



Present: Cllr. Knight (Chairman), Cllr. Eden, Cllr. Eberlin, Cllr. Andrew, Cllr. Goodman, Cllr. Ballard, Cllr. T Nott.

In Attendance: (Carole Hirst) Clerk. MHDC Councillor, Cllr. Cumming; WCC Councillor, Cllr. Dr Pollock.

The Meeting closed at 9.09 pm.

Minute Reference	
321	<p>Apologies. None given Absent: Cllr. Jukes</p>
322	<p>Declarations of Interest: Cllr. Andrew Declared a Disclosable Non-Pecuniary interest in Minute 328(d) Grant request for £275 for Herefordshire and Worcestershire Earth Heritage Trust as a Trustee of the trust. Cllr. Andrew Declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in The Orchard Site Planning under questions asked of Cllr. Cumming as District Councillor Report Minute 326. Cllr. Knight declared a Disclosable Non-Pecuniary Interest in Minute 329 (33 The Village planning consultation) living with a distinct view of the property.</p>
323	<p>Democratic Period/ Public Time - None</p>
324	<p>The Minutes Cllr. Gibson Proposed and Seconded by Cllr. Andrew that the Minutes were a true record, and all agreed to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on the 17th June 2020. The Chairman duly signed them as a true record.</p>
325	<p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blocked drain on Wynnattes Way- WCC Highways contacted the Clerk to pinpoint the blocked drain who referred them to Cllr. Andrew. Cllr. Andrew reported that the issue was yet not resolved. Paul Finch from WCC Highways reported that a Purchase Order had been placed to rectify. • 2 Suffolk Lane- Reports of land encroachment from a new resident at the said property. Fence moved and is using WCC land to park 4 vehicles on. WCC requested photos of the encroachment so that they can investigate. WCC Update 29/6/20- This has now been referred to WCC Enforcement. • Street Naming- 26 new Properties - Land at Clows Top Road, Abberley. Response from MHDC on the chosen name of "School Fields" - "The concern would be that using School Fields as a road name makes it sound as though it is a school playing field and not a new street. We understand that on the list of suitable suffixes "Fields" is one listed, however, we would still need to ensure it can-not cause confusion when being using in an address. We would be happy to use School View as the new road name or even School Meadow. Please let me know if we can proceed with our process and start the consultation with the Ward Councillors and Developer". Abberley Parish Council have requested that this be referred back to the Parish Council for a decision. Councillors agreed on the option of School Meadow. The Clerk to report this back to MHDC. • Planning Application 19/00959/FUL- 65 The Common, Abberley- 2/7/20- update on report to WCC Highways. Update from Barry Barnes WCC- regarding a road name plate and bollard at The Common Abberley. I have attended the



	<p>site today and spoken with the occupier and developer. He has shown me the plans for the proposed development and the new access will be very close to the name plate and bollard. He is willing to allow someone from the Parish to attend when works commence and he will assist with the removal of both the name plate and bollard so that they can be taken into storage. Building work is some way off at present. Cllr. Andrew voiced her concerns regarding the storage of these and agreed to pen an email to Barry Barnes on this matter.</p>																								
<p>326</p>	<p>County and District Councillor Reports</p> <p>Cllr. Cumming MHDC Report circulated prior to the meeting attached as Appendix 1.</p> <p>Cllr. Andrew asked whether a planning decision had been made regarding the Orchard site. Cllr. Cumming confirmed that this was still being deliberated.</p> <p>Cllr. Pollock WCC Report circulated prior to the meeting attached as Appendix 2.</p> <p>Cllr. Eberlin reported concerns over the state of road repair on the A443 to Cllr. Pollock stating that surface dressing had been laid without filling the potholes adequately meaning some spots were still dangerous to cyclists. Cllr. Pollock asked Cllr. Eberlin to write to him pinpointing specifically where the locations were. Cllr. Eberlin agreed to do this.</p> <p>Siding out had been previously agreed with Hannah Davies on Clows Top Road and Tenbury Road and Cllr Knight asked Cllr. Pollock when this might be completed. Cllr. Pollock was not aware of this matter and agreed to investigate.</p> <p>There was discussion with Cllr Pollock regarding Shavers' End.</p>																								
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<p>328</p>	<p>Finance</p> <p>a) Receipts, Payments up to 15th July 2020. Cllr. Nott Proposed and Cllr. Knight Seconded that all payments be Approved, and receipts noted. All in Favour.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="360 1357 954 1865"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="3">Payments to JULY 15 2020</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Carole Hirst Salary to 5th July 20</td> <td></td> <td>£ 389.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC to 5 July 20</td> <td></td> <td>£ 97.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Carole Hirst expenses 17th June to 15th July 20</td> <td></td> <td>£ 41.88</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Parish Council Websites NDP comments Form etc</td> <td></td> <td>£ 54.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>In2Out- Lengthsman June</td> <td></td> <td>£ 210.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Here&Worcs Earth Her. Trust</td> <td></td> <td>£ 275.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL PAYMENTS</td> <td></td> <td>£ 1,067.08</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Payments to JULY 15 2020			Carole Hirst Salary to 5th July 20		£ 389.00	HMRC to 5 July 20		£ 97.20	Carole Hirst expenses 17th June to 15th July 20		£ 41.88	Parish Council Websites NDP comments Form etc		£ 54.00	In2Out- Lengthsman June		£ 210.00	Here&Worcs Earth Her. Trust		£ 275.00	TOTAL PAYMENTS		£ 1,067.08
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329	<p>Planning</p> <p>19/01883/LB - Elms Lodge, Stockton Road, Abberley- Extension and refurbishment of two 'lodge' buildings at the entrance to (and within the estate of) an existing listed hotel. REFUSED. 18/6/20.</p> <p>20/00637/FUL - New Haseland Farm, Abberley- Removal of Conditions 3 & 6 of planning permission 99/01267/FUL- Approved.</p> <p>20/00870/HP- 33 The Village, Abberley- Proposed extensions to rear of existing cottage- CONSULATION to 27th July 2020. Cllr. Andrew submitted comments to the Planning Committee today. It was agreed that Cllr. Goodman and Cllr. Andrew arrange a site meeting.</p>				
330	<p>Climate Change (Cllr. Eberlin to report)</p> <p>Cllr. Eberlin received the course materials from the climate change discussion day and attached to Councillors a document to consider if people would like to think about what the Parish Council could do. This document covers the range of issues that various parishes raised- some are town parishes with different issues. The "Centre for Sustainable Energy" spent the day teaching us a process which councils can then use to prioritise the issues and also consider how to reach out to the community groups that want to have a say or get involved.</p>				



	<p>The problem of climate change and its impact is such a big issue that the approach of everyone trying to influence community behaviours and adoption of new technologies is going to help reach carbon zero much quicker.</p> <p>Some parishes have gone for funds from the RCEF to pay for feasibility work. Some just want to support tree planting, others want community renewables or key community facilities such as our primary school converted from oil or sharing the PV. The village hall for example has a good roof.</p> <p>Cllr. Eberlin proposes leading this topic with a view to running discussions and consultation in September.</p> <p>Cllr. Knight Proposed that this be looked at by arranging an interested working group meeting in September with Cllr. Eberlin leading this. Cllr Eberlin to provide a date after the NDP Consultation.</p>
<p>331</p>	<p>Progress reports from Parish Councillors/</p> <p>A) Neighbourhood Plan Working Group- Cllr. Knight- Everything is on track for the Regulation 14 consultation.</p> <p>B) Lengthsman- Cllr. Nott</p> <p>I am particularly pleased to see that Chris has cut the overgrown bank along the footpath on the approach to St. Mary's Church.</p> <p>Cllr. Eberlin again mentioned the trees that needed addressing around the Parish that had fallen. Action: Cllr. Nott to ask the Lengthsman if he had reported this to WCC Highways.</p> <p>C) Parish Footpaths Warden- Cllr. Andrew- Cllr. Andrew reported that she had still not undertaken her training and that until this was completed, she could not commence work.</p> <p>D) Shavers End Quarry- Cllr. Knight-</p> <p>Cllr. Knight reported that Mr. Knight had had second thoughts on pursuing muck spreading across the quarry as he thought the community and Wildlife Trust etc would not be supportive.</p> <p>Fencing around the quarry was also discussed and whether under the HSE Regulations the landowner would have a responsibility to provide adequate fencing to prevent a tragedy through accident and not trespass.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr. Knight Proposed in an email vote that “slim double yellow lines to run from the Dunley Road junction with Shaver’s End Road to the junction on Reynolds Lane to prevent parking for Shavers End Quarry”. Seconded by Cllr. Eden. All in favour. A letter was sent by the Clerk to Cllr. Pollock to pursue this on the Parish Council’s behalf. <p>E) Section 106 Open Space- Cllr. Ballard- Various ideas were discussed. Cllr. Andrew agreed to look at Community Lottery Fund to see if funding could be used to support initial feasibility etc for this. Cllr. Ballard agreed to approach a local landowner to see</p>



	<p>whether some land could be acquired for Public Open Space for playing fields and children’s play.</p> <p>F) Walk/Run Routes in the Parish- Cllr. Andrew agreed to contact MHDC to advise that Abberley Parish Council would be interested in working with MHDC on this scheme.</p> <p>G) Broadband in Abberley- Cllr. Gibson reported that he was waiting for BT to issue new lists and boundaries to see if a scheme was viable.</p>
333	Councillors reports and items for future agendas. None.
334	Date of Next Meeting- 16th September 2020 at 7.30pm via zoom

Appendix 1 Cllr. Cumming MHDC Report

One of the main areas of activity at Malvern is currently the political manoeuvrings ahead of the Annual Council Meeting to be held next week by Zoom. It seems likely that the makeup of the Administration will remain the same although the party labels of some of its members will change. As before, work continues on the SWDP revision with the Joint Advisory Panel holding meetings regularly to go through all aspects. More information is now available on the purchase of 45 acres of land at Hallow. It appears that the Council made the purchase under the impression that it was worth far more than the £180,000 purchase price. It is now clear that this is not the case. Having been cut short by the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee when trying to question this and the proposed use, I now have the matter as an agenda item for next week’s Council Meeting. Looking ahead, thought is now being given as to how the Council can contribute to reviving the local economy as we come out of the lockdown. Further discretionary grants have now been paid to assist some of the businesses which missed out on the £10,000 paid to most of those registered for Business Rates. This includes at least one local business.

Appendix 2 Cllr. Dr Pollock WCC Report.

Flooding

I trust that you will all have heard about the award of £4.895 million towards the construction of a flood barrier scheme in Tenbury Wells. This is part of the massive allocation of money allocated to seek to solve flooding problems across the country, including an additional amount of up to £30 million in the Severn Valley, to overcome the periodic flooding in the river basin..

The official announcement contains the following comments on our local area:

In Tenbury Wells and the Severn Valley, two flood schemes will protect nearly 3,000 homes in areas which were badly affected by last winter’s floods and protecting and creating more than 22,000 jobs along the Severn Valley. This will be supplemented by an additional scheme combining natural flood risk management, tree planting and habitat creation to reduce flood risk and capture carbon throughout the Severn Valley.

There is a requirement for some local funding, and I am confident that the Worcestershire LEP will be able to meet the need. In addition, the jobs must be regarded as “shovel ready” meaning they must be able to start soon.

Those of you who have studied the plans will know that there may need to be some revision or improvement to make them satisfactory, but in general, this is a very welcome announcement. You will recall from last month’s report, Harriett Baldwin, our local MP, has played a major part in persuading Defra to fund this need, and her adjournment debate clearly helped to ensure Tenbury was included in the list of approved schemes.

In the meantime, it is good to note that the Spar grocery and its Post Office facility in Tenbury opened again last Friday for the first time since the February floods. Other retailers like Soap Opera and Nice



Things are also open, while The Spotty Dog is doing off sales of sandwiches. We have to hope that Tenbury, like all our local towns, will survive and thrive, now that the virus pandemic seems to be retreating, and I pay tribute again to our local shops who have continued to operate throughout the emergency.

County Matters

We must hope that the impact of the coronavirus outbreak is diminishing and that we may soon be able to resume what me might refer to as normal life. The County has suffered a little over 500 deaths from Covid 19, with around 57% of them in hospitals. The situation in our hospitals is looking much better, and we have to hope that normal medical care will be resumed, without fear of cross contamination.

We have stood down our reserve provision, to make it unnecessary for patients discharged from hospital to go to a care home, with the risk of infecting other relatively weak residents. This arrangement might have been usefully duplicated around the country, with a little more understanding from hospitals and county councils, and a stronger resistance from care homes to acting against their better judgement. Two thirds of the county’s care homes have had no cases of Covid-19 among their staff and residents. Far more deaths have occurred in care homes from causes other than Covid 19. Meanwhile, we are trying to revive the local economy with help from a number of government schemes to get money in grants or loans to local businesses. Details can be found on the Worcestershire Business Central website. The County’s GDP has fallen by 20.4% and 75,700 workers are currently on furlough. Meanwhile, traffic has risen to over 80% of normal pre-Covid levels. This week we are launching the Here2Help Business scheme to channel advice and support to various businesses across the county who need help to get back into full swing after the virus crisis. We are particularly concerned to see apprenticeships supported, and for there to be special help to recent graduates, who we need to find the right jobs to help revive the economy. More details can be found on the WBC and WCC websites.

Local Matters

It is worth observing that our highways personnel have been able to take advantage of the much lower number of vehicles on the road to complete a lot of routine maintenance, pothole filling and surface dressing, so that our roads are in a better condition facing the summer.

There has been extensive work on the A443 between Great Witley and Newnham Bridge, patching and surface dressing. The overnight closures for three days, starting tonight, are for painting new white lines and the insertion of cats’ eyes. It may be that the closure will be interpreted leniently for local residents.

Similarly, we are spending £8 million on repairing and restoring footways, the footpaths that run alongside the carriageway. At present there are 10 crews working on this and siding out will take place in Great Witley next Monday and Tuesday, with the crews moving to Little Witley on Wednesday.

Last month there was a discussion about money for the Earth Heritage Trust from the local parish councils and my Divisional Fund. I am confident that this can be resolved in the near future.

I note the continued concern about recreation in the vicinity of the Shavers End quarry. There seems to be considerable local support for the yellow lines to be painted between the A451 and Reynolds Lane. I hope this might be successful, but simply make plain my reservations about the efficacy of the scheme.