

# Abbeydore & Bacton Group Parish Council

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of**  
**Abbeydore and Bacton Group Parish Council**  
**held in Abbeydore Village Hall**  
**on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

No ABPC/MW/085

**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, PCSO Fiona Witcher Representative from Golden Valley Safer Neighbourhood Team and one further member of the public

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

**1.0 Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Mr D Cook  
Parish Lengthsman Mr Terry Griffiths not present  
Linzy Outtrim Locality Steward not present

**2.0 Minutes**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Group Parish Council Meeting No ABPC/MW/084 held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017 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 interests 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 7.0**

**7.0 To Receive Reports from:-**

**7.1 West Mercia Police**

PCSO Fiona Witcher reported on the following:-

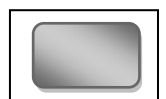
Area very quiet and nothing much to report

Locally some eggs had been taken without paying for them from the Abbeydore area

“Email received from a resident 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Hi we live on a country road which currently has a speed limit of 40mph the problem is its a straight bit of road and some drivers like to see how fast they can go on this bit of road, we have already lost pets due to this and have had 3 very close calls with children being hurt because cars just go way too fast, i was also nearly hit as i was trying to leave my drive as a car just came from no where and its even worse with local farmers speeding in their big machinery, it is an accident waiting to happen which we really do not want.

please can you help and insure no children get killed or any further pets? speed bumps or something just to kill the speed people go on this road.. hr2 0ad is our post code many thanks”



Above email read out by the Clerk to the Parish Council  
Fiona replied that this stretch of road will never be classed as a 30mph area  
Clerk instructed to investigate and reply to the resident

## **7.2 Ward Councillor's Report**

Ward Councillor Mr Graham Powell gave a verbal report on the following  
"Abbeydore & Bacton GPC Ward Member Report March 2017  
2017/18 Budget & Council Tax Update

The provisional financial settlement announced on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016 confirmed the following:  
Confirmation of the 2% council tax referendum principle  
Confirmation of an additional 2% adult social care precept and ability to raise the adult social care precept to 3% in 2017-18 and 2018-19 but no more than 6% over the next three years  
Reduction in the number of payment years for the new homes bonus from 6 years to 5 years in 2017/18 and to 4 years in 2018/19. Bonus will also only be paid above a 0.4% housing growth baseline.

Savings from the new homes bonus to be allocated to local authorities through an adult social care support grant

The net result of these changes is:

A reduction in the New Homes Bonus	(£1,065K)
New Adult Social Care Support Grant	£885K

Cabinet made their recommendation to Council on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January, Council approved the budget on 3rd February and set the Council Tax (including precepts) on 3rd March 2017.

(a) the council tax base of 67,937.91 band D equivalents;

(b) an increase in council tax in 2017/18 of 1.9%;

(c) an additional precept in respect of adult social care costs of 2.0% applied to council tax in 2017/18.

The impact of the above will result in a total council tax increase of 3.9%; increasing the band D charge from £1,324.83 to £1,376.50 for Herefordshire Council in 2017/18. Fire, Police & Parish precepts are added to this amount.

**Hereford Car Park Tariffs** The off street car park tariffs in Hereford have been reviewed and a new schedule of payments will come into effect from February 2017.

Maylords Orchard will change from a pay on exit facility to a pay and display car park. This is more cost effective and will be easier for disabled users who currently have to use the Shopmobility office for ticket validation. Most charges remain the same with some reductions.

**Hereford Library** Hereford Library reopened on Tuesday 31 January 2017 following the phase one completion of building work at Broad Street. Further work on the development of the building will follow.

Customers have access to a refreshed ground floor interior, including new meeting rooms and accessible public toilets. The county library will also welcome WISH (Wellbeing Information and Signposting for Herefordshire) which will operate from the main library.

**Social and affordable housing consultation** (Wednesday 18 January to Wednesday 15 March 2017)

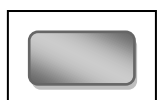
In partnership with Herefordshire's housing associations, the council is consulting on proposals to change the current social and affordable rented housing lettings system across the county and we want to know what you think.

The proposed changes aim to give customers greater choice, more direct access to homes managed by housing associations, easier access to the housing market through mobile technology and provide better value for money for the housing associations.

**Broadband** Details of the premises covered under the latest procurements will be announced in late March/early April 2017. Gigaclear an ultrafast pure fibre network provider has been awarded contracts. The Gigaclear product portfolio offers broadband speeds of up to 1000Mbps.

Residents who do not currently have access to faster broadband should register their interest at [www.gigaclear.com](http://www.gigaclear.com)

**And finally....**This is most probably my last appearance at an Abbeydore & Bacton GPC meeting. Carol and I have put our house in Longtown on the market and, subject to finding a willing buyer, we will be moving away from the local area.



I have enjoyed the past 6 years and leave the role of ward member knowing that I have done my best, and hopefully achieved something. I thank each of you for your help, kindness and hospitality.”

### **7.3 Parish Footpaths P3 Officer Report**

Councillor Mr D Cook and Footpaths P3 Officer not present and no report available

### **7.4 Locality Steward Report**

See Item 13.0 Information Sheet

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

### **4.0 Financial Report**

#### **4.1 Bank Balances** as per statements @ 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2017

Treasurers Current Account	£5,301.18
Bank Reconciliation to agree with Bank Statement No 86	£5,301.18
Business Bank Deposit Account	£7,048.92

#### **4.2 Receipts**

Herefordshire Council Lengthsman 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Payment BACS Reference 3856338	£1,197.00
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#### **4.3 Payments**

Terry Griffiths Road Account TGC1921 Cheque Number 000785	£458.40
Invoices to be sent so as to be paid at next Parish Council meeting <i>{Due to unforeseen circumstances with administration and un-issued invoices the Parish Council resolved by majority to withhold payment for this invoice TGC 1921 until the next meeting contrary to advice from the Parish Clerk} Work sheet also on previous minutes</i>	
K G Carpenter Invoice No 49 Village Hall re-decoration Cheque Number 000787	£2,436.00
Clerk's Salary February 2017 Gross	£319.07
Mileage	£15.62
Postage	£6.91
Hall Heating	£3.00
Stationery & Consumables	£70.70
TAX £63.80 NIC £0.00	
Cheque Number 000788	

**Resolved unanimously** that all payments are approved

{Finance Sheets given to all Parish Councillors present and posted to Councillor Mr D Cook}

Precept acknowledgement received from Herefordshire Council 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017  
for the coming fiscal year 2017-2018 at £9,200.00  
1<sup>st</sup> payment 21<sup>st</sup> April 2017 and 2<sup>nd</sup> payment 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017

### **5.0 Abbeydore Village Hall**

Village Hall Committee and Parish Council all very pleased with finished re-decoration by Mr K Carpenter and curtain poles / curtains will be replaced soon  
Clerk to contact Village Hall Committee for contribution of £2,000.00

### **6.0 Neighbourhood Plan Update**

Councillor Mr T Murcott gave a brief update of progress to date  
The Parish Council resolved unanimously to approve the Abbeydore, Bacton, Ewyas Harold, Dulas, Llancillo, Rowlestone and Kentchurch Parishes Neighbourhood Development Plan 2017 – 2031 for the Regulation 16 submission to Herefordshire Council as presented.  
Proposed by Councillor Mr T Murcott  
Clerk to contact Ewyas Harold Group Parish Council Clerk Claire Griffiths



## 8.0 Parish Council Lengthsman

8.1 No reports received due to no work undertaken

8.2 To consider condition of road signs within the parishes

Road signs to be reported to the Locality Steward Linzy Outtrim

Annual Maintenance Plan for 2017/2018 submitted to Balfour Beatty

8.3 To agree process for Contract Management 2017-2018

Spring cutting and to carry on next year

Look at the "Bund" at Abbeydore Abbey reference flooding

Prioritise drains, ditches and culverts

Strim junctions, splays and corners for visibility

Identify problems during the summer

## 9.0 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

Flooding by The Rectory at Abbeydore – run off from the fields

4 new drains installed by Balfour Beatty opposite Abbey

Pot holes are multiplying

Any pot holes not repaired properly send photographs to the Clerk for submitting to Balfour Bretty

Still no reply from Paul Rone reference P3 letter

## 10.0 William Hoskyns Charity

Parish Council to consider nomination of a Trustee to the vacant position

A prospective Trustee to be contacted by the Clerk

## 11.0 Broadband Update

To receive update from Councillor Toby Murcott

Councillor Toby Murcott reported that most of Kerry's Gate was now live and on line

Councillor Toby Murcott proposed that a vote of thanks went to Ward Councillor Mr Graham Powell for all his hard work and persistence in connection with obtaining Broadband in the Abbeydore and Bacton areas, without which it would not have happened.

## 12.0 To Consider Policy for Approval

Policy for Early Discussions on Development Projects unanimously agreed and signed by Councillor Mr D R Watkins Chairman

## 13.0 Information Sheet

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

Application No 163570

Sunny Crest, Abbeydore, Hereford HR2 0AL

Refurbishment of existing outbuilding (retrospective)

**Planning Permission Granted 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

Application No 163845

Farm Shop, Moorhampton Park, Abbeydore, Hereford HR2 0AL

Extension of covered patio, extension of existing building to provide shower facilities and change of use of first floor storage area to bunkhouse

**Planning Permission Granted 24<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

## Correspondence

14<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Herefordshire Council

Request for Electoral Register

25<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Warwickshire & West Mercia Community Rehabilitation Company Probation

Community Payback Project

29<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Letter sent to Mr Paul Rone reference P3 Grant

Reply still awaited



**20<sup>th</sup> January 2017** Dear All Here is the summary of works that have been carried out in our locality over the past week: Golden Valley North Nil to report

Golden Valley South Parapet repairs to a bridge on the C1239 at Kentchurch

Pothole repairs on the C1239 at Kentchurch, and the C1213 at Ewyas Harold, and at Longtown.

Stoney Street Gully cleansing along the A438 at Bridge Sollars

Grit bin refilling along Ruckhall Lane, and Lane Head Farm Road in Eaton Bishop

Pothole repairs on the A438 at Bridge Sollars

Flytipping collection on the B4348 at Vowchurch

This week I have Started my monthly priority C/U road inspection; this will be completed next week

Attended several meetings with stakeholders

Dealt with several media enquiries

Next week I shall be Completing my monthly statutory inspections, including the B roads

Dealing with enquiries raised by members of the public

Undertaking some training on delivering development reviews for staff

Putting up statutory notices on a PROW in Longtown Best wishes Linzy

**27<sup>th</sup> January 2017** Dear All Here is the summary of works that have been carried out in our locality over the past week: Golden Valley North Pothole repair on the B4352 at Blakemere

Golden Valley South Fencing repairs on a cattle grid on Turnant Longtown Road

Parapet repairs on the C1239 at Kentchurch

Gully cleansing on the B4348 at Peterchurch, and on Vowchurch Common Road

PROW: installation of a roadside fingerpost at NW13; delivery of furniture to landowners

Pothole repairs on Hill Lane in Craswall

Verge marker installation on the C1223 at Kerry's Gate

Stoney Street Refill grit bins on Lane Head Farm Road

Flytipping collection on the B4348 at Vowchurch

Pothole repairs on the C1098 at Madley, and on the B4348 at Vowchurch

This week I have Completed my priority C/U road inspection

Started my B road inspection

Installed statutory notices on a PROW at Longtown Best wishes Linzy

**3<sup>rd</sup> February 2017** Dear All Here is the summary of works carried out in the Golden Valley locality over the past week. Golden Valley North Pothole repairs on The Drain in Dorstone

Golden Valley South Gully cleansing along the B4347 at Ewyas Harold, Pontrilas & AbbeyDore, on the C1205 at Longtown, and on the C1212 at AbbeyDore

Culvert cleansing on the C1213 at Dulas

Pothole repairs on Hill Lane at Craswall, on Turnant Longtown Road, on C1213 at Ewyas Harold, on B4347 at Ewyas Harold & AbbeyDore

Stoney Street Pothole repairs on the B4348 at Vowchurch

Removal of a tree from the highway in Madley

This week I have Installed statutory notices on a PROW at St Margarets

Completed my statutory inspections for January

Attended a parish tour of Bishopstone Parish

Met a new parish clerk to give her an oversight of the steward role

Given mock interviews to students at Kingstone High School

Next week I shall be Beginning my statutory inspections for the month, which include the B roads, a quarterly C link inspection, and 2 annual inspections

Attending several meetings with stakeholders and councillors Best wishes Linzy

**10<sup>th</sup> February 2017** Dear All Here is the summary of works carried out in the Golden Valley locality over the past week. Golden Valley North Nil to report

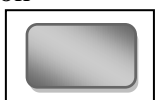
Golden Valley South Ditching works near Peterchurch

Stoney Street Gully cleansing on the B4348 at Vowchurch, and on the C1098 at Lulham

Pothole repairs on Ruckhall Lane, on the A438 near Swainshill, B4352 at Clehonger

Fly tipping collection on Stone Street, Madley and on the A465 at Clehonger

This week I have Walked a PROW with a landowner to discuss stile requirements and advise on permissive routes



Attended several site meetings with stakeholders

Dealt with enquiries

Walked a PROW to put up statutory notices of a path being closed in Llancillo

Raised pothole defects on the B4348 at Cusop, on the B4352, and on Birch Hill Road, and Pleasant Row in Clehonger, on the C1203 in Craswall, and on the C1205 in Longtown, and on the C1219 in Rowlestone, and in Ruckhall Lane.

Next week I shall be Starting my statutory monthly inspections

Keeping up with enquiries

Attending more meetings with stakeholders Best wishes Linzy

**17<sup>th</sup> February 2017** Dear All Here is the summary of works carried out in the Golden Valley locality over the past week.

Golden Valley North Pothole repairs on the C1193 at Madley, on the B4352 at Blakemere, and on the B4348 at Dorstone

PROW: delivery of materials to a landowner

Golden Valley South Pothole repairs on Court Road in Walterstone, C1206 in Michaelchurch Escley, C1219 at Pontrilas, C1205 at Longtown, B4347 and on the C1221 at Ewyas Harold.

Stoney Street Gully cleansing on the B4348 at Vowchurch, and on Church Lane in Byford

Pothole repairs on Ruckhall lane, on the C1196 at Vowchurch, on the C1191 at Lulham, on Ruckhall Common Road and Cophill Road in Eaton Bishop, C1098 and Stone Street at Madley, on the C1193 at Kingstone

Gully reset on the C1098 at Madley

Rebed post at Handleys Cross, and sign fix on the B4348 at Vowchurch

Culvert cleansing on Byford Common Road

Delivery of PROW materials to a P3 parish

Flytipping collection on the A465 at Clehonger

This week I have Raised 87 defects, in Peterchurch, Dorstone, Vowchurch, Byford, Bridge Sollars, Madley, Blakemere, Preston-on-Wye, Ewyas Harold, Clehonger, Cusop and Clifford

- Had Monday off as annual leave
- Attended a meeting with a parish clerk and Lengthsman in Cusop
- Dealt with enquiries around the locality
- Begun my statutory inspections for the month

Next week I shall be Keeping up with enquiries

- Attending several meetings with stakeholders
- Finishing my statutory inspections Best wishes Linzy

**24<sup>th</sup> February 2017** Dear All Doris certainly made her presence felt this week, with 4 times as many emergencies yesterday than the average Thursday in February. There are several road closures around the county still, but we are working hard to try and get them open again as soon as possible, with more trees down being reported today.

Here is the summary of works carried out in the Golden Valley locality over the past week.

Golden Valley North Pothole repairs on the B4352 at Moccas and Blakemere, and B4348 at Dorstone  
Emergency road closure at Middlewood because of a tree down

Golden Valley South Pothole repairs on Prill Road and on the B4347 in Ewyas Harold

Replacement grit bin on Llanithog Road in Kentchurch

Gully top repair on the C1203 near Craswall

Stoney Street Pothole repairs on the C1098 at Madley, on the B4348 at Vowchurch, and on the C1193 at Kingstone

Gully cleansing on the B4348 at Vowchurch

Colleagues Phil Pankhurst and Lara Edwards have kindly helped with statutory B road inspections this week, with defects being raised for flytipping, potholes, sign defects, and road sweeping in Kingstone, Scudamore Common, Dorstone, Peterchurch, Michaelchurch Escley, Urishay Common, Bacton, Newton St Margaret's, Kerry's Gate, Ewyas Harold, AbbeyDore, Vowchurch, Cusop, Whitney-on-Wye, Bredwardine, Tyberton and Moccas.



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](#)

Current and future road closures in our area can be seen on [www.roadworks.org](http://www.roadworks.org)  
Best wishes Linzy **Linzy Outtrim** Senior Locality Steward

### **Golden Valley Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) Briefing 12th - 27th January 2017**

**Crime Trends Clehonger** Sometime between Friday 13th / Wednesday 18th January damage was caused in the play area of the pre-school at Clehonger Primary School. A child's table and chairs were damaged, and a few plastic toys were stolen.

Please report any persons trespassing on school premises outside school hours Incident ref 271-s-180117

**Lower Maescoed** A shed at an isolated farm yard was broken into sometime between 4pm on Monday 16th and 11am on Wednesday 18th January. The padlock on the door was forced off and a Stihl disc cutter, a bench grinder (make unknown) and a laser level (make unknown) were stolen ref 465-s-190117

**Scams** Another selection of scams doing the rounds, forwarded to us by some of our readers....

**From:** "HMR & C" <[GTRHFGHRT654654@shaw.ca](mailto:GTRHFGHRT654654@shaw.ca)> **Date:** 22 January 2017 at 12:16:17 GMT

**To: Subject: 2017 Taxes**

**HM Revenue & Customs:** H5324632D

Hello **New Tax Calculation** We have received your tax calculation which shows you due a tax repayment of **156.32 GBP**. We have determined that you are eligible to receive a tax refund of **156.32 GBP**.

Please submit the tax refund request **Please Click [Refund](#) and submit the tax refund request.**

Note : A refund can be delayed a variety of reasons, for example submitting invalid records or applying after deadline.

For more information about refund and payments, or to get in touch, go to our [help pages](#).

**HMRC FoI Act Team**

**Room U9/340**

**162 Parliament Street**

**London LU9 5OF**

**From:** HM Revenue & Customs <[info@intromb.de](mailto:info@intromb.de)>

**Date:** 20 January 2017 at 11:17:28 GMT **To: Subject: Tax Refund form 2017 - last notification!**

### **Pending Tax Refund**

As you may be aware we have been attempted to contact you regarding an outstanding tax refund to the value of **£198.54** resulting from overpaid tax for year ending 2016.

Requests for tax refunds are **time limited** and it is vital you complete your claim as soon as possible.

Please use the link below to complete your claim online this only only take you a few minutes to complete also please note the following:

- You have until the **Monday 23th of January 2017** to make your claim.
- Tax Reference No: **2015/4956895/F**
- We can only process a refund for the tax year we have detailed above.
- It may take up to 4 weeks for us to process your refund.

**[Complete form Now !](#)**

We aim to send repayments within 2 weeks, but it may take longer in some cases. You should wait 4 weeks before contacting us about the payment.

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In both of these cases, the letter was addressed to the email address of the recipient, not to them personally which should immediately set alarm bells ringing! DO NOT click on the links provided with such e-mails as you will be opening a real can of worms and your computers' security will be compromised.

"I wanted to report a possible attempted scam. I had a call this morning from a caller claiming to be from a solicitors firm following up an Accident Claim which they had been forwarded from an insurance claim 'portal'. They claimed to be acting on my behalf as they had assessed the case notes and they considered me not to be responsible for the incident.

They said they were acting on my behalf to process the personal injuries side of my case and they just wanted to validate a few details to ensure that the compensation would be correctly paid to the injured party. (I assume that this would have meant giving out my bank details had this progressed).

They wanted me to confirm that I had been involved in an accident in the past 2 ½ years and said that the insurance company had placed the details on an insurance claim 'portal' and they were supporting my claim.....

There have been no accidents or claims of any kind connected with anyone here, but suspecting it was an attempt at a scam I said that the insurance company were dealing with my case. I told them that their (my insurance company) solicitors were the only ones I had authorised to have my personal data and asked if they could confirm if they were the solicitors working for the insurance company.... they were evasive and didn't really respond, so I pointed out that I would need to confront my insurance company with their details (which is why I needed their firm, address etc) to ask why my personal data was being shared without my permission.... as that is a breach of the data protection act... the caller said thank you, goodbye and put the phone down...

The call came from the following number at around 11.30am this morning (24/01/2017) – 02032 390038, we are on the telephone preference service so do NOT want to receive these unsolicited calls, especially as there seems to be a doubtful motive behind this particular one..."

I have just spoken to one of our local farmers who had received a call earlier today from a male claiming to be from Hereford police selling advertising space in a publication, the proceeds going to help children. The number the call came from was 03300165006, I have done an internet search and found that calls from this number have purported to come from various police departments across the UK selling advertising or in some cases wanting to talk about anti-social behaviour, but it is definitely a scam, just hang up.

The following scam advice is via Paul Crumpton, our resident expert on all things cyber... (also attached is Cyber Lite Bites part 6)

Try this test !.....have a go at a test the City of London Police have put together to examine your susceptibility to Fraud - <https://frauddefencetest.com/>

Is a company called RELISH your broadband provider? (RELISH is a real company)

There is a fake email from crooks sent out to thousands of personal and business addresses purporting to come from 'noreply@relishcare.net' with the subject line being '**Your Relish bill is ready**'

The fraudulent email contains a link which if clicked will corrupt your device and demand up to £1k to recover it.

Do not click the link.....in fact, do not open the email, just confine it to the bin where it belongs.

If you or someone else you know is a genuine customer of RELISH, do not contact them via that email or via any contact number contained within that spoof email.

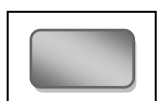
Contact them from documentation you already have or from their website if you have any concerns.

Best Regards Paul Crumpton Rural, Business & Cyber Crime Reduction Coordinator Herefordshire West Mercia Police Dial 101 and ask for 4408

I have also attached a copy of a leaflet offering gardening services that is being distributed across the county by some of our 'well known' residents - please do not engage with these people and we'd be keen to hear from you if you've had one put through your letter box recently.

We strongly recommend that you do not employ the services of anyone that cold calls or drops leaflets, however genuine they seem, without first checking with Trading Standards on 01432 261987.

Have you seen this man? We are looking for the male in the below photos, last seen in the Cusop/Hay on Wye area in the last few days. He is aged 41, 5'6" - 5'8" tall with dark hair and dark bushy beard which is greying. He is unkempt and maybe in possession of a bicycle. He is thought to be camping so if you spot a small tent, or see him, please let us know, quoting incident number **81-s-230117**. Kind Regards *Fiona*







### **Golden Valley Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) Briefing 27th January-9th February 2017**

**Crime Trends Ewyas Harold** A garage premises was broken into between 9pm - 10pm on Monday 30th January; a window at the rear of the main workshop was forced open (the only window in the workshop that hadn't been welded shut) to gain entry. The only thing that appears to be missing are a few sets of keys that belong to vehicles that have been scrapped Incident ref 150-s-310117

**Llanveynoe** Between 12noon and 3pm on Sunday 30th January a grey Seat Altea that was parked on the lane leading to the Cats Back car park had the rear windscreen smashed. A search was made of the boot and interior but nothing had been left in the vehicle so the offenders left empty-handed Incident ref 366-s-290117

**Suspicious Vehicle** A grey Mazda **CV53TZC** was seen in the **Cusop** and **Clifford** area around 7am on Friday 3rd February. The vehicle contained three males, and enquiries at the Co-op where they had also been seen revealed they had been looking to buy a wheelbarrow. Shortly before that they had been seen in an industrial estate and the behaviour of the occupants caused suspicion and it was reported to police. The driver had a Welsh accent. A letter has been sent to the keeper of the vehicle asking to account for his actions Incident ref 82-s-030217

**Scams** An elderly lady in Clehonger received a call from a foreign sounding male calling himself Nathaniel, offering to supply a service to stop junk/spam phone calls (!). He was very persuasive and managed to obtain all the details from the lady's bank card. Fortunately the lady realised afterwards that it may have been a scam and went straight to the bank and cancelled her card, no transactions had been made. The number he called her from was 02704 344346, an internet search on this number reveals several forums where people have had the calls from the same male, claiming he is from the Telephone Preference Service, which he is not.

The below is an extract of an e-mail sent round by my colleague at Bromyard regarding another cold calling company to be aware of - Trading Standards are aware and their advice, as always, is NEVER to deal with cold callers, be it on the phone or at the door.

"An elderly consumer in Ullingswick had an unsolicited phonecall from a company called Secure Home Systems Limited to arrange an appointment, which he agreed to and received a scruffy hand written quote on A4 plain paper for installation of a burglar alarm / security system (quote in excess of £5k, though it is a large property). The gent has not signed anything, nor paid any money and will not proceed further but wants to make us aware they are cold calling in the area. Apparently the sales rep was unable to answer any questions about "what happens if the company goes into liquidation" nor about terms and conditions which rang alarm bells for the consumer.

Company is Secure Home Systems Ltd tel 01902 607230 of Phoenix House, Dimminsdale, Off Railway Lane, Willenhall, WV13 2BE.

[www.securehomesystems.co.uk](http://www.securehomesystems.co.uk) email [info@securehomesystems.co.uk](mailto:info@securehomesystems.co.uk). Company Reg no 09015475"

If you have a call from this company, please let us know.

Even we are not immune from scam e-mail - this one appeared in my inbox at work this morning! Needless to say I didn't click on the attachment, I'm not sure how it got through our security system though!!

Good day [fiona.witcher@westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:fiona.witcher@westmercia.pnn.police.uk) ,

Attached you will find a copy of invoice 583749 in our system. We are looking to get payment status.

Thank You! Clare Kingsbury

That's it for this edition, thanks for reading :- ) Kind Regards *Fiona*

### **Golden Valley Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) Briefing 9th - 25th February 2017**

**News from the Nick** Congratulations to Lucy, who has been successful in her application to join Dyfed Powys Police as a police officer. Her training begins on March 27th, and her last working day with West Mercia will be 10th March.



Lucy joined us in the Golden Valley in November 2015, having already served nine years as a PCSO in Worcester and Ludlow, and she is a valued, hard working member of our team. We will miss her, but wish her every success in her future career.

We have had no reported property crime since the last briefing which is great news - we must be doing a good job ;-)

One Sunday morning a couple of weeks ago, the team here had a joint operation with the Brecon Beacon wardens and colleagues from the Operational Policing Unit or OPU for short(Tom's new gang!) up in the **Olchon Valley** and **Longtown** areas. We were targeting the scrambler bikes that illegally ride up onto the mountain causing considerable damage, and danger to walkers and wildlife.

These individuals have no regard for the law, and in the past have refused to stop for police. They usually have no number plate displayed so it is very difficult to trace the culprits. Three bikes were seen going up onto the mountain at Craswall that morning, displaying no registration plates, but a good description was given by the witness. Later, they were seen by a patrol in the road, presumably having come down from the mountain, and were signalled to stop. One did but his two colleagues decided against it, and strangely when questioned, the one who didn't get away couldn't remember his mates names. The male that was stopped hailed from **Ewyas Harold**, and he was given a ticket for failing to display a registration plate and will have to pay £100. He had the plate in his rucksack which had just broken off apparently!

The O P U spent some time in **Peterchurch** one morning recently along with officers from DVLA and Customs and Excise and stopped several vehicles; two tickets were issued for traffic offences (no registration plate and a bald tyre),

4 prohibition notices were issued (for vehicle defects that needed rectifying there and then), two drug swipes were carried out and a medical form completed as the competence of a driver was in question.

Scams Carers for an elderly resident of **Madley** reported to us that an unknown male had cut down a tree for the resident and she had written him a cheque for £1000. Luckily, the bank did not cash the cheque as they didn't recognise the signature - the handwriting had deteriorated from the one originally given to the bank and they did not match. An officer attended and advised the carers to remove all money and cheque books from the premises for safe keeping, which was just as well as there was another call to the same property on Friday 24th February. The carers arrived and found the kitchen had been ransacked; the resident said two men had called for money and when she said she didn't have any, they began searching for some. Enquiries are ongoing, there is a suspect for this.

Please ensure that elderly and vulnerable members of your family and community are warned against allowing strangers to carry out work - these individuals are known to have left a flyer advertising 'garden services' and they prey on vulnerable people [Incident ref 380-s-240217](#)

The below is another scam e-mail received by one of our readers ..

**From:** Chambers O'Neill [<mailto:creditcontrol@top-service.co.uk>]

**Sent:** 15 February 2017 12:05 **To: Subject:** Reminder Email

Date: 15 February  
2017  
FAO - Purchase  
Ledger Dept.

**Reminder**  
**Immediate Action Required**  
**2939 368 4249**  
**ZHX95**

Dear Sir/Madam

We have been instructed to act on behalf of our client, Chambers O'Neill, with reference to your company's overdue account, the balance of which now totals 454.52 GBP. This amount comprises of:

Overdue Invoices:	412.47 GBP
Interest:	2.05 GBP
Late Payment Compensation:	40.00 GBP



Some of these overdue monies date back as far as 17/01/2017 and you will appreciate that our client cannot wait indefinitely for this matter to be settled. If you have any queries with your account please telephone our client's credit control department on 2939 368 4249.

Please see below  
for ways to pay.  
Yours faithfully  
*Elizabeth  
Chapman*

Interest and compensation may be claimed under The Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998 or under the terms of our client's contract.

That's all for this edition short and sweet! Kind Regards *Fiona* [Golden Valley Safer Neighbourhood Team](#)  
Email dated 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017 received from Mr Peter Rostron

"You will remember that last year we met a lady from Balfour Beatty to discuss the feasibility of a small car parking area on the opposite side of the road to the Abbey. We are now looking at ways by which we might obtain grant aid for such a development. There are a number of possibilities, but we need a few basic facts. Do you have any idea of the possible cost? Are any funds likely to be made available from the Council? What hoops would we have to go through to obtain planning permission? Any other comments would be gratefully received."

Clerk to send information to Mr Peter Rostron

**14.0 Agenda of Next Meeting**

Neighbourhood Development Plan  
Broadband

**15.0 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 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017** in **ABBEYDORE Village Hall** meeting to commence at 7.40pm or immediately on completion of the Parish Meetings if later

Parish Council meeting declared closed at 9.00 pm

Signed..........

Parish Councillor Mr D R Watkins Chairman  
Dated this day 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017