

The Minutes of Abberley Parish Council
Held At Abberley Village Hall Committee Meeting Room at 7.30pm on 17th January, 2018

Present: Cllr R T Nott (Chairman, Cllr C Knight (Vice Chairman), Cllr K Andrew, Cllr G Crompton, Cllr A Eden, Cllr J Gibson, Cllr A Jukes, Cllr N Kedwards

In Attendance: District Cllr P Cumming, Parishioner Mr I Platt, Clerk

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| 001 | Apologies | Cllr Goodman and County Councillor Dr Pollock had advised the Council that they were unable to attend this meeting. |
| 002 | Declarations of Interest | <p>a. Register of Interests. Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests.</p> <p>b. To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature.</p> <p>c. To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature.</p> <p>d. Written requests for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) are to be with the Clerk at least four days prior to a meeting.</p> <p>Councillors who have declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, or an Other Disclosable Interest which falls within the terms of paragraph 12(4)(b) of the code of conduct, must leave the room for the relevant items. Failure to register or declare a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest may be a criminal offence.</p> |
| 003 | Adjournment / Public Question Time | The meeting was adjourned for Public Question Time. Aide memoire notes are attached to these Minutes. |
| 004 | Minutes | The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 th November, 2017 were approved . |
| 005 | County & District Councillors Report | <p>County Councillor Dr Ken Pollock's report is appended to these Minutes (Appendix 1).</p> <p>District Councillor Paul Cummings advised the Parish Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• letters covering the changes to Refuse collection have been despatched to all residents in the Malvern Hill District Council area.• despite attempts to create a single planning committee to cover the entire area, the more locally based and locally staffed Northern Area Planning Committee is staying.• the Parish Council were encouraged to voice their opinion relating to the continuation of The Velo cycling event. |

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- 006 Progress Reports
- a. Neighbourhood Watch. (Cllr Kedwards)
- Abberley Park and the surrounding area have experienced an outbreak of burglary and thefts. All parishioners are advised to be vigilant and ensure their property is secured at all times.
- b. Neighbourhood Plan. (Steering Committee Representative)
- The Steering Group advises that 75% of the project work is now complete. Currently the group are preparing their funding application support documents ahead of the application for monies to enable the purchase of specialist services who will create the submission document to Malvern Hills District Council.
- c. Cross-Parish Council Working Group, A443 Issues (Cllr Kedwards)
- Membership has provided a very fertile ground for understanding the differing issues and goals of the various parish councils who are part of the working group.
- 007 Highways
- a. Proposal for new Parish Funded Grit Bin, Wynniates Way.
- The Parish Council decided against accepting the offer of a new grit bin, on the grounds of the ongoing costs that would become the responsibility of the Parish Council, the issue with salt/grit storage on private land and the historic background of the County council installing and then removing a previous bin.
- More generally the ongoing problem with individuals taking the grit mix from the bins to treat their private land, (e.g. driveways) was mentioned. Other Parish Councils have taken to padlocking their own bins in order to prevent this happening.
- 008 Lengthsman Scheme
- a. Lengthsmans Report 2017
The Lengthsmans Report was **noted**.
- 009 Planning and Related Matters
- a. Road Naming
The Parish Council confirmed that they wished to included in the Road Naming scheme, instructing the Clerk to proceed with the relevant paperwork.
- b. Planning Sub-Committee
1. 17/01927/FUL – 71-72 Stockton Road, Abberley Single Storey extension to provide living accommodation. Approved.
 2. 17/01965/FUL and 17/01966/LB – The Elms. 40 rooms (mixed disabled and carers) and alterations to access to provide appropriate facilitates for disabled to use existing leisure activities. These particular applications were bought before the full Parish Council by the Planning Sub-Committee because of its significance to the Parish. The Elms proposals were considered in depth and there was much debate around the multi-layered impacts, that the current plans could have on the parish. After lengthy discussion is was decided not to approve the proposal as it currently stood and the Clerk was directed to inform the Planning Officer, Mr Dean Kinsella, of the considered reasons for this decision most particularly the character, style, size of the proposal alongside the potential for loss of amenity. Not Approved.
 3. 17/01205/FUL – Land at (Os 7461 6763) Apostles Oak, Abberley. Garden Store. Appeal against refusal. Objection.

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- 010 Community Items
- a. South Worcestershire Rural Communities Programme (SWRC), Abberley Village.
- The Clerk confirmed that she has written and requested that Abberley Village become part of the joint endeavour with Great Witley planned for 2018. More details will follow from the organising officer at a later date.
- b. West Mercia Police (WMP) “We don’t Buy Crime Initiative/Smart Water, Abberley Village
- The Clerk confirms that she has heard from Mike Simpson regarding timescales (the discounted offer remains open with no indicated end date) and his confirmation that there is the possibility of exploring a joint “event” linked into the SWRC.

- 011 IT
- General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and anticipated related legislation.
- The Parish Council **noted** NALC’s advice L10-17 dated 21st December 2017, which recommends that Clerks are not to be appointed in to the role of Data Protection Officer role.

- 012 Finance
- a. Confirmation of payments approved by the 2017-18 Budget Sub-Committee under delegated power 116.d 15.11.2017. **Noted.**

Mins	Item	Description	Payor	Amount £
15.11.2017	116.d.1	Clerk’s Salary (Month 09)	Kym Wild	-323.08
15.11.2017	116.d.2	Clerk’s back pay (April-Nov). Calculations affirmed by internal auditor	Kym Wild	-173.15
15.11.2017	116.d.3	Clerk’s Office Allowance (Month 09)	Kym Wild	-16.00
15.11.2017	116.d.4	Lengthsman Claim	Andy Johnson	-240.00

- b. Confirmation of receipts. **Noted.**

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012.b.1	Lengthsman Scheme Refund	Worcester County Council	144.00

- c. Payment to be made. **Agreed.**

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012.c.1	Clerk’s Salary (Month 10)	Kym Wild	-323.08
012.c.2	Office Allowance (Month 10)	Kym Wild	-16.00
012.c.3	Month 10 PAYE – paid on behalf of Abberley Parish Council to HMRC, ahead of quarter date 19 th January 2018.	Kym Wild	-25.40
012.c.4	ICO – Data Protection Licence, voluntary subscription (expired 11/01/2018)	ICO	-35.00

d. Precept (financial year 2018/19)

The Parish Council discussed aspects of the Precept proposal put forward by the 2017/18 Budget Sub-Committee. The Precept proposal as put forward was **agreed**.

- 013 Councillors, Clerk's Reports and items for future agenda
- a. Reports from Councillors on items not covered elsewhere
- Bank Lane. Cllr Juckes and the Clerk had been notified by the Highways Liaison Engineer (HLE) of a proposal by an individual to lay 20 cubic metres of concrete along Bank Lane. The individual concerned had been advised, by the HLE, of the legally enforceable penalties if this course of action was to be pursued.
- b. Reports from the Clerk on items not covered elsewhere.
1. Paper 2018 – 13 b1. Open Invitation to Councillors and others to attend the Worcestershire County Council's Budget Consultation on 24/01/2018. **Noted.**
 2. The Clerk has been advised that the Developer who is heading the Planning Application for 170+ houses in Great Witley has appealed against the refusal of consent. **Noted.**
 3. The Clerk is in possession of the Worcestershire County Council Worcestershire Mineral Local Plan – 4th Call for sites advice. Deadline for response from individuals or corporations in possession of a suitable site is 26th January 2018. The Clerk can provide further details to interested individuals. **Noted.**
- 014 Date of next meeting Wednesday 21st February, 2018 7.30pm Committee Room, Abberley Village Hall

Aide Memoire Notes Public Question Time

Parishioner Mr Platt, an immediate neighbour of The Elms Hotel, spoke of his deep concerns regarding the planning application made recently by various parties relating to the hotel. During his family's 14-year occupation of their residential property, The Elms has had a number of owners each with a different focus. The new planning application looks towards the disabled market with a proposal to increase the hotel room count (with balconied accommodations), new lifts and access options. Mr Platt stated that the development proposed would be highly detrimental to his family's enjoyment of their property. Mr Platt will be lodging his objections.

Appendix 1 – Item 005

ABBERLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING. 17.01.18 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

1. Happy New Year

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all Abberley councillors and residents in and around the parish a very Happy and Prosperous New Year. We can expect there to be great challenges facing us at the town, district and county level, without considering national negotiations re Brexit.

We will be recruiting a number of senior officers in the coming weeks, with the assistance of our new Chief Executive, Paul Robinson, even before he takes up his full time post in the spring. We aim to build a strong team to face the challenges ahead and in particular the problems concerning our children's safeguarding where we will be implementing a new system, with the help of central government.

The winter weather will provide its own challenges but so far I believe the efforts of our gritting teams have been successful and I hope the pauses between bad weather will give adequate time for refilling all the yellow grit bins.

There are also the continuing need for treatment of potholes and damaged road surfaces. I trust that the most urgent will be treated quickly and the longer term work will be carried out later in the year when the weather is likely to be less challenging.

2. Tenbury Public Realm

The Public Realm work in Tenbury is nearing completion. There are still some items of street furniture to be installed, in particular the planters. Red tarmac will be applied to the raised tables in the warmer weather in the Spring.

It is good to note that the 20 mph zone is now in force. The average speed of traffic on Teme Street was 22mph. While this is not fast, it means that many cars were travelling much faster than that, and we have to hope that motorists will now observe 20 mph as a maximum.

This is reinforced by the raised tables, where pedestrians should feel more secure in crossing the road, because of the lower speeds. The zone extends from the Teme bridge as far as the Kyre brook and then as far as Cross Street beyond Bowketts. The roads around the church are also 20 mph, but that is an area where higher speeds are very unlikely anyway.

The new 20 minute parking restriction for three car lengths outside Tenbury News will be applied next month. We must all trust that trade will now start return, to bring more prosperity to all retailers and residents in and around Tenbury.

3. Velo Birmingham

Some of you will be aware that there was a CALC meeting last Wednesday to discuss Velo Birmingham in 2017 and the prospect of another such event this year. Since then the WCC Cabinet members have received a couple of reports from other parish councils detailing their attitude to the event and whether there should be another this year.

As it stands, no decision has been announced and the matter will probably come to Cabinet on February 8th. Any comments from Abberley councillors and residents would be welcome, no matter what side they may take on the desirability of another Velo event.

4. Speeding

I am aware of the continuing concern about speeding in the village and I praise the efforts of those involved to seek better redress from the Safer Roads Partnership and others. I hope these measures will be seen as effective in the coming months.

**Cllr Ken Pollock,
Cheltenham,
Gloucestershire
17.01.18**