

# Abbeydore & Bacton Group Parish Council

**Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting**  
**of Abbeydore and Bacton Group Parish Council**  
**held in Abbeydore Village Hall**  
**on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

No ABPC/MW/118

**Present**

Councillor Mr T Murcott Chairman  
Councillor Mrs Ann Booth Vice – Chairman  
Councillor Mr D Cook  
Councillor Mr R Fenton  
Councillor Mr M Jenkins  
Councillor Mr K Millington  
  
Clerk Mr M Walker

**Also Present**

Parish Lengthsman/Contractor Mr Terry Griffiths, PC Jeff Rouse and two 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 Mr David Watkins and Councillor Mrs Wendy Gunn.  
Golden Valley South Ward Councillor Mr Peter Jinman and Locality Steward Mr Paul Norris not present.

**2.0 Minutes**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Group Parish Council Meeting No ABPC/MW/117 held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023 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 Items 8.1 and 11.0**

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

**8.1 Local Police update (if available)**

*Your Safer Neighbourhoods Team (SNT) is a group of local police officers dedicated to serving your community. The team is made up of officers and PCSOs based in your area, supported by additional officers from the wider area.*

*We work closely with local authorities, community leaders and residents to decide our policing priorities for the area. This helps us to find useful, long-term solutions to local problems, while maintaining our wider focus on reducing crime across Herefordshire, Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin and Worcestershire.*

PC Jeff Rouse reported on the following:-

Low crime rate in the parishes

Tools etc. reported stolen from a local shed

PCSO Pete Knight due back in April

West Mercia Police Community Charter - Parish Contact Contract - Update required

No 1 "Wildlife" change to No 1 "Speeding"

Police letter received by email and sent to all



## 11.0 Planning Application

Planning Application 230246 Hillside Abbeydore Herefordshire HR2 0AA  
Proposed raised decking Full Householder

Support the application

The Parish Council considered this application at their meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023 and resolved unanimously to support the application

Reference Number FS-Case-494715657

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

## 4.0 Financial Report

### 4.1 Receipts

No receipts received

### 4.2 Payments

Terry Griffiths Contracts Invoice No TGC2132 £480.00

#### **Cheque Number 000970**

Abbeydore and Bacton Group Parish Council Roads-routine maintenance

December 2022 (1) Green Invoice No TGC2132

Description of work carried out: Routine Maintenance Work

Clear grids and clean out road gullies	Jet connecting pipes	Clear road culverts and jet
Check inspection pits	Clear ditch headwalls	Clear grips and reform leads
Clear minor obstruction from ditches and reform leads		Clean off road signs
Clear minor storm debris off roads	Strim round grit bins and road signs	

Strim verges on bends, junction splays and areas extensively used by pedestrians and no footway is present

Roads covered on this visit

C1212 Within the parish boundary

C1225 C1283

C1223 From C1225 to C1224

C1221 For C1222 to parish boundary

Material Marker spray

Clerk's Salary February 2023 Gross £424.59

Mileage £11.30

Village Hall Electric £3.00

Tax £84.80 NIC £0.00

Nett Pay £354.09

#### **Cheque Number 000972**

Clerk's Salary March 2023 Gross £424.59

Mileage £11.30

Village Hall Electric £3.18

Tax £85.00 NIC £0.00

Nett Pay £354.07

#### **Cheque Number 000973**

HMR&C 4<sup>th</sup> ¼ Payment January February March £254.80

#### **Cheque Number 000974**

{Paid 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023}

Moneysoft 1/3<sup>rd</sup> share to Kilpeck Parish Council £52.00

#### **Cheque Number 0009745**

Terry Griffiths Contracts Invoice No TGC2181 £2,160.00

#### **Cheque Number 000976**

Abbeydore and Bacton Group Parish Council Roads-specific task GFD

February 2023 (1) Invoice No TGC2181



Description of work carried out: Grant Funded Drainage Work  
ABPC 009

C1209 From B4347 to parish boundary  
Clear silt and debris from ditches Clear headwalls  
Clear grips and reinstate leads Jet and flush out connecting pipes

**Resolved unanimously that all payments are approved**

#### **4.3 Bank Balances**

Bank Statement @ 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	No 8	
Treasurers Current Account		£10,529.53
Bank Statement @ 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2023	No 9	
Treasurers Current Account		£9,878.14
Internet Printed Bank Statement @ 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2023		
Treasurers Current Account		£9,442.19
Bank Statement @ 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	No S9	
Business Bank Instant Account		£13,077.33
Bank Statement @ 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2023	No S10	
Business Bank Instant Account		£13,082.92
Internet Printed Bank Statement @ 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2023		
Business Bank Instant Account		£13,089.59

**Bank reconciliations signed for both accounts by the Chairman**

#### **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.*

The Parish Council resolved no further action regarding tree planting

Proposed by Councillor Mrs A Booth Vice – Chairman and Seconded by Councillor Mr R Fenton

#### **7.0 Abbeydore Village Hall**

**7.1** Update on roof repairs plus various reported building issues

Clerk instructed to contact Mr Simon Bounds to undertake the works.

Quotation £815.00

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Ann Booth Vice – Chairman and Seconded by Councillor Mr R Fenton

**7.2** To consider purchase of filing cabinet for storage of Parish Council records

Clerk instructed to contact the Village Hall Committee for their approval to store a filing cabinet at Abbeydore Village Hall, then source a cabinet afterwards.

**The Parish Council resolved to change the correct order of business to Items 10.4 and 10.2**

#### **10.4 Future Lengthsman Annual Grant from Herefordshire Council**

Monies available from Herefordshire Council for future works

Lengthsman / Herefordshire Council Contract signed

#### **10.2 Lengthsman & Drainage Grant Work update**

Approved maintenance days completed as well as grant works.

Mynd water guided into the ditch

Land opposite Abbeydore Court lake drain jetted

Terry Griffiths stated that his rates would be increased by 10% and he offered a 2 year contract which the Parish Council unanimously accepted.

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



The Parish Council resumed the correct order of business at this to Item 8.0

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

**8.1 Local Police update (if available)**

See after Item 3.0

**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 and no update at the moment

**8.5 Black Hill Community Network (BHCN) update**

No change and no update at the moment

**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 copy letters to Royal Mail London and Royal Mail Plymouth, as yet still no replies.

Chairman Councillor Mr Toby Murcott to compose yet another letter

**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 and apply for a sign plus permission and process etc.

**10.2 Lengthsman & Drainage Grant Work update**

See after 10.4

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

No matters raised

**10.4 Future Lengthsman Annual Grant from Herefordshire Council**

See after 7.2

**11.0 Planning Application**

See after Item 8.1

**12.0 Information Sheet**

Planning Result

13<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Planning Consultation 224327 Church Cottage Bacton Hereford HR2 0AR  
Proposed porch to north facing elevation  
Listed Building Consent

**Application Still Valid**

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

**No reply as yet**

- January 2023      Herefordshire Council  
 Report a Pothole  
 Numerous pot holes from The Cockyard Church Nissen Hut towards property Tigstump  
 CASE Reference Number CAS-861598-X6D7Y4  
*Reply received 14<sup>th</sup> January 2023*  
*Your enquiry has been logged in our system and will be allocated for inspection based on current priorities and an assessment made if work is required*  
**Balfour Beatty Ref 11129720**
- January 2023      Herefordshire Council  
 Report a Pothole  
 Numerous deep pot holes along the stretch of the C1222 from the Cockyard end past Whitfield Lodge to Grit Hill Lodge  
 CASE Reference Number CAS-861600-D5F3W8  
*Reply received 14<sup>th</sup> January 2023*  
*Your enquiry has been logged in our system and will be allocated for inspection based on current priorities and an assessment made if work is required*  
**Balfour Beatty Ref 11129723**
- January 2023      Herefordshire Council  
 Report a Pothole  
 C1209 near entrance to Lower Grange Farm several pot holes require attention  
 CASE Reference Number CAS-861597-Y7C2R1
- 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023      Herefordshire Council  
 Notification of Voter ID at Polling Stations – Letter + Booklets

**13.0 Agenda of Next Meeting**

**14.0 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 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023** in Abbeydore Village Hall, meeting to commence at 7.15pm or immediately on completion of the Parish Meetings if later

Parish Council meeting declared closed at 8.25pm

Signed.....  .....

Parish Council Chairman Councillor Mr Toby Murcott

Dated this day 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023