



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

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

The Meeting closed at 8.49 pm.

Minute Reference	
335	Apologies. Cllr. Andrew, Cllr. Jukes. MHDC Cllr. Cumming, WCC Cllr. Pollock
336	Declarations of Interest: None
337	Democratic Period/ Public Time - None
338	The Minutes Cllr. Eden Proposed and Seconded by Cllr. Nott that the Minutes were a true record, and all agreed to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on the 15 th July 2020. The Chairman duly signed them as a true record.
339	Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Street Naming of the road in the new development on Clows Top Road, Abberley – MHDC have approved the road name as “School Meadow”. Confirmed 6/8/20. Cllr. Knight asked the Clerk to post the information on to the Parish Council website. • Suffolk Lane Flooding- Cllr. Eberlin has received confirmation from Hannah Davies at WCC Highways that the camera survey is top of the priority list for Suffolk Lane. It looks like things are moving again following COVID restrictions. WCC will not plan the improvements until they have the results of this.
340	County and District Councillor Reports Cllr. Cumming MHDC Report circulated prior to the meeting attached as Appendix 1. Cllr. Pollock WCC Report circulated prior to the meeting attached as Appendix 2.
341	Car Parking and Hedges- Cllr. Knight asked the Parish Council for next steps regarding revisiting the old issues regarding Parking and Hedges within the Parish. It was decided to refresh the press release on the Parish Council website and request that the Parish News put the notice in their next magazine. Once we can see how the uptake has been from this it would be reviewed at the next Parish Council meeting to see whether a letter to households is necessary.
342	Correspondence 8/7/20- South Worcestershire Development Plan Review - Parish and Town Council Newsletter July. Noted. WCC Highways- 19/8/20- Grit Bins Winter newsletter for info. Passed to Lengthsman who is checking the grit bin and letting the Clerk know if more is needed. Cllr. Nott agreed to ascertain from the Lengthsman whether any needed to be ordered and where it should be delivered to. South Worcestershire Development Plan Review - Parish and Town Council Newsletter August 2020. Noted.



28/8/20- Briefing Note on the Planning Reforms Consultations. Cllr. Knight proposes that the Parish Council responds by the due date of 29th October 20 to show the PC concerns and that Cllr. Knight discusses this first with Cllr. Paul Cumming to gauge the approach. It was suggested that this be copied to M.P. Harriet Baldwin.

7/9/20- South Worcestershire Development Plan Review - Parish and Town Council Briefing, Wednesday 7 October 2020 6:00pm-7:30pm. Cllr. Knight and Cllr. Eden have requested to attend. Any further Councillors wishing to enrol should email the Clerk.
Noted.

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Finance

- a) Bank Reconciliation at 6th September 2020 was circulated and agreed that the accounts were reconciled. **Noted.**
- b) To consider Delegated Powers for the Clerk Pay to be paid on the 1st of the month preceding work undertaken. Cllr. Nott Proposed and Cllr. Knight Seconded that this be approved. All in favour.
- c) Receipts, Payments up to 16th September 2020. The Clerk circulated the Payments up to 1st August and to 16th September 2020. Cllr. Nott Proposed and Cllr. Goodman Seconded that these all be Approved, and Receipts noted. All in favour.

Payments list August 1st 2020

Carole Hirst Salary to 5th Aug 20		£ 389.00
HMRC Payment to 5th Aug 20		£ 97.20
C Hirst Expenses to 1st Aug		£ 20.40
In2Out- Lengthsman July		£ 196.00
TOTAL		£ 702.60

RECEIPTS up to 1st August not previously reported

TOTAL RECEIPTS **£ -**

Payments list September 16th 2020

Carole Hirst Salary to 5th Sept 20		£ 388.80
HMRC Payment to 5th Sept 20		£ 97.40
Carole Hirst expenses to Sept 16th 20		£ 20.40
Rotary Printers Banner Correction		£ 18.00



	In2Out- Lengthsman Aug		£ 196.00
			£ 720.60
	RECEIPTS up to September 16th not previously reported		
	WCC Lengthsman June		£ 210.00
	TOTAL RECEIPTS		£ 210.00
	<p>d) NALC Annual Pay Awards for 2020/21 – Clerk hourly rate as per the NALC Pay Awards for 2020/21 on SCP 12 rising from £11.22 to £11.50 per hour making a difference of £145.56. This backdated to 1st April 2020. This is within budget. Noted.</p> <p>e) The Clerk has spoken to the Parish Council’s Auditor, Mr. Kevin Gittins who has decided to stand down as the PC Auditor from this year due to personal commitments. Kevin has given a thorough and efficient service to the Parish Council for many years and the Chair (Cllr. Knight), asked that a record of thanks be recorded in the Minutes. The Parish Council wished Kevin well in his future endeavours. The Clerk had written to Kevin to express the Parish Council’s thanks for his services over the years as described and Cllr. Knight (Chair) agreed to send a letter of thanks to Kevin for his services as above.</p>		
344	<p>Planning</p> <p>20/00376/FUL - Abberley Parochial Primary School, Apostles Oak, Abberley-Extension to timber framed, mono-pitch roofed classroom and deck for D1 educational use on school site. APPROVED 28/7/20</p> <p>19/01746/FUL- The Orchard, Apostles Oak, Abberley- Proposed demolition of existing buildings on site and development of 11 new dwelling houses- Planning WITHDRAWN 30/7/20</p> <p>20/00081/HP- Apostles Oak Cottage, Apostles Oak, Abberley- Proposed kitchen extension- APPROVED 14/8/20.</p> <p>20/00449/LB- Bromleys Barn, Pool House Barns, Studd Lane, Abberley- Proposed conversion of existing attic to create study- APPROVED 25/8/20.</p> <p>20/00870/HP - 33 The Village, Abberley- Proposed extensions to rear of existing cottage- Approved 9/9/20</p>		
345	<p>Progress reports from Parish Councillors:</p> <p>A). Neighbourhood Plan Working Group- Report by Cllr. Knight.</p> <p>The consultation period for the Abberley NDP finished on 24 August and we have responses from 15 “consultation bodies” and 22 members of the community which would be considered a normal response rate unaffected by the restrictions placed on us by Covid. The next step is for David Nicholson to prepare the ‘response log’. This will address all the comments made, provide a draft PC response to each, and detail what changes are to be made to the NDP as a result. According to David nothing problematic in the issues raised is apparent on a first reading. Once we have had a chance to review the response log and are happy with what is being proposed, he will put together the following which you will need for submission to MHDC: • Revised NDP incorporating the</p>		



changes arising • Consultation Statement which incorporates the response log • Basic Conditions Statement – technical document setting out how the NDP meets the statutory requirements. It is these documents that will then need Parish Council approval prior to submission. **Noted.**

B) Lengthsman- Cllr. Nott -Re the blocked drain on Wynniatts Way- Update 10/9/20- WCC have inspected the site and have raised a four-week order. Lengthsman is managing to keep the footpath clear along the side of Suffolk lane. The pathway that is on the outside of the green is not bad, but he will be there next week cleaning up some of the hedge cuttings. The pathway itself cannot be made much wider as it will be cutting into the embankment. Most of the Parish drains are running reasonably but some do block up a bit if we get a lot of rain in a small amount of time. The Lengthsman will keep an eye on them during the winter. He will check the grit bins for salt levels next week and report back to the Clerk if any needs topping up.

Cllr. Eberlin reported that there was fallen hedge on Suffolk Lane and asked whose responsibility this would be to clear up. Cllr. Ballard agreed to check out the damage and speak to the landowner.

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.

D) Shavers End Quarry- Cllr. Knight- Cathie Eberlin and I attended a site meeting at Shaver's End Quarry this afternoon. Also present were Sergeant Sarah Kent, Constable Jonathan Hand, and Community Police Officer Vanessa Snape along with David Mortimer, Chair of Astley and Dunley Parish Council.

This was really an informal discussion to see what more could be done to mitigate behaviour at the quarry. There are several agencies who continue to work to solve the various issues. It was felt that the landowner had done a reasonable job in trying to prevent access to the quarry. Everything that is put in place is either torn down, including cameras and fencing. There is also another access point from the ridge.

However, while we were there both the Fire Service and Rescue teams were at the quarry to prevent, through education, the possibility of drowning. Apparently, they had been there last week and were detailed to continue monitoring through the next few days of good weather. A rota had been arranged through the local Fire Brigade. It is unclear yet where those particular orders came from. What is good is that someone is trying to put into practice preventative measures.

The police are looking into the possibility of formal signage which will show the number of deaths and the dangers of swimming in such dangerous waters.

Cllr. Eberlin discussed whether it would be possible to find further videos that also address the affect that losing loved ones to drowning has on the families of the victims. Cllr. Eberlin and the Clerk agreed to explore this.

E) Section 106 Open Space- Cllr. Ballard has contacted Duncan Rudge at MHDC but had no response. It was agreed that he chase this up and copy in Cllr. Cumming.

F) Walk/Run Routes in the Parish- 5k walking/ running routes – Cllr. Andrew reported that she had been in contact with Rachel, the officer at Malvern Hills District Council running this project and said that we are keen to be involved. She is looking for



	<p>a single route in the parish as part of a district wide network which may also come with the opportunity for improving accessibility via kissing gates rather than stiles. The routes will need to be circular and include somewhere to park. Cllr Eberlin and Cllr. Andrew have discussed this. Cllr. Andrew has walked the routes and Cllr. Eberlin will be running them shortly and then they plan to meet on 28th Sept, to discuss and possibly meet Rachel from MHDC at the same time. Cllr. Eberlin asked for the Parish Council's views regarding planning walk or run routes directly passed houses within the Parish. The Parish Council agreed that a planned route should be avoided if possible, passed houses.</p> <p>G) Broadband in Abberley- Cllr. Gibson reported that this is still on hold as he is awaiting an updated list from BT, to see if there is any possibility to bring down the overall cost to residents. Cllr. Gibson reported that a new grant had recently been approved which meant that grants for residential dwellings would increase to £3000 and businesses £7000 each towards the cost of installing fibre to the property. It would still mean that all 193 properties within the Parish would need to take this up for it to be financially viable. Cllr. Gibson mentioned how it should be marketed and agreed to contact Broadwas and Cotheridge PC who are undertaking the same project but are much more advanced within their process.</p> <p>H) Climate Change – Cllr. Eberlin was hoping to discuss ideas about how best to tackle Climate Change in our community with Cllr. Ballard who has expressed an interest, but he has been away so she will arrange a meeting with Cllr. Ballard before extending invitations out to other possible interested parties. Cllr. Eberlin agreed to provide a press release and information for the Clerk to put a press release on the website to generate interest in this.</p>
346	Councillors reports and items for future agendas. None.
347	Date of Next Meeting- 14th October 2020 at 7.30pm via zoom

Appendix 1 Cllr. Cumming MHDC Report

Both the SWDP revision and ward boundary change work is in progress and Council has referred my resolution concerning the recent land purchase at Hallow to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to examine in detail on 15th September. Other than that, MHDC have shut down for the summer break.

Appendix 2 Cllr. Dr Pollock WCC Report.

Flooding

As a result of the promise of a large grant from central government, a number of people met on the 4th September to discuss the needs of a flood barrier with EA in Tenbury. A photograph of the assembled company was published in the Tenbury Advertiser last week.

It became clear that the EA has not done any detailed design work on the tricky areas of the barrier, for instance crossing Teme Street by the bridge. The EA will be working on these designs in the near future and there will be a consultation period for people to express their views.

All those involved need to seek to ensure the EA keeps to a tight timetable as the money may not be forthcoming if the work is not completed quickly.

County Matters

Schools returned last week, and we have to hope that all the dire predictions of problems prove unduly pessimistic. The news media are concerned to tell us the figures for positive test results, but rarely put that in context of the numbers of tests carried out. They also more or less ignore the very



small number of people needing to go to hospital and the even smaller number of people succumbing to the disease.

From the latter two figures, one would draw some hope that the whole pandemic is under control or coming to a close. That said, the Government has decided on further restrictions on meetings from Monday of this week, with a limit of just 6 people being together in one household, and we have to hope these will not be in place for very long.

Despite the stringent conditions applied to social gatherings, meetings in a workplace are acceptable and by tonight I will have just completed three full days of discussions at the County Council between the Cabinet and the senior leadership team, planning the future of the council. That is acceptable, as long as we remain 2 metres apart...

A number of important matters have been discussed, many looking at the impact of the coronavirus pandemic as well as the financial state of the council. While a lot of matters are still to be decided, we are preparing contingency plans to seek to ensure that we stay within budget while providing the sort of services our residents expect.

Local Matters

I trust the remedial measures for stopping danger and illegality in Shavers End Quarry will prove effective, without restricting those who wish to enjoy the skyline walk in that area.

Last week, I was able to inspect the rest area on the ridge, where the Earth Heritage Trust will be re-erecting the display board. The seat is still functioning, but the general state of the spot is rather untidy. I am sure the efforts of Kate Andrew and her team will soon restore it to its former state.

I would be grateful if any highway and other problems be passed to your liaison engineer in the first instance, but also that you will let me know of any uncalled-for delays in remedial work.