

# Abbeydore & Bacton Group Parish Council

## Minutes of an Ordinary "ZOOM" Meeting of Abbeydore and Bacton Group Parish Council held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020

No ABPC/MW/105z

### Present

Councillor Mr D Watkins Chairman  
Councillor Mr T Murcott Vice - Chairman  
Councillor Mr D Bannister  
Councillor Mrs A Booth  
Councillor Mr D Cook  
Councillor Mr R Fenton  
Councillor Mrs W Gunn  
Councillor Mr M Jenkins  
  
Clerk Mr M Walker

### Also Present

Golden Valley South Ward Councillor Mr Peter Jinman and one further member of the public

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

### 1.0 Apologies for Absence

No apologies received as all Parish Councillors joined the "ZOOM" meeting  
Parish Lengthsman/Contractor Mr Terry Griffiths and Locality Steward Mr Paul Norris not present

### 2.0 Minutes

The Minutes of the Ordinary Group Parish Council Meeting No ABPC/MW/1034z held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2020 were unanimously confirmed as a true record and would be signed by the Chairman (\*Clerk to obtain signature from Chairman when convenient)

### 3.0 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

3.1 To receive any declarations of interest in agenda items from Councillors

No Declarations of Interest were made

3.2 To consider any written applications for dispensation

There were no written applications for dispensation made

### 4.0 Financial Report

#### 4.1 Confirmation of Receipts

Herefordshire Council Ref 2831816 Precept 17<sup>th</sup> September 2020 £4,600.00  
BACS Remittance Advice

#### 4.2 Payments

Clerk's Salary August 2020 Gross £360.04  
Mileage £6.98  
Postage £6.12

TAX £72.00 NIC £0.00

Nett Pay £301.14

#### **Cheque Number 000894**

Clerk's Salary September 2020 Gross £369.97  
Mileage £6.98  
Back Pat £49.66  
Computer Software £23.02

(1/5 Share of "ZOOM" Internet Platform)

TAX £83.80 NIC £0.00



Nett Pay £365.83  
**Cheque Number 000895**  
 HMR&C 2<sup>nd</sup> ¼ Payment July August September £227.80  
**Cheque Number 000896**  
 Clerk's Salary October 2020 Gross £369.97  
 Mileage £4.50  
 Postage £4.01

TAX £74.00 NIC £0.00

Nett Pay £304.48

**Cheque Number 000897**

TEEC Limited Invoice 3398 £528.00

Website set up

**\*Cheque Number 000892**

*NOT PAID YET)*

£155.99

Website Hosting + Domain Name + Email Addresses etc.

**\*Cheque Number 000892**

*NOT PAID YET)*

**Resolved unanimously** that all payments are approved

Plusnet 29/07/2020 Invoice 00002674174-027 £26.99

**DD Payment**

Plusnet 01/09/2020 Invoice 00002674174-028 £26.99

**DD Payment**

#### **4.3 Bank Balance**

Bank Statement @ 4<sup>th</sup> August 2020 No 72  
 Business Bank Instant Account £13,068.43

Bank Statement @ 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020 No 73  
 Business Bank Instant Account £13,068.89

#### **Bank Balance**

Bank Statement @ 4<sup>th</sup> August 2020 No 29  
 Treasurers Current Account £7,735.06

Bank Statement @ 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020 No 30  
 Treasurers Current Account £7,414.95

(\*Clerk to obtain signature from Chairman when convenient)

#### **4.4 Local Government Pay Deal Agreed (backdated to 01/04/2020)**

Unanimously approved by the Parish Council.

#### **5.0 Public Question Time**

A 10 minute period is to be allocated if required to facilitate any member of the public to address the assembled Parish Councillors

No matters raised

#### **6.0 To Receive Reports (if available) from:-**

##### **6.1 Golden Valley South Ward Councillor Mr Peter Jinman – Pontrilas Railway Station update**

Mr Peter Jinman reported on the following:-

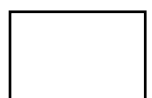
Herefordshire Council had a meeting this week with the Treasury Department.

Covid 19 outbreak in Herefordshire is at a very low level in the county and also in the West Midlands but we all still need to take care.

The Swimming Pool repairs are going to be very expensive – pool may be re-sited.

Maylord Orchards spaces are filling up quickly and prospective occupants are on a waiting list.

The Pontrilas Parkway Railway Station has had a knock back but funding is available including Government monies. The Department of Transport have looked at our application and have asked for some additional information.



We are part of this first tranche of funding and it is thought that the Department of Transport are pretty happy with our application. The Welsh Government and Monmouth County Council are supportive – it is going to be a long project.

The Golden Valley Action Group Hay-on-Wye to Pontrilas (see Item 7.0)

Dore Abbey meeting reference Cycle Parking

Dore Abbey Flooding Plan to relieve water problems

Flooding last weekend Balfour Beatty Living Places were on stand-by

All Grit Bins, yellow and blue, should now have been filled

*Question* Member asked if the Post Box at the bottom of Bacton Hill which was removed could be reinstated.

Clerk instructed to write to Post Master at Hereford

## **6.2 Parish Footpaths**

No new information received

### **6.2i Officer Vacancy**

Councillor Mr T Murcott still to contact Mr Joe Rumer with A3 map

## **6.3 Locality Steward Mr Paul Norris**

Information sent to Parish Councillors by email

## **6.4 Terry Griffiths Lengthsman**

Terry Griffiths not present and no report due to no works undertaken

No problems at the moment and Terry is available for works when required

## **6.5 Broadband Update**

To receive update from Councillor Toby Murcott

Councillor Mr T Murcott reported on the following:-

Mr Matt Smith Fastershire and Gigaclear – no known setbacks

Ledbury area requires more engineers

## **6.6 Neighbourhood Plan Update**

Government to start again with NDPs shortly

NDPs are important regarding design

Toby to contact Kentchurch Parish Council and Ewyas Harold Group Parish Council representatives

## **7.0 Golden Valley Action Group**

*“In among the rolling hills of Herefordshire,*

*the Golden Valley is one of the most arresting landscapes in Britain.*

*The Golden Valley is the valley of the River Dore, from the French d’or meaning of gold, it is likely that the name itself derives from the mispronunciation by the Normans of the word dwr (water), which sound a lot like d’or to the ear. The word dwr can be traced back to the Neolithic period and we know that there has been settlement here since that period.*

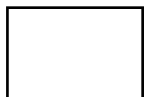
*The valley stretches between the parishes of Dorstone, Peterchurch, Abbey Dore and Ewyas Harold in the southwest of the county of Herefordshire. The area includes the electoral Wards of Golden Valley South and Golden Valley North.*

*Made up of predominately local people, living in or with strong links with this area, the Golden Valley Action Group (GVAG) formed to support regenerative development for the benefit of the environment, social wellbeing, and the local economy. We have been active, in various forms, since 2007 promoting environmental good practices and opposing environmentally damaging practices in our locality.*

### **GVAG Actions**

*GVAG undertakes local initiatives and supports campaigns for protecting the environment, and initiate projects that test and create innovative ideas that support regenerative and sensitive developments.*

*We actively campaign to establish the Wye Valley as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) which was first designated in 1950. The Golden Valley area sits within the proposed boundary and having AONB status strengthens the case for increased protection of the natural habitat and the quintessential beauty.*



*We work with and provide support to individuals and local groups who wish to set up a project or campaign and who need expertise and facilities.*

*Through our Community Interest Company (CIC) status, as a legally registered non-profit making organisation, we can offer a registered fundraising legal structure, organisational and online support, a webpage, and access to a bank account. This support is offered free of charge for a limited time to help start up and grow local initiatives.*

*Over the past 10 years, GVAG has been promoting the development of a cycle route along the Golden Valley. Where possible making use of the existing paths, open verges, the old railway lines and land allocated for cycle tracks. At this stage, it is a discussion idea and will need many more people to get involved if this is to happen.*

*The route ideally will go from Pontrilas in the South to Hay-on-Wye in the North of the valley. There is a move to re-open the train station in Pontrilas. If this is successful, then people can come directly from London by train and then cycle along the Golden Valley into Wales.” Extract from the Website*

Briefing from Councillor Toby Murcott

There is a meeting in a week's time

Herefordshire Council Officials to formulate advice and funding the project going forward

It is a source of interest and useful information

## **8.0 New Parish Council Website**

Clerk to give update on new website

The new “Voice Activated” Abbeydore & Bacton Group Parish Council Website [www.Abbeydoreandbactonparishcouncil.org](http://www.Abbeydoreandbactonparishcouncil.org) is live but updates are still being made. Invoices have been received and authorisation from the Parish Council has now been given for payment when the Clerk is satisfied with the Website.

## **9.0 Highways and Footpaths Issues**

**9.1** To receive **new** information on Parish Highways & Public Footpath

Just past Duffryn Farm from Camp left hand side of the road is breaking up  
Locality Steward Mr Paul Norris to be contacted

**9.2** Issues which require attention

No issues raised

## **10.0 Government Planning Consultation**

A public consultation paper

The Clerk will email the link to the Parish Council Briefing Note regarding the Planning for the Future - White Paper and Neighbourhood Planning

*“The Planning for the future consultation proposes reforms of the planning system to streamline and modernise the planning process, bring a new focus to design and sustainability, improve the system of developer contributions to infrastructure, and ensure more land is available for development where it is needed.”*

## **11.0 Information Sheet**

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

### Planning Result

2<sup>1st</sup> April 2020

Application No 201129 Blackbush Abbeydore Hereford HR2 0AJ  
Proposed muck store and proposed silage pit

**Still Valid**

8<sup>th</sup> July 2020

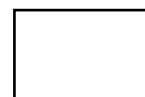
Application No 201871 Tan House Farm Abbeydore Hereford HR2 0AA  
Demolition of existing shed and change of use of land for siting of single-bed holiday let (“pod”)

**Still Valid**

7<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Application No 202351 Land near Camp Wood Abbeydore Hereford  
Change of use of land and siting of cabin for use as holiday accommodation

**Still Valid**



Correspondence  
7<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Abbeydore Replacement Road Signs  
Reply sent to Graham Hornsby BBLP  
“Good Morning Graham,  
There was considerable discussion about the road signage in question at the Parish Council meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> August. In particular with regards to the perceived or otherwise black spot for SatNav due to the lack of required mobile coverage in that particular area.

The Parish Council therefor have provided the following statement.  
In the view of the Parish Council all the information on the signs is valuable and serves a useful purpose so we would ask that it be retained on any new signage.

24<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Best Regards Malcolm Walker Clerk to Abbeydore & Bacton Group Parish Council”

Balfour Beatty Living Places (BBLP) Lengthsman & Parish Paths Partnership (P3)

Contract received signed from BBLP

August 2020

Lord Lieutenant Herefordshire

Thank you message

22<sup>nd</sup> September 2020

**HE0001** Receipt of Documents-Notification of Exempt Status 2020  
from PKF Littlejohn LLP

29<sup>th</sup> September 2020

*Arrived after Information Sheet was printed and for reference only*

Application No 203251 Agricultural Building at Brampton Hill Farm,  
Stone Street, Wormbridge, Hereford HR2 9HX

Prior approval for the change of use of an agricultural building and its curtilage

to one dwelling and the building operations reasonably necessary to convert the building

*The application is for a prior approval determination for a change of use and as such the new legislation does not require you to respond to the communication*

## **12.0 Agenda of Next Meeting**

Neighbourhood Development Plan

Broadband

Golden Valley Action Group

Grant Drainage Works

## **13.0 Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting**

Confirmed that the next meeting will be an Ordinary Meeting of the Group Parish Council via “ZOOM” and will be held on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020** commence at 7.30pm

Parish Council meeting declared closed at 8.10pm

Signed.....

Parish Council Chairman Councillor Mr David Watkins

Dated this day 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020