# Abbeydore & Bacton Group Parish Council

# **Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting**

# of Abbeydore and Bacton Group Parish Council

# held in Abbeydore Village Hall on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023

No ABPC/MW/117

#### **Present**

Councillor Mr T Murcott Chairman

Councillor Mr D Cook

Councillor Mrs Wendy Gunn

Councillor Mr M Jenkins

Councillor Mr K Millington

Clerk Mr M Walker

#### **Also Present**

Four further members of the public

# The Parish Council Meeting was formally opened by the Chairman at 7.00pm

#### 1.0 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Mrs Ann Booth Vice – Chairman, Councillor Mr R Fenton and Councillor Mr David Watkins and Golden Valley South Ward Councillor Mr Peter Jinman.

PCSO Pete Knight, 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/116 held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022 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 correct order of business to Item 7.1, 5.0 and 7.2

# 7.0 Abbeydore Village Hall

# 7.1 Update on roof repairs and to agree any further action which may be required

Emergency roof repairs completed

Further roof maintenance may be required in the future.

Lintel over window facing neighbour requires pointing

Councillor Mrs Wendy Gunn is the Parish Council representative on the Village Hall Committee.

# 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.

Member of the public raised the problems with unreadable and old Road Signs, all of which require replacing.



# 7.2 Broadband supply to the Village Hall

Abbeydore Village Hall is now connected to the "4G Network" with a router being installed. A compatible Pay As You Go Top Up SIM Card is required and the Village Hall Committee agreed to purchase a card when required for events. Councillor Mr T Murcott Chairman to advise.

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

#### 4.0 Financial Report

4.1	Receipts
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Receipt received from Herefordshire Council £2,700.00 BACS Remittance Advice Ref 4101746 reimbursement for Lengthsman Grant Works

#### 4.2 Payments

Alex Cotterell Invoice No #185	£1,538.00
Abbeydore Village Hall Roof Repairs	
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## **Cheque Number 000959**

Clerk's Salary November 2022 Gross	£424.59
Mileage	£6.98
Postage	£3.26
Back Pay	£173.81

Tax £119.80 NIC £0.00

Nett Pay £488.84

# **Cheque Number 000966**

Clerk's Salary December 2022 Gross	£424.59
Mileage	£21.60
Postage	£3.40
Village Hall Electric	£2.00

Tax £84.80 NIC £0.00

Nett Pay £366.79

#### **Cheque Number 000967**

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# **Cheque Number 000968**

{Paid 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022}

Terry Griffiths Contracts Invoice No TGC2045 £1,440.00

#### **Cheque Number 000969**

Abbeydore and Bacton Parish Council ACCOUNT Roads-SPECIFIC TASK-GFD

October 2022 (1) INVOICE NO TGC2045

Description of work carried out: -

Grant Funded Drainage Work

**ABPC 012** 

U71213

Complete works as per project specifications

Terry Griffiths Contracts Invoice No TGC2051 £1,800.00

#### Cheque Number 000969

Abbeydore and Bacton Parish Council ACCOUNT Roads-SPECIFIC TASK-GFD

October 2022 (2) INVOICE NO TGC2051

Description of work carried out: -

Grant Funded Drainage Work

**ABPC** 001

C1212

Complete works as per project specifications



Clerk's Salary January 2023 Gross	£424.59
Mileage	£4.05
Postage	£2.31

Tax £85.00 NIC £0.00

Nett Pay £345.95

# **Cheque Number 000971**

# Resolved unanimously that all payments are approved

Information Commissioners Office (ICO) DD Data Protection £35.00 Z928127X

# 4.3 Bank Balances

Bank Balances	
Bank Statement @ 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2022 No 6	
Treasurers Current Account	£13,997.79
Bank Statement @ 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2022 No 7	
Treasurers Current Account	£12,636.37
Internet Printed Bank Statement @ 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2022	£10,609.53
Treasurers Current Account	
Internet Printed Bank Statement @ 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	£10,244.93
Treasurers Current Account	
Bank Statement @ 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2022 No S7	
Business Bank Instant Account	£13,072.94
Bank Statement @ 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2022 No S8	
Business Bank Instant Account	£13,074.34
Internet Printed Bank Statement @ 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	£13,077.33
Business Bank Instant Account	

# Bank reconciliations signed for both accounts by the Chairman

#### 4.4 To Receive Revised Budget for the 2023—2024 fiscal year

The revised budget for 2023-2024 fiscal year was given to all Parish Councillors for information

#### 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 multiplies 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 when convenient

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

#### 8.0 To Receive Reports (if available) from:-

# 8.1 Local Police update (if available)

No Police available to attend but email report to be sent to all Parish Councillors

#### 8.2 Golden Valley South Ward Councillor Mr Peter Jinman

Peter Jinman not present and no report available

## **8.3 Parish Footpaths**

No matters raised

# 8.4 Golden Valley Action Group (GVAG) update

No change but a meeting will be taking place Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023

#### 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 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022 from Michael Hogg Senior Public Affairs Manager The Parish Council Clerk had sent another letter to Royal Mail but as yet no reply so would re send.

#### 10.0 Highways and Footpaths Issues

#### 10.1 Signage requirement for Cwm-Pitch re HGV vehicles

The Parish Council resolved for the Clerk to contact Balfour Beatty reference permission and process for a sign to be erected and cost etc.

# 10.2 Lengthsman & Drainage Grant Work update

Clerk to contact Terry Griffiths Lengthsman/Contractor reference Drainage Grant Works Map and Drainage Jobs to be emailed to Councillor Mr Dave Cook

# 10.3 To receive new information on Parish Highways & Public Footpaths

Potholes Whitfield Lodge, Grithill Lodge approximately 6 potholes all 4" deep The Mission Hall 100 yards x 4 potholes towards Tigstump Bacton Lower Grange Farm potholes

# 11.0 <u>Information Sheet</u>

Planning Result

No new planning applications received

28<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Contact Us

Highways

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

The issue is that 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 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 number 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

22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 Parish Precept 2023/2024 for £9,200.00 emailed to Herefordshire Council Acknowledgement of submission received

# 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 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023** in Abbeydore Village Hall, meeting to commence at **7.00pm** 

Pari	sh Council meeting declared closed at 8.10pm
Signed	
Parish Council Chairman Co	
Dated this day 7 <sup>th</sup> March 202	23