

Abbeydore & Bacton Group Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Abbeydore and Bacton Group Parish Council held in Abbeydore Village Hall on Tuesday 7th January 2020

No ABPC/MW/102

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, PC Jeff Rouse, PCSO Fiona Witcher 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 were present
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/101 held on Tuesday 5th November 2019 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 Interest 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 7.2

7.0 To Receive Reports (if available) from:-

7.2 West Mercia Police

PC Jeff Rouse Safer Neighbourhood Team reported on the following:-
He has taken over the area from September 2019
Nothing new to report at the moment

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

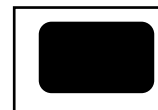
4.0 Financial Report

4.1 Receipts

No receipts received

The Parish Council Precept for 2020-2021 set at £9,200.00 (the same as 2019-2020) had been sent to Herefordshire Council

A "Thank You" letter had been received from Dore Community Transport for the donation



A "Thank You" letter had been received from Mrs Lorna Hollom for the donation to Abbeydore Village Hall plus information that Sarah Roberts would be the Booking Secretary and Sylvia Rothwell would be helping. A "Key Safe Box" had been installed at the Hall for hirers to use.

4.2 Payments

Clerk's Salary December 2019 Gross	£360.04
Mileage	£4.32
Parish Council Website	£84.00
Postage	£3.66
Village Hall Electric	£3.00
TAX £72.00 NIC £0.00	
Nett Pay £383.02	
Cheque Number 000877	
HMR&C 3 rd Quarter Payment October November December	£216.00
Cheque Number 000878	
Clerk's Salary January 2020 Gross	£360.04
Postage	£5.64
TAX £72.00 NIC £0.00	
Nett Pay £293.68	
Cheque Number 000879	
Plusnet 29 th November 2019 Invoice No 00002674174-017 (DD payment)	£30.34

Resolved unanimously that all payments are approved

4.3 Bank Balance as per Bank Statement @ 4th December 2019 No 64

Business Bank Deposit Account	£13,064.13
Bank Reconciliation to agree with Bank Statement 07/01/2020 £13,064.13 and signed by the Chairman	

Bank Balance as per Bank Statement @ 4th December 2019 No 21

Treasurers Current Account	£8,529.71
Bank Reconciliation to agree with Bank Statement 07/01/2020 £8,529.71 and signed by the Chairman	

{ Finance Sheets given to all Parish Councillors }

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 Neighbourhood Plan Update Related Issues Update

The three parishes (Abbeydore & Bacton, Kentchurch and Ewyas Harold) will meet as and when required. Councillor Mr T Murcott will represent Abbeydore & Bacton Group Parish Council at any meetings. Items to include:- Pontrilas Railway Station, Dore Abbey improvements.

cc email to Councillor Mr D Cook

Parish Councillor Mr Nic Eynon had been nominated as Representative for the Kilpeck Parish Council.

Councillor Mr T Murcott Vice – Chairman reported that there had been a meeting before Christmas

There were several options available

- 1) Do nothing to the Plan
- 2) Update the Plan with minor changes
- 3) Review and inspection of the Plan
- 4) Re-do Plan as not fit for purpose, then a Referendum

Herefordshire Council to provide a Guidance Document soon

Toby willing to Chair a meeting with Abbeydore & Bacton, Ewyas Harold and Kentchurch members



7.0 To Receive Reports (if available) from:-

7.1 Golden Valley South Ward Councillor Mr Peter Jinman

Mr Peter Jinman reported on the following:-

State of the roads especially Cwm Pitch, no progress as yet

Who is responsible for drainage – landowner, Herefordshire Council Highways Department

Flood meeting in Ewyas Harold with Balfour Beatty Living Places, Welsh Water, Environment Agency and others was very well attended. Another meeting about 2 months.

North Herefordshire have phosphates in the ground, especially Lugg and Frome areas so no planning applications being granted at the moment

Fly-tipping a problem

Cabinet meeting in Ewyas Harold Memorial Hall

Sophie Glover is the new Parish Council Clerk for Ewyas Harold Group Parish Council

Welsh are interested and very supportive for the proposed new railway station project, with a contractor interested

7.2 West Mercia Police

See item 3.0

7.3 Parish Footpaths

No new information received

7.3i Officer Vacancy

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

7.4 Locality Steward Report Mr Paul Norris

Information sent to Parish Councillors by email

7.5 Terry Griffiths Lengthsman

Terry Griffiths not present

Meeting to be arranged between Terry Griffiths Lengthsman, Councillor Mrs A Booth and Mrs Barbara Lloyd

The Parish Council agreed a provisional budget for the proposed work to the drainage issue at the top of Cwm Pitch which equated to approximately one days work for the Parish Council's Contractor Co

8.0 Broadband Update

To receive update from Councillor Toby Murcott

Councillor Mr T Murcott reported on the following:-

Fastershire progress is slow but in the right direction possible two years before completion

9.0 Local Communications

Local communications with parishioners

Communications and Engagement Strategy Policy unanimously approved by the Parish Council

10.0 Planning Applications

10.1 Planning Application 194131 Red Barn Abbeydore Hereford HR2 0AD

Proposed replacement garage with play room and guest bedroom above

Resolved:- Unanimously to support the application

10.2 Planning Application 194155 Lower Moors Cottage Wormbridge Hereford HR2 9EE

Proposed extensions

Resolved:- Unanimously to support the application

11.0 Information Sheet

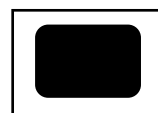
Sheet to include update on previous action points and a list of correspondence received

Planning Result

11th April 2019

Application No 191100 Huntsmans Cottage Abbeydore Hereford HR2 0AD
Retention of a mobile home

Application Withdrawn 12th November 2019



24th October 2019

Application No 193601 Huntsmans Cottage Abbeydore Hereford HR2 0AD
Proposed two storey side extension

Still Valid

Correspondence

25th November 2019

Report a Pothole
C1222 Cockyard – Thruyton - Potholes
Case reference number CAS-740135-H0Y6J3

25th November 2019

Report Highway Drainage Issues
Brookland Cottage - Drainage Chamber Top Broken
Case reference number CAS-740125-V0Z8Q3

25th November 2019

Report Highway Drainage Issues
Cwm Pitch Request for Site Meeting
Case reference number CAS-740110-D5X6M2

December 2019 Golden Valley Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) Newsletter

Your team, based at Peterchurch

PC 3687 Jeff Rouse 07870150972 jeff.rouse@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

PCSO 6378 Pete Knight 07773 053919 peter.knight@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

PCSO 6173 Fiona Witcher 07773 054582 fiona.witcher@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

Crime Trends 1st - 30th November 2019

Several power tools including 4 chainsaws, a disc cutter and a strimmer were taken from an insecure shed at a property in **Abbeydore** sometime during the last two weeks in October Incident ref 491-s-011119

A vintage 'Duckhams Open & Closed' sign was stolen from outside a business in **Vowchurch** sometime between 2pm and 9pm on Saturday 2nd November Incident ref 429-s-031119

A wooden fence at **Clehonger** playing fields was damaged sometime over the weekend of 2nd/3rd November Incident ref 662-s-041119

A Beta 250cc off-road motorcycle was stolen from a farm in **Walterstone** sometime overnight on Tuesday 12th / Wednesday 13th November Incident ref 255-s-131119

A Ford transit van that had been stolen from the Caerphilly area on 19th November was found abandoned in a farmer's field in **Craswall** the following morning - very similar to when two stolen Ford transit vans appeared in Longtown a few weeks ago. A nearby business had buildings broken into the same night, nothing was taken but a quad bike was damaged during an attempt to steal it Incident ref 89-s-201119 & 219-s-201119

An unoccupied farm in **Wormbridge** had buildings broken into sometime during the night of Tuesday 26th / Wednesday 27th November. Approximately 150 gallons of diesel were stolen, along with a quantity of pig netting and several hand tools Incident ref 379-s-271119

Advice from the Energy Networks Association Are you ready for winter?

As the nights get colder and darker, the chances of severe weather increase. Storms, floods and other extreme conditions can cause damage to network infrastructure and disrupt your energy supply.

That's why the UK's gas and electricity network companies have come together to run the Be Winter Ready campaign. The campaign aims to help the public better-prepare for power cuts and gas emergencies that may result from bad winter weather.

To Be Winter Ready, you should:

- **Know your free emergency numbers** - in a power cut dial 105 or, for a gas emergency, dial 0800 111999
- **Prepare your home** – keep a torch handy and get your appliances serviced by a Gas Safe registered engineer to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning. Vulnerable households can get extra support by signing up to the Priority Services Register.

Contact your gas or electricity network to find out more. Visit www.energynetworks.org to find out who your network operator is.

- **Priority Services Register** join a free service provided by network operators and suppliers to customers in need.

In recent years the chances of unplanned problems with electricity and gas supply have reduced dramatically. Since 1990, network companies have invested £100bn in improving the reliability of local energy networks in the UK. As a result, on average, electricity customers have a power cut just once every two years and gas



distribution customers will have their gas supply interrupted without advance notice just once every 36 years. Despite this, our gas and electricity networks can be affected by natural events, with severe winter weather potentially causing significant damage. The gas and electricity network operators are urging the public to Be Winter Ready. Make sure you're prepared in case you have a power cut or gas emergency.

Scam News

You may be aware of a recent scam that has been widely reported within Herefordshire, particularly within the last few weeks. Criminals are calling potential victims falsely claiming to be a Police Officer and that they have been the subject of fraud through their bank account. They attempt to persuade the victim to attend their bank and withdraw large sums of money and then return home to hand the money over to 'a Police Officer'.

It is important to state that the Police will **NEVER** ask you to hand over **ANY** money or purchase vouchers. Don't part with any of your personal information, bank cards, money or valuables.

If you are suspicious or feel uncomfortable with the caller's questions, then end the call. If in doubt hang up and wait 10 minutes. Then report to Action Fraud on 0300 1232040. Report to the Police immediately if the crime is still happening, the suspect is in the local area or if you are vulnerable and unable to contact Action Fraud

To reiterate: A genuine caller will **never** ask to: Send a courier to collect cash, bank cards, or valuables
Ask for your PIN Ask you to withdraw or transfer money

Another scam to be aware of, reported to us by several of our readers regarding the renewal of your TV licence - an email is sent, supposedly by the TV Licensing authority, asking you to pay for your licence. If the e-mail is not addressed to you personally then it will be a scam.

And on a lighter note... This festive story was recounted by one of our colleagues from the Met....

"After a day's Christmas celebrations in 1981, a quiet night duty in Kings Cross Police Station came to an end when I was 'ordered' by our Inspector to go to the local fire station to kidnap their Station Officer with a ransom note being left stating that his safe return would be on payment of a crate of beer. At the appropriate time the task was performed.

Two hours later a fire engine pulled up outside Kings Cross Road Police Station and the station doors burst open followed by several fire officers holding a fire hose. After a few minutes the front office resembled a swimming pool. They then departed stating we could keep their Station Officer!

Admitting defeat we returned him to the fire station and then spent the rest of the night mopping down the front office. Happy Days!!!!

How to Contact Us

_ **101** to talk to your local SNT or report a crime _ goldenvally.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk
_ www.westmercia.police.uk @GValleyCops

Only call 999 in an emergency, when a crime is in progress or life is in danger.


Where We Work Abbeydore, Bacton, Belmont (part of), Blakemere, Bredwardine, Clehonger, Clifford, Clodock, Cockyard, Craswall, Cusop, Dorstone, Dulas, Eaton Bishop, Ewyas Harold, Kerry's Gate, Kingstone (part of), Llancillo, Llanveynoe/Olchon, Longtown, Lower Maescoed, Madley, Michaelchurch Esceley, Moccas, Newton, Peterchurch, Preston on Wye, Rowlestone, Shenmore, St Margarets, Turnastone, Tyberton, Vowchurch, Walterstone & Wormbridge (part of)

12.0 Agenda of Next Meeting

13.0 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 March 2020** in **ABBEYDORE Village Hall** meeting to commence at 7.30pm

Parish Council meeting declared closed at 8.35 pm

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

Dated this day 3rd March 2020