



Present: Cllr. Knight (Chair), Cllr. Nott, Cllr. Eden, Cllr. Jukes, Cllr. Andrew; Cllr. Outwin, Cllr. Field joined the meeting at minute 614.

In Attendance: (Carole Hirst), Clerk; Cllr. Cumming MHDC. Cllr. David Chambers WC; **3** members of the public.

The Meeting closed at 20:51 pm

Minute Reference	
611	Apologies. Cllr. Eberlin; Cllr. Ballard.
612	Declarations of Interest: Cllr. Nott and Cllr. Jukes declared a disclosable non-registerable interest in item 614 and did not take part in the debate or vote. Cllr. Eden and Cllr. Andrew declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in item 618 - 21/01267 21/01267 The Orchard, Abberley. During this item both Councillors left the meeting and did not take part in the debate.
	Democratic Period/ Public Time – Members of the public attended to express concerns regarding planning application 21/01267 The Orchard, Abberley regarding the size of the windows and potential of light pollution; borehole vibrations and impact on surrounding properties and foundations particularly Churchfields Terrace; the height of dwellings and overbearing nature of oversize bungalows; traffic issues exacerbated by little or no visitor parking within the development; and biodiversity of old orchard trees being lost. Consequently the numbers applied for are too many.
613	Approval of the Minutes Cllr. Eden Proposed and Seconded by Cllr. Nott that the Minutes of the Ordinary of Abberley Parish Council on the November 16th 2022, was a true record. All in favour. The Chair duly signed the Minutes as a true record.
614	To consider co-option to vacancy on Abberley Parish Council. Sarah Field was the only application received for co-option to the Parish Council by the deadline of 4 th January 2023. Councillors were circulated the application prior to the meeting and asked if there were any queries or questions. No questions or queries were received by the Clerk. Cllr. Outwin Proposed and Cllr. Knight Seconded that Sarah Field be co-opted. Cllr. Jukes and Cllr. Nott abstained all others present voted in favour.
615	Matters Arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on Coronation meeting (Cllr. Outwin) A repeat advert has been requested in the parish magazine for February. Cllr. Outwin suggested organising a meeting for Tuesday 24th January 2023 7.30pm at Cllr. Knight's house (The Old Village Stores) and Cllr. Knight reiterated the idea that groups from the Parish take ownership of events. • Update on Defibrillator Training (Cllr. Outwin). A grant of £200 has been received from Cllr Cumming from his Ward Grant MHDC. There will be 3 sessions of up to 12 persons at each session. Date set is Saturday 25th February between 9.45am and 4.30pm in 3 sessions. A note has been dropped off at the Manor at Abberley requesting who will be attending and preference for



	time. The Clerk to place a post on the PC website to again promote the sessions.																																				
616	<p>County and District Councillor Reports</p> <p>Cllr. Cumming MHDC Report circulated prior to the meeting attached as Appendix 1.</p> <p>Cllr. Chambers WCC Report circulated prior to the meeting attached as Appendix 2.</p>																																				
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	<p>e) Discussion for a memorial for Cllr. Goodman. Deferred to the next meeting. Whatever is decided it was suggested that an unveiling at the Coronation event might be appropriate</p>
<p>618</p>	<p>Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M/22/01145/HP 46 Apostles Oak, Abberley- Proposed two storey side extension- CONSULTATION to 6th December 22- • M/22/00642/RM- Land at (OS 7450 6737), The Common, Abberley- Residential development of 25 dwellings, including 10 affordable units, with public open space, a vehicular and pedestrian access point and associated landscaping. (Variation of condition 1 & 4 on planning approval 19/00674/RM)- APPROVED- 1/12/22 • M/22/00574/FUL Land At (Os 7562 6728), The Hill, Abberley- Erection of agricultural building- Refused 7/12/22 Justification was impact on the landscape • M/22/00321/OUT- Land around the village Hall – Decision deferred until February. All points will be considered when the Planning Department issue their recommendations. • 21/01267 The Orchard, Abberley- revised information that is available on public view- Scheme Site Levels, Block Plan 9 units, Site Sections, Visibility Splays, Tree Survey and Arboricultural Impact Assessment, Landscape Strategy. Cllr. Eden and Cllr. Andrew declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in item 618 - 21/01267 The Orchard, Abberley. The PC has until next Friday to respond. The Chair asked for any new comments. Cllr. Jukes raised concerns regarding parking. Cllr. Knight confirmed the PC should re-iterate everything previously discussed. The dark skies policy should be highlighted and any WCC Highways issues. Cllr. Cumming suggested that the PC speaks to highways regarding the PC concerns regarding Highways issues. Dwelling heights were discussed as a concern. Cllr. Knight emphasised the need for dialogue throughout the development process. Cllr. Cumming commented that the PC would need to make the Developer aware of that. <p>(This was also discussed during Public Question time). Cllr. Nott reported The Common Road hedge needs cutting back badly. Eden Homes to be contacted.</p>
<p>619</p>	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9/12/22 – Parishioner complaint over illegal parking and driving without due care on Clows Top Road dropping off for the school. (Passed to Cllr. Chambers.) Having spoken to the parishioner, yellow lines are a last resort. Clerk to report back to Cllr. Chambers. It was discussed whether Police cones could be put out at certain times. Cllr. Knight suggested a note to be written and given to the Head Teacher to put in the next Primary School Newsletter. It was also discussed that the CPSO be asked to monitor.



620	Section 106 Piper Homes and CiL payment received and documents circulated. It was discussed that a steering group be set up to take this forward. Cllr. Ballard agreed to lead the steering group with Cllr. Field, Cllr. Knight and Cllr. Eden as members of the steering group.
621	Discussion on the Dark Skies Policy. Cllr. Knight has “top and tailed” the Parish Council Dark Skies Policy for inclusion in the February Parish News.
622	Councillors reports and items for future agendas. Cllr. Field reported - The Common – car parking on the pavement. The clerk to look for the parish newsletter article previously produced and send to Parish News again. If you notice an infringement public can take photos and pass to the Local PCSO. Cllr. Outwin reported lots of rubbish in the hedgerow on Clows Top Road. For information - Cllr. Andrews reported a New Code of Conduct for Footpath Wardens.
623	Date of Next Meeting of the Parish Council on 15th February, 2023, at 7.30pm at Abberley Village Hall.

Appendix 1 Cllr. Paul Cumming MHDC Report

MHDC currently seems to be in election mode as activity seems to be slowing, aside from the annual events such as Council Tax setting which is due shortly. It is expected that this year's exercise will include starting the work to deliver savings that need to be made over the next few years to balance the annual budget.

Planning continues to be a difficult area. The consultation on the SWDPR has now been closed and the views expressed will now be collated in order to move to the final stage before submission to the Inspector. The consequences of the 2.5year delay in production are slightly mitigated as the Council now believes that it can currently demonstrate a five-year land supply, although this is a target that has to continue to be met.

Decisions on planning applications are still taking too long (including a further delay in the application close to the Village Hall being on the agenda for the Planning Committee). Planning enforcement continues to be a problem. A new Head of Planning has, however, now been appointed and is due to start in April.

Apart from all local residents having to elect two councillors at District level in May, there will be one further noticeable change due to electoral legislation. In order to vote, everyone will need a form of photo ID and I am awaiting details of qualifying documents. At a time when we need to encourage residents to exercise their vote, I feel this is a retrospective move that will deter some.

Appendix 2 Cllr. David Chambers WCC Report.**Message from the Leader of Worcestershire County Council – Councillor Simon Geraghty**

“2022 was another exceptional year in many different ways. Communities all over the County joined together to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee in the summer and then came together again to mourn the sad loss of HM The Queen in the autumn.

We have also seen increases in the cost of living which many will have felt, especially given the cold weather we have recently experienced.



As a Council, keeping our most vulnerable resident’s safe remains one of the County Council’s top priorities. We continue to support the most vulnerable members of our communities, both children and adults, through our Social Care and Public Health teams.

To keep our County moving, our highways teams have continued to work relentlessly on the improvement and maintenance of our roads and pavements and our gritting teams remain ready to respond whenever needed.

Our local economy is on course to have grown by one-third by 2025 from 2015 levels, despite the impact of Covid-19. We continue to support Worcestershire to be a growing and successful economy, embracing new technologies and providing businesses and residents with more opportunities and skills.

We are leading the way in the transformation of Worcestershire’s connectivity.

Throughout last year we have completed the dualling of the Southern Link Road, progressed plans for Shrub Hill and Redditch rail stations, completed the Northern Link Road at Pershore and are finalising plans for major improvements to A38 Bromsgrove.

Our role is also to help preserve and protect our environment for future generations. To enhance our environment, we are on track to have planted 150,000 trees across the County within five years, creating woodlands whilst also being a pollinator-friendly and environmentally conscious Council when working with suppliers and contactors.

Looking ahead to 2023, Worcestershire will continue to be a great place which provides a good quality of life and excellent opportunities for all – a place where children and families can thrive and achieve their true potential and where we continue to focus on keeping people living independently for as long as possible and supporting our residents to live healthy and fulfilling lives”.

School transport concerns. Some areas where there are concerns. The budget for 2023/24 is being increased to £24million an increase of £4 million.

Councillors reported the pothole outside the school has again collapsed. General blocked gullies on Wynniattes Way and down the hill by the village shop. Witley Bank Gullies are causing flooding problems. Cllr. Chambers agreed to action.