages of development. Herefordshire is at an early stage and expressed interest in gaining a greater say over how public money is spent, and how services and national bodies are run by central government. This would include local economic development; skills development; transport; broadband; fuel poverty; and health and social care. While there is no published guidance, it is apparent that Government's preference is for local authorities to submit joint bids and for those to be supported by new governance models including mayors and/or combined authorities. While this council has well-established partnership arrangements with our neighbouring councils, there so far appears to be no strong advantage to a combined authority and the working preference is for a model focused on addressing the challenges of the Herefordshire area, aiming at stimulating economic growth, assisting the case for a university, and addressing the challenges of the local health economy. The next step is to work-up detailed proposals and it is expected that the bid document will be presented to cabinet for endorsement in December or January, prior to submission to Government.

The council is working closely with public sector partners including local health bodies, and liaising with neighbouring authorities in the Marches local enterprise partnership, Gloucestershire and Worcestershire.”

7.3 Lengthsman Report

Parish Lengthsman Mr. Terry Griffiths gave a verbal update including:-

“As the weather has been kind to us over the summer period we scaled down the full maintenance schedule and carried out two light maintenance days to cover the various hotspots on the parish roads.

At the next meeting we will put forward for the council's consideration a number of specific tasks which will prepare us for the winter period.

Light maintenance day schedule

Clear gully grids and reform leads

Check grips and clear as required

Clear minor obstructions from roadside ditches

Clear headwall pipes

Check road signs and wash off as required

Collect litter and rubbish from areas worked

Roads covered on visit 1

C1212 From Parish boundary Wormbridge to B4347

C1225 From C1212 junction to C1223 junction

C1283 From C1223 junction To C1221

C1221 From parish boundary Wormbridge to parish boundary Kingstone

C1222 From parish boundary Allensmore to C1223

C1223 From C1222 to C1225

Roads Covered on Visit 2

U74209 From B4347 to parish boundary Michaelchurch

C1209 From parish boundary Michaelchurch to B4347

U74210

C1224 From B4347 to C1223”

No major faults or problems

Salt bins and blue pots to be cleaned out and refilled

The Parish Council resolved for Terry to have 2 x “light days” during November and December Leaving remaining budget for January, February and March 2016.



October 2015

Herefordshire Association of Local Councils (HALC)
Information Corner – 14th October 2015

Terry Griffiths Lengthsman
P3 Report August 2015 (reference Inv TGC1357)
P3 Report September 2015 (reference Inv TGC1370)

23rd October 2015 Dear All This week, I am pleased to report that the following works, amongst others, have been carried out in our locality:

Golden Valley North Filling of grit bins has now been completed across the locality

Golden Valley South Pothole repairs along Bevan Lane, Longtown

Stoney Street Gullies along Gosmore Street, Clehonger have been cleansed and connections proved

Hedge trimming to improve sign visibility B4348 near Vowchurch

This week I have:

Carried out a ward tour with Cllr Price

Attended several stakeholder meetings

Attended a members' briefing at Thorn on Thursday

Attended PROW training, focussing on enforcement, on Friday

Inspected ten NRSWA sites across the locality

Next week I will be:

Completing my statutory inspections

Continuing to reduce the backlog of enquiries from the public

Carrying out NRSWA inspections

Attending several stakeholder meetings

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 My best wishes Linzy

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14.0 Agenda of Next Meeting

Verge opposite Dore Abbey for parking – quotation

Broadband

Abbeydore Village Hall Trustees (Insurance)

15.0 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 5th January 2016** in **ABBEYDORE Village Hall** meeting to commence at 7.30pm

Parish Council meeting declared closed at 9.45pm

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

Dated this day 5th January 2016