

Abbeydore & Bacton Group Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting
of Abbeydore and Bacton Group Parish Council
held in Abbeydore Village Hall
on Tuesday 1st November 2022

No ABPC/MW/116

Present

Councillor Mr T Murcott Chairman
Councillor Mr D Cook
Councillor Mr R Fenton
Councillor Mr M Jenkins
Councillor Mr K Millington
Clerk Mr M Walker

Also Present

Golden Valley South Ward Councillor Mr Peter Jinman, PCSO Pete Knight and one further member of the public.

The Parish Council Meeting was formally opened by the Chairman at 7.10pm

1.0 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from, Councillor Mrs Ann Booth Vice – Chairman, Councillor Mrs Wendy Gunn and Councillor Mr David Watkins.
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/115 held on Tuesday 6th September 2022 were unanimously confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

The Parish Council resolved to change the order of business at this to Item 8.1

8.0 To Receive Reports (if available) from:-

8.1 Local Police update (if available)

PCSO Pete Knight gave an overview of the following:-
Abbeydore and Bacton are low crime areas but there has been an increase in thefts in the Golden Valley recently. Always report suspicious people/vehicles etc.
Now the darker nights have arrived, leave a light on maybe on a timer
The bi-monthly Newsletter is now “Neighbourhood Matters” sent out by email

The Parish Council resumed the correct order of business at this to Item 3.0

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 Receipts

Precept part two received from Herefordshire Council £4,600.00
BACS Remittance Advice Ref 3108238

4.2 Payments

HMR&C 2nd ¼ Payment July August September £225.80
Cheque Number 000957
{Paid 30th September 2022}



*Prolectrical Simon Probyn Invoice No 001772	£90.00
Replacement PIR lighting sensor at front door of Abbeydore Village Hall	
*Prolectrical Simon Probyn Invoice No 001771	£95.00
Replacement Defibrillator Unlocked Cabinet Bacton Village Hall	
*Joint Cheque Cheque Number 000958	
Clerk's Salary October 2022 Gross	£399.76
Mileage	£6.98
Postage	£0.68 pence
Village Hall Electric	£4.00
Tax £80.00 NIC £0.00	
Nett Pay £331.42	
Cheque Number 000960	
Abbeydore Village Hall	£90.00
Abbeydore Village Hall Meetings	
Cheque Number 000961	
Bacton Village Hall	£80.00
Bacton Village Hall Meetings	
Cheque Number 000962	
Dore Community Transport	£150.00
Community Transport Grant	
Cheque Number 000963	
Dore Abbey PCC	£140.00
Community Function Support	
Cheque Number 000964	
Bacton PCC	£120.00
Community Function Support	
Cheque Number 000965	

Resolved unanimously that all payments are approved

4.3 Bank Balances

Bank Statement @ 4 th October 2022	No 5	£14,533.52
Treasurers Current Account		
Internet printed Bank Statement 22 nd October 2022		£13,997.79
Treasurers Current Account		
Bank Statement @ 2 nd September 2022	No S5	£13,071.82
Business Bank Instant Account		
Bank Statement @ 4 th October 2022	No S6	
Business Bank Instant Account		£13,072.38
Internet printed Bank Statement @ 22 nd October 2022		
Business Bank Instant Account		£13,072.94

Bank reconciliations signed for both accounts by the Chairman

4.4 To consider Draft Budget for the 2023—2024 fiscal year

The 2023-2024 Draft Budget was considered and following a number of amendments was unanimously approved

Proposed by Councillor Mr D Cook and Seconded by Councillor Mr K Millington

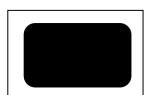
4.5 To set the Parish Council Precept for 2023--2024

The Parish Council resolved to set the precept for the fiscal year 2023-2024 unchanged at £9,200.00.

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 Queens Green Canopy

Possible site for a tree is on Ewyas Harold Common – Cllr Ann Booth to contact the Trustees - no reply as yet.

Ann stated that there were trees available from the Woodland Trust in multiples of 30 trees, some Silver Birch, Rowan and Wild Cherry.

Councillor Mrs A Booth Vice – Chairman { not present } but would contact Ewyas Harold Group Parish Councillor Mrs Liz Overstall reference Woodland Tree.

Agenda item for the next full Parish Council meeting including tree guard

7.0 Abbeystead Village Hall

7.1 Chairman to Report on Rural Broadband Availability

Councillor Mr T Murcott Chairman reported no change at the moment but advised residents to apply for the grant as Fastershire finishes in April 2023.

“Fastershire progress: 94.2% of properties in Herefordshire can access superfast broadband, with over 51.56% able to access gigabit. Contracts with Gigaclear, Airband and grant schemes are progressing and helping to continue the increase of faster broadband across the county”

7.2 Broadband supply to the Village Hall

Chairman to action 4G in the hall

Clerk instructed to write to the Village Hall Committee reference Television Licence for the Village Hall.

8.0 To Receive Reports (if available) from:-

8.1 Local Police update (if available)

See after Item 2.0

8.2 Golden Valley South Ward Councillor Mr Peter Jinman reported on the following:-

Orange Button Community Scheme – Samaritans, Farmers etc.

“Worcestershire County Council and Herefordshire Council together with the local NHS partners are promoting The Orange Button Community Scheme.

People in Worcestershire and Herefordshire who have suicidal thoughts, or are worried about a friend or family member, will soon be able to get support when they see someone wearing a distinctive orange badge.

Worcestershire County Council and Herefordshire Council together with the local NHS partners are promoting The Orange Button Community Scheme. The Orange Button is worn by people who have relevant training in mental health and suicide prevention. Now trained individuals will be able to make their skills available to help those in need.

The aim of the scheme is to create a community of Orange Button wearers who people can turn to. Orange Button wearers are there to listen, signpost to local support and help reduce stigma by talking openly about suicide.

Anyone across Herefordshire and Worcestershire who has had at least 3 hours of suicide prevention training (or mental health training with suicide prevention content) over the past two years is being asked to consider becoming an Orange Button wearer.

This includes people who have Mental Health First Aid training. Groups likely to have had training include voluntary and community organisations providing public services, workplaces as well as health and care workers, including non-NHS workers.”

Herefordshire Council looking at more significant savings and the budget is very tough this year
Pay rises are a problem

Herefordshire have the most roads in England

Many residents are in difficulty

School meals are required in the holidays for children

Warm Spaces for the winter e.g. Community Buildings, maybe Doctors Surgeries etc.

Vulnerable and elderly people this winter - “Warm Banks” similar to food banks but for people in fuel poverty, will see public spaces used by residents unable to heat their homes during the colder months.

Land line removal in areas that have no mobile coverage is a problem



Phosphates and septic tanks/sewage etc. in the River Wye – joint work in progress with Shropshire, Powys and Monmouthshire to address problems. Soil sampling taking place.
Reminder for residents to apply for 4G Kit

8.3 Parish Footpaths

No matters raised.

8.4 Golden Valley Action Group (GVAG) update

No change but a meeting will be taking place soon

8.5 Black Hill Community Network (BHCN) update

The Group are now a CIC registered company

Email received from a member recommending waiting before sending donation

9.0 Bacton Post Box

Missing Post Box at Bacton update

Reply received 8th September 2022 from Michael Hogg Senior Public Affairs Manager

The Parish Council resolved to send another letter Royal Mail.

10.0 Highways and Footpaths Issues

10.1 Lengthsman & Drainage Grant Work update

Email projects to member

10.2 To receive new information on Parish Highways & Public Footpaths

Bottom of Bacton a salt bin has been mangled

Clerk to report Bacton salt bin again

11.0 Information Sheet

Update on previous action points and a list of correspondence received

Planning Result

18th March 2022

Planning Consultation 220736 Farmhouse Farm Abbeydore Hereford HR2 0AL
Proposed change of use of existing Wain Barn and Car Port to provide gym/training facilities including resistance pool. Proposed single storey extension and solar panels
(Revised Consultation Date 5th May 2022)

Application approved 27th October 2022

Also enclosed 2023 Calendar of meeting dates

Information received after correspondence sheet was printed

14th March 2022

Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990
220680 Farmhouse Barn Abbeydore Hereford HR2 0AL
Proposed change of use of existing Wain Barn and Car Port to provide gym/training facilities including resistance pool.
Proposed single storey extension for boiler room and solar panels

Listed Building Consent approved 27th October 2022

28th October 2022

Herefordshire Council Contact Us Highways Department
Nature of enquiry Highways
Email sent

“Dear Sir or Madam,

I write with regard to a concern raised by a parishioner and echoed by many councillors during council discussions.

The issue is that of the increasing number of large lorries travelling on the narrow, winding roads within the parish. They pose a significant hazard to our parishioners and those travelling through the parish as well as making a disproportionate contribution to wear and degradation of the highways.

I have three questions that arise from this concern and wonder whether you could advise.



1. Is there any monitoring of the numbers of large lorries in Herefordshire and whether they are increasing in numbers?
2. What powers does the Council have, if any, to regulate the travel of large lorries on minor and potentially unsuitable roads? One significant concern is that they are travelling on unsuitable routes as "rat runs" to the detriment of the local environment and population.
3. What solutions, or potential solutions, does the Council know of or can suggest in order to reduce this problem?

Yours sincerely Malcolm Walker Clerk to Abbeydore & Bacton Group Parish Council

28th October 2022 Herefordshire Council School Transport Department
 Nature of enquiry School Buses - Bus Route Dulas to Longtown
 Form reference No 854659 Email below sent

"Dear Sir or Madam,

I write regarding the proposal to change the route of the local school bus or buses, The Parish Council has been informed that there is a proposal to route the school bus via Mill Lane and through the Dulas Brook ford between Longtown and Abbeydore. We are very concerned as this route is totally unsuitable for a school bus. Mill Lane is a steep, narrow, often single track lane and the ford can swell to unpassable levels during heavy rain.

It may be that this suggestion was made before a route survey was conducted but in case this has not been possible we would like to alert the council to a potentially hazardous and distinctly unwise route for a school bus.

Yours sincerely Malcolm Walker Clerk to Abbeydore & Bacton Group Parish Council

Also enclosed 2023 Calendar of meeting dates

12.0 Agenda of Next Meeting

Queens Green Canopy

13.0 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 10th January 2023** in Abbeydore Village Hall, meeting to commence at **7.00pm**

Parish Council meeting declared closed at 8.40pm

Signed..... 

Parish Council Chairman Councillor Mr Toby Murcott

Dated this day 10th January 2023