

# Abbeydore & Bacton Group Parish Council

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of**  
**Abbeydore and Bacton Group Parish Council**  
**held in Bacton Village Hall**  
**on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

No ABPC/MW/082

## **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 (Bill) Millington  
Councillor Mr T Murcott  
  
Clerk Mr M Walker

## **Also Present**

Ward Councillor Mr Graham Powell 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  
Parish Lengthsman Mr Terry Griffiths not present  
Representative from Golden Valley Safer Neighbourhood Team not present  
Linzy Outtrim Locality Steward not present

## **2.0 Minutes**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Group Parish Council Meeting No ABPC/MW/081 held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2016 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  
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 @ 4<sup>th</sup> August 2016

Treasurers Current Account	£5,097.75
Business Bank Deposit Account	£15,045.76

### **4.2 Receipts**

Herefordshire Council Lengthsman / P3 Scheme 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter BACS Reference 4691117	£377.00
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### **4.3 Payments**

Clerk's Salary August 2016 Gross	£319.07
Mileage	£4.32
Postage	£5.12
Hall Heating	£2.00
TAX £63.80 NIC £0.00	
Cheque Number 000760 Terry Griffiths Road Account TGC1795 Cheque Number 000761	£452.40



Software 1/5 share Flippingbook (2 year subscription)	£111.60
Cheque 000762	
Clerk's Salary September 2016 Gross	£319.07
Mileage	£11.30
Postage	£5.05
TAX £63.80 NIC £0.00	
Cheque Number 000763	

**Resolved unanimously** that all payments are approved

Annual Return for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 received from External Auditors Grant Thornton with two minor comments, not affecting the audit  
Notice of Conclusion of Audit posted on Notice Board  
together with pages 3 and 4 of the Annual Return.

**5.0 Neighbourhood Plan Update**

Councillor Mr T Murcott gave a brief update of progress to date

The Parish Council unanimously approved the Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan as presented, ready for the imminent Herefordshire Council Regulation 16 Consultation to be followed by the Referendum later in the year. Proposed by Councillor Mr T Murcott

Now Kentchurch Parish Council and Ewyas Harold Group Parish Council need to approve their part of the Plan.

**6.0 Public Question Time**

No matters raised

**7.0 To Receive Reports from:-**

**7.1 West Mercia Police**

No Police present See Item 12.0

**7.2 Ward Councillor's Report**

Ward Councillor Mr. Graham Powell gave a brief verbal overview of his report *appendix 1*  
"Budget Consultation" and "Bus Service Consultation" forms given to Parish Councillors for submission to Herefordshire Council  
(Given to all present and to be emailed to Councillor Mr D Cook)

**7.3 Lengthsman Report**

Parish Lengthsman Mr Terry Griffiths not present report received with Invoice TGC1795

Routine Maintenance Work Clear grids and clean out road gullys. 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 beds junction splays and areas regularly used by pedestrians and no footway is provided

Village upkeep work as required. Roads covered on this visit:-

C1212 From parish boundary to B4347

U74212.

U74213.

To parish boundary

U74211

U74209

To parish boundary

C1225

To C1221

C1221

To parish boundaries

Defects found were dealt with on the day as find & fix or logged for scheduling as specific tasks"

Detailed Plan of Works to be drawn up by the Clerk, with input from Parish Councillors, as a reference for the Lengthsman. {Work sheets to be given to all Parish Councillors}



#### **7.4 Parish Footpath Officer Report**

Councillor Mr D Cook not present and no report available

#### **7.5 Locality Steward Report on Highways & PRow**

Locality Steward not present see Item 12.0

Extra reports from Linzy

“26<sup>th</sup> August 2016 Dear All

This week I am pleased to report that the following works, amongst others, have been carried out:

Golden Valley North Pothole repairs on the C1205 near Cusop

Delivery of a stile kit at Clifford

Golden Valley South Pothole repairs on College Road in Craswall, C1203 at Craswall, C1205 and C1203 at Longtown, and C1206 at Michaelchurch Escley

Removal of an overhanging branch on the B4348 at Peterchurch

Stoney Street Pothole repairs on the C1196 at Madley, Lane Head Farm Road, Pulley Avenue and Village Road in Eaton Bishop, and Stone Street in Madley

Gully cleansing along the A438 at Breinton, and C1098 at Bridge Sollars

This week I have: Had 2 days annual leave

Attended several stakeholder meetings

Carried out ad hoc inspections dealing with enquiries

Catching up on emails from my time on leave

Next week I shall be: Completing my statutory A and B monthly inspections

Attending site meetings with stakeholders and councillors Best wishes Linzy”

“1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 Dear All This week I am pleased to report that the following works, amongst others, have been carried out:

Golden Valley North Veg trim around signage on the C1185 at Bredwardine

Verge markers installed in Dorstone

Stile kit delivered to landowner in Cusop

Gullies cleansed and connections proved on Dorstone Hill

Pothole repairs on the B4352 at Bredwardine

Golden Valley South Pothole repairs on Tremorithic Road, Abbey Dore, and on Vowchurch Common Road, and on the B4347 near the Neville Arms

Vegetation clearance on a footpath in Walterstone

Stoney Street Hedge trimming on the C1098 at Lulham

Pothole repairs on Ruckhall Common Road and the Village Road in Eaton Bishop, in Oak Crescent in Clehonger

Gully cleansing in Oak Crescent in Clehonger, on the C1098 and Stone Street in Madley

This week I have: Completed my statutory A and B road inspections.

Raised defects in Belmont, Pontrilas, Ewyas Harold, AbbeyDore, Cusop, Peterchurch, Vowchurch and Clehonger.

Attended site meetings with stakeholders

Next week I shall be: Catching up on enquiries from members of the public, and parish councillors

Attending several site meetings

Starting the statutory inspections for September

If you have any outstanding issues in your Parish and you would like me to attend a site visit, please let me know and we can arrange a mutually convenient time. I will be taking annual leave on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September; emergencies will be covered by a colleague. Best wishes Linzy”

#### **8.0 Lengthsman & P3 Schemes**

##### **Information from Graham Powell - Herefordshire Council Budgets & Parish Council Precepts**

“I am sure everyone is aware that Herefordshire Council makes an annual charge (Council Tax) to pay for a range of statutory and discretionary services while the parish councils make an annual charge (the precept) to pay for a range of local services.

Herefordshire Council is currently running a budget consultation to seek views on the additional £7 million of savings that it needs to make in 2017/18.



The consultation document is available from [www.herefordshire.gov.uk](http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk) or from myself for those who would prefer a paper copy.

Parish councils are also facing challenges and one of them relates to the Lengthsman and Public Rights of Way (PROW) schemes that are, in the main, currently funded by Herefordshire Council and administered by the parish councils. The schemes have been successful in encouraging local parishes to work with their communities to improve the condition of local minor roads and footpaths. However, it is a discretionary area of spend for Herefordshire Council and a decision has been made to transfer financial responsibility for the schemes to the parish councils. The 2017/18 impact on local parish council precepts, if the parish councils decide to continue with the schemes, will vary dependent on the length of highway/PROW in the parish and the number of premises over which the cost is spread but will be in the order of £1 to £2 per month per Band D premise.

Parish councils who will be discussing the subject at their forthcoming meetings prior to setting their precept charge for the 2017/18 period and would welcome your views on the subject. If you wish to express a view, require further information, have questions or concerns please contact the clerk to your parish council, or myself, and we will be pleased to respond.

Graham Powell Ward Member - Golden Valley South 01873 860550

[grahampowell@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:grahampowell@herefordshire.gov.uk)

2017 – 2018 Lengthsman and Footpath (P3) Schemes

Possible mail out to all residents in Abbeydore and Bacton areas and information to be put on Notice Boards and the Website [abbeydoreandbactonparishcouncil.wordpress.com](http://abbeydoreandbactonparishcouncil.wordpress.com)

Previous information sent out with the Abbeydore & Bacton Group Parish Council Annual Report generated three replies, all in favour of a rise in the precept

£30.00 per kilometre from the Parish Council will realise £60.00 per kilometre from Herefordshire Council

At present figures and statistics from Herefordshire Council and the Parish Council may be subject to change

## 9.0 **Abbeydore Village Hall**

Village Hall update on improvements to date:-

Chairs in situ

Light fittings and low energy bulbs completed

Defibrillator and outdoor box in situ – instructions on wall in hallway of Village Hall

Sound 4 Churches to be instructed to install Hearing Loop System £1,355.00

To be paid for out of grant monies

Construction and Restoration to be instructed to undertake works £3,919.20 including VAT (Guarantee period of ten years on completion of works)

To be paid for out Village Hall Funds held by the Parish Council

Unanimously agreed by the Parish Council

## 10.0 **Pre-order Consultation**

AD4 Public Footpath Diversion Consultation

“Good Morning Susan

With reference to pre-order consultation for part of AD4 which Abbeydore & Bacton Group Parish Council considered at their September 2016 meeting.

The Parish Council raised no objections to this clearly necessary re-alignment

Best Regards *M. Walker*”

## 11.0 **Broadband Update**

Councillor Mr T Murcott gave an overview to date

“1<sup>st</sup> Email received 26<sup>th</sup> August 2016 Dear All I've just heard back from someone who has got EE 4G wireless broadband and getting very good results with that. It is expensive and it needs you to be in sight of an EE 4G mast, which some of you might be.

It might be worth pursuing for some. I know when I get into range of a 4G mast the speed and reliability is very impressive. All the best Toby”



“2<sup>nd</sup> Email Dear All I've been in contact with Herefordshire Council and can confirm that the tender for Phase 3, Lot 2 of the Fastershire Project was sent out on 8th of August and the closing date is 14th of October. I hope the contract will be awarded by the end of this year and work start shortly afterwards. This is part of the next phase, phase 3, of the Fastershire project which aims to cover most, but unlikely to be all, of the properties not covered by the Openreach upgrade that has been going on for the last few years.

This process is going take a while to reach everyone, and it will be rolled out in a series of lots. See here for further details <http://www.fastershire.com/where-when/strategy>.

There is one crucial difference between phase 2 and phase 1. When the tender has been agreed the suppliers will issue a list of exactly which properties will be included in the scheme. This is very different to the first, Openreach, phase, where exchanges were upgraded but not everyone on that exchange could benefit from faster broadband.

However, there is one very important caveat. Whatever might be in the tender documents or available anywhere else, the final list of properties will not be known until the contract has been signed. So don't get your hopes up or get disappointed until the ink is dry on the contract.

For an example of how this might work, see the Phase 2 contract for parts of the Cotswolds won by Gigaclear last year, details here <http://www.fastershire.com/where-when/phase-two-the-rollout>

I don't know who is tendering for this, I do know that at the Openreach meeting I reported on recently that Kim Mears suggested that Openreach were interested, and I also suspect that Gigaclear will put in a bid as they have already won one of the tenders. However, there are other players and other technologies so we just have to wait and see.

Finally, for people who have not yet got better broadband and are not in this area, Phase 3 of the rollout will continue to move onto other areas with more tenders and contracts expected over the next year or so. It is complex, the process has to be agreed with BDUK (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/broadband-delivery-uk>) and each area has to be shown to be in need of subsidy and will not be covered by commercial projects. It can be a very painstaking (and for us, frustrating) process. I do know that much of the recent delay, this tender was due out a few months ago, was down to BDUK scrutiny. However, despite the apparent lack of movement for many of us - I've been waiting on this promise for at least five years - things are happening. I try to stay chirpy, which I've been told can be very irritating, so maybe I'll go for some doom and gloom next time. All the best Toby”

A resident had asked if they could have use of Broadband in the Village Hall due to no facility at home.

The Parish Council unanimously resolved for Toby to investigate further, hall hire, parental control, filters, usage, supervision etc. and to report to the next full Parish Council meeting

## **12.0 Information Sheet**

Sheet to include update on previous action points and a list of correspondence received  
Planning Information{ Information Only – No comments being accepted}

Application No 161004/U

Neville Arms Abbeydore, Hereford HR2 0AA

Certificate of lawfulness for existing use of the land for various park requirements – for private use vehicles and business use vehicles relating to the following business' Nick Maddy Coaches. The Neville Arms, Mobile Bars and farming. We also use the area for handling live stock and grazing animals

Certificate of Lawfulness (CLEUD)

### **Certificate of lawful Use or Development 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

29<sup>th</sup> June 2016 Letter sent to Mr Paul Rone reference P3 Grant

22<sup>nd</sup> August 2016 Email received from Lisa Renshaw  
West Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Foundation  
“Many thanks I will ensure this is registered on our EOC CAD system”

August 2016 Herefordshire Association of Local Councils (HALC)  
Information Corner 15<sup>th</sup> August 2016

12<sup>th</sup> August 2016 Dear All

As Linzy is on annual leave for the next two weeks, this week I am pleased to report that the following works, amongst others, have been carried out:



Golden Valley North Pothole repairs on the following areas; C1185 from B4352 Brobury Lane, Scar Cottage, C1185 Hardwicke, Nant Y Bar Road & Newport Street.

Blocked gully cleared on the C1185 from B4352 Brobury Lane.

PROW materials delivered for the P3 scheme for footpaths CL58.

Golden Valley South Pothole repairs on the C1203 from Monnow Farm to Powys Boundary.

Fallen tree onto BT cables on the C1206 from C1203 to Shawls Farm Lane.

Stoney Street Overflowing litter bin emptied on Honeymoor to Eaton Bishop Road C1199.

Flytipping collected on Ruckall Lane, Oak Crescent & the A465 from B4349 to Golden Post Road.

Linzy shall be on leave all next week so if you have an emergency, please phone the main office on 01432 261800

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 Lara

Lara Edwards Locality Steward – Kington Balfour Beatty Living Places - Services Division

19<sup>th</sup> August 2016 Dear All

As Linzy is on annual leave this weeks, this week I am pleased to report that the following works, amongst others, have been carried out:

Golden Valley North Pothole repairs on the B4352 Kinley Farm Junction to Lawn Gate.

Golden Valley South Pothole repairs on Tremorithic Road from Cwn Road.

Stoney Street Pothole repairs on the C1098 from Lulham Cottage to Madley.

Linzy shall be on leave the first half of next week so if you have an emergency, please phone the main office on 01432 261800 Best wishes Lara

## [Golden Valley Safer Neighbourhood Team \(SNT\) Briefing 27th July - 10th August 2016](#)

### Crime Trends

Cockyard Between 1pm and 5pm on Friday 29th July, a shed in the front garden of a property was broken into and a Countax ride on mower, a Honda lawnmower, a Stihl petrol strimmer and a leaf blower were stolen.

Incident ref 566-s-290716

Ewyas Harold A red Honda quad bike was stolen from an unlocked garage by a property on the common between 5.20pm and 6.10pm on Friday 5th August. Earlier that afternoon there were several sightings of two males in a beige VW Passat **HY52OLX** in the Rowlestone and Walterstone areas, they had been up farm tracks 'looking for Abergavenny' when challenged. The two males were described as dark haired in their mid 20's to mid 30's, one with several days stubble/beard. Two males of a similar description had been seen by the owner of the quad walking up towards the common and their property just before the bike was taken. A mini briefing was sent out to residents of those areas to keep an eye out. Shortly afterwards a resident of Ewyas Harold happened to see a beige estate car towing a red quad with a male sitting on the quad going down the Pontrilas Road. We are assuming it is the same vehicle that was mooching around the surrounding area earlier on. Enquiries are in hand to trace the users of this vehicle Incident ref 233-s-060816

Longtown A shed in the rear garden of a property in the village was broken into sometime between Thursday 21st July and Wednesday 27th July, the sliding bolt had been cut and the padlock taken. Items stolen were a Husqvana chainsaw and a Stihl chainsaw, hedge trimmer and strimmer Incident ref 765-s-270716

Another shed at a property further up the road was also entered and two petrol trimmers (makes unknown) were stolen. This happened sometime overnight on Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd August, on this occasion the shed had inadvertently been left unlocked Incident ref 176-s-080816

Madley A mobile home on the outskirts of the village was entered sometime between 10.30am -1pm on Saturday 30th July and £5000 was stolen from an unlocked safe. It is believed that the thieves got in through an unlocked window Incident ref 421-s-300716

Walterstone Two males were disturbed attempting to steal a quad bike from a farm on the common at 6.15pm on Saturday 6th August; the bike had been parked in an open garage, in front of which was parked a Landrover belonging to the farm. A visitor to the farm saw a male enter the Landrover and move it back in order to get to the quad. On seeing the visitor the male, described as dressed in working clothes, ran off and got into a rusty red coloured 4x4, the registration taken as **W383CGJ** Incident ref 635-s-060816

Thirty minutes later a male was disturbed attempting to steal a quad bike from a property in **Clodock**, the owner was alerted when a buzzer sounded which meant someone had come up his drive. He saw a male pushing his quad down the drive towards the road. The male was described as white, about 25-30yrs old, about 5'10" tall and slight build. He was wearing a black and red hooded top with the hood up over his head.





Also wearing black jeans, black trainer type shoes and dark gloves. He ran off on being disturbed towards the road and a vehicle was heard to drive off in the direction of Pandy.

The details of the red 4x4 seen in Walterstone had been circulated to Gwent police, and they saw the vehicle, a red Landrover **W383CEJ** and tried to stop it. This culminated in a 20 minute pursuit by car and an hour on foot but eventually the driver was found and arrested, the passenger got away. The arrested male appeared in court in Newport on Monday morning and has been remanded in custody while enquiries continue. An excellent result from our colleagues in Gwent Incident ref 642-s-060816

#### Suspicious Vehicles/Incidents

A white estate car with the registration taken as **MR15FRU** with a male and a female occupant called at a farm in Preston on Wye at 1.30pm on Tuesday 9th August offering to tarmac the farmer's drive with some 'left over' material. The vehicle had RSTA written along the side with a chequered banner all looking very official, but clearly a scam Incident ref 328-s-090816

A reader from **Cusop** reported this incident to us -

"Yesterday a Dutch man knocked on the door trying to sell me cookware and knives that he said he couldn't take back to the Netherlands. He left without any bother when I said I wasn't interested"

Never buy from cold callers at the door is the message from Trading Standards

Scams A message from the Martley and Tenbury Safer Neighbourhood Team

Be aware of Rogue Trader scam

Following recent sightings concerning suspicious vehicles in the Worcestershire area a potential scam has come to notice that everyone should be aware of.

Persons purporting to carry out garden or driveway repair will approach home owners and discuss carrying out repairs to their property. The workmen when discussing payment insist that any monies would be paid into a bank account but not in cash.

Prior to or during any work being carried or completed, the workmen then ask for a deposit or a substantial amount of the money up front and it gets paid into a bank account by the home owner. The offender then tells the victim it's been paid into the wrong account and state that the money is being returned and immediately requests a second payment to a second account. Both sums of money are never returned and work is either left unfinished or never carried out in the first place.

Offenders will target elderly and vulnerable victims.

Please remain vigilant and note the crime prevention advice below:

How to protect yourself from bogus traders:

- Don't be forced into making a quick decision on the doorstep
- get at least three quotes from local reputable companies who have reputations to maintain, and if possible seek recommendations
- only deal with firms with genuine verifiable telephone numbers and addresses - beware of companies that only use mobile phone numbers and accommodation addresses
- Anyone who signs a contract on the door step following a visit that was not arranged (unsolicited) does have 7 days in which to cancel it by law.
- All cancellation rights must be provided in writing to the customer at the time the contract is agreed, usually on the doorstep - it is an offence not to do so
- If you don't want to speak to the trader don't open your door to them - it can be hard to distinguish the good traders from the cowboys so it might be easier to keep the door closed
- Do not allow uninvited callers into your home
- Refuse to be taken to the bank to withdraw money - if you ever feel intimidated by them, close the door and call the police

Remember if you see or hear anything suspicious report immediately on 101 or if a crime is in progress or an emergency then dial 999

An event is being held on Saturday 24th September on Bishops Meadow in Hereford. It is a cyber crime awareness family fun day with lots of attractions open to all

A free public lecture about cyber crime is being held on Wednesday 21st September at Holme Lacy College

Kind Regards **Fiona Golden Valley Safer Neighbourhood Team PS 1954 Nick Green (based at Ledbury)**

PC 2514 Tom Milton PCSO 6173 Fiona Witcher PCSO 6433 Lucy Morris

Peterchurch Police Station Peterchurch HR2 0RR 101 ext 4820

Team mobile 07779 141232 (Non urgent messages only) [goldenvalley.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:goldenvalley.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk)



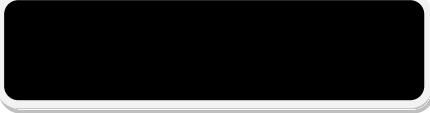
**13.0 Agenda of Next Meeting**

Lengthsman and P3 Footpaths Grant and top-up by Parish Council  
Budget and Precept for 2017 - 2018  
Neighbourhood Development Plan  
Broadband

**14.0 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 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016** in **BACTON 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 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016