



Present: Cllr. Knight (Chair), Cllr. Nott, Cllr. Eden, Cllr. Andrew, Cllr. Field, Cllr. Ballard.

In Attendance: (Carole Hirst), Clerk; Cllr. Cumming MHDC. Cllr. David Chambers WC; 0 members of the public.

**The Meeting closed at 20:25 pm**

Minute Reference	
624	<b>Apologies.</b> Cllr. Outwin, Cllr. Jukes, Cllr. Eberlin.
625	<b>Declarations of Interest:</b> Cllr. Nott declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in item 629 (d) and (e) on the agenda as Chair of both organisations applying for a grant. Cllr. Nott did not take part in the meeting or any voting.
	<b>Democratic Period/ Public Time – None present</b>
626	<b>Approval of the Minutes</b> Cllr. Eden Proposed and Seconded by Cllr. Nott that the Minutes of the Ordinary of Abberley Parish Council on the 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2023 were a true record. All in favour. The Chair duly signed the Minutes as a true record. A query was made about terminology used in the public comments, but the point was made that the record was of the public comments and not the terminology they used.
627	<b>Matters Arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report on Coronation meeting (Cllr. Outwin) The Garden Club have volunteered to organise an event to take place on the Saturday which will include “live” action from the Coronation through the wonders of the internet. Full details are to be finalised.</li> </ul> <p>Mr Nott has again agreed to our use of the Village Green and thanks to Mrs Hirst a band from Birmingham has been secured with funding to be agreed by the Parish Council. Again, no further details available at this time. The next meeting to discuss the Coronation weekend is Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February – venue to be confirmed</p> <p>“Coronation Crown” Walk being organised. More details to follow.</p> <p>I also contacted Paul Cumming about possible funding from MH and he has replied that he will look into in and let us know.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on Defibrillator Training (Cllr. Outwin). This is due to take place on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> February in the Village Hall. So far there has been a good take up with only 2 places available for the first session, 4 for the second session and 5 for the final session. If any Parish Councillors wish to book a place, please e-mail me asap.</li> <li>• Litterpick on Clows Top Road (Cllr. Outwin) I undertook a litter pick at the junction opposite the new development by the School and filled a black bin bag of various items. Clerk to enquire with MHDC about the Adopt the Street scheme, free litter picker tools and to make a press release.</li> <li>• Parking by the school – response from Mr Turvey (Circulated). Clerk to ascertain how the public reports incidents to the police and circulate and to also send report of parking concerns to the pre-school.</li> </ul>



<b>628</b>	<p><b>County and District Councillor Reports</b></p> <p><b>Cllr. Cumming MHDC Report</b> circulated prior to the meeting attached as Appendix 1.</p> <p><b>Cllr. Chambers WCC Report</b> circulated prior to the meeting attached as Appendix 2.</p>																																								
<b>629</b>	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p>a) <b>To Consider Receipts, Payments from 18<sup>th</sup> January to 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023.</b></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;"><u>Payments list Feb 15th 2023</u></th> <th style="width: 10%;"></th> <th style="width: 10%;"></th> <th style="width: 10%;"></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>C Hirst salary Jan</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 506.67</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC - Jan tax</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 87.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>IN2OUT Lengthsman Jan23</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 210.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Abberley Village Hall - hall hire Jan 23</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 15.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clerk Expenses to 15th Feb 23</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 26.15</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>£ 844.82</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b><u>RECEIPTS upto 15th Feb 23 not previously reported</u></b></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>WCC Lengthsman Dec</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 210.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><b><u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u></b></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>£ 210.00</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>Cllr. Eden Proposed and Cllr. Field Seconded that the payments be approved. All in favour.</b></p> <p>b) <b>To note Summary of Income and Expenditure Year to Date to 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023. Noted.</b></p> <p>c) <b>To note the Bank Reconciliation at 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023. Noted.</b></p> <p>d) <b>To consider grant application to Abberley Parochial Church Council for £600) towards the Abberley Magazine.</b> Cllr. Nott declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in item 629 (d) as Chair of the organisation applying for a grant. Cllr. Nott did not take part in the meeting or any voting. Cllr. Knight Proposed and Cllr. Field Seconded that this be approved. All in favour.</p> <p>e) <b>To consider a grant application from the Abberley Village Green Trust for (£400) towards insurances for the trust.</b> Cllr. Nott declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in item 629 (e) as Chair of the organisation applying for a grant. Cllr. Nott did not take part in the meeting or any voting Cllr. Eden Proposed and Cllr. Field Seconded that this be approved. All in favour.</p>	<u>Payments list Feb 15th 2023</u>				C Hirst salary Jan			£ 506.67	HMRC - Jan tax			£ 87.00	IN2OUT Lengthsman Jan23			£ 210.00	Abberley Village Hall - hall hire Jan 23			£ 15.00	Clerk Expenses to 15th Feb 23			£ 26.15				<b>£ 844.82</b>	<b><u>RECEIPTS upto 15th Feb 23 not previously reported</u></b>				WCC Lengthsman Dec			£ 210.00	<b><u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u></b>			<b>£ 210.00</b>
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	<p><b>f) Discussion for a memorial for Cllr. Goodman. Cllr. Nott suggested a recyclable bench. Cllr. Knight asked that councillors send suggestions to the Clerk to bring to the next meeting.</b></p> <p><b>g) To consider quote from Sovereign Brass to perform a 2-hour concert for King's Coronation celebration of £400.</b> Cllr. Nott proposed and Cllr. Andrew seconded for approval. All in favour.</p>
<b>630</b>	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>M/22/00321/OUT- Land around the Village Hall - has been deferred again and may now be on March's agenda. If any new information is made known to anyone it should be brought to our attention before the next meeting which will be 1<sup>st</sup> March.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr. Cumming reported that there are problems with the planning department which they are trying to resolve at MHDC. Improvements are being made to make MHDC fit for purpose. Cllr. Cumming reported that the problem is down to Officers and not the Planning Committee.</p>
<b>631</b>	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>23/1/23 – WCC - Worcestershire Green Infrastructure Strategy consultation. Cllr. Knight suggested that Cllr. Eberlin be asked to lead on this.</li> </ul>
<b>632</b>	<p><b>To consider requesting an additional litterbin/poo bin for the footpath which runs from the Clows Top Road to the kissing gate just below the top of Suffolk Lane opposite the Village Green.</b> The Clerk has ascertained that MHDC will consider at no cost to the PC including maintenance. (Report from Cllr. Outwin)</p> <p>There has been considerable undergrowth clearance undertaken at the Clows Top entry to the footpath which runs across the bottom of the hill and ends either by Tump House which continues down to the top of Suffolk Lane. I have suggested that a bin be placed at the Clows Top end of the footpath as a number of dog walkers use the path from the Common and elsewhere in the Village. There is a bin situated at the Lychgate end of the Village Green. Councillors commented that any bin should be sensitive to surrounding properties. Councillor Andrew to provide a map of suggested location.</p> <p>Cllr. Cumming reported that a finger post that has been requested would not be allowed for an unadopted road ie Stud Lane Councillors requested that a street sign be provided on each side of the road.</p> <p>Bank Lane street sign needs re bedding.</p> <p>Rosedale sign needs replacing as it is very faded.</p> <p>Cllr. Cumming to investigate these signs</p>
<b>633</b>	<p><b>Section 106 Piper Homes and CiL Update: Report by Cllr. Ballard</b></p> <p>In summary, we concluded that the most likely solutions for the 106 money would be a natural looking playground (location TBC), an extension to/improvement of the village hall to increase potential or indeed a sports area for both the school and the community.</p> <p>We have the following actions to take away:</p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Knight is going to speak to someone in the village to about potential land sale.</li> <li>• Cllr Ballard is going to explore options pertaining to the school trust via the HM Mr Turvey.</li> <li>• Cllr Ballard is to arrange a meeting with Sue Coley to explore Village Hall potential and to set a meeting up with the Village Green Trustees.</li> </ul> <p>Next meeting for the Section 106 is booked for the 27th of February.</p>
<b>634</b>	<b>Councillors reports and items for future agendas.</b>
<b>635</b>	<b>Date of Next Meeting of the Parish Council on 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2023, at 7.30pm at Abberley Village Hall.</b>

**Appendix 1 Cllr. Paul Cumming MHDC Report**

There is still no news about when the planning application for the houses next to the Village Hall will be discussed by the Planning Committee.

I have continued to highlight such problems with the current planning function as well as other issues that are causing concern, most recently at the recent meetings of the Executive Committee and Full Council and at last there is some progress in addressing these.

At my request, the Leader has agreed to set up a small improvement working group which consists of the chairs of the two planning committees, plus the planning portfolio holder and Head of Planning. I have been asked to chair these meetings and work has already begun to agree which aspects need improvement and a programme to achieve this.

The Malvern Theatres have been awarded £20 million from the government’s Levelling Up funds for expansion of their activities and expanding the Theatre. As a facility for the region the schemes are expected to result in 135,000 more visitors and benefitting the local economy by £11 million each year.

MHDC had a windfall for New Homes Bonus this year. It is being suggested that this be used for infrastructure. In the short-term it is being moved into a separate account until its use is decided.

Should planners be minded to turn affordable houses into normal housing could funds be used for MHDC to purchase these houses.

**Appendix 2 Cllr. David Chambers WCC Report.**

Health Inequalities & Impacts resulting from the Covid-19 Pandemic

It was reported to the Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee in January that the impacts of Covid-19 had not been felt equally across the population and has exacerbated existing health inequalities in a number of areas.

Locally, several ethnic groups have had high numbers of cases and data suggests a strong relationship between death from Covid-19, older age and male gender. During the first 18 months of the pandemic to September 2021, there was a clear elevated risk of infections amongst non-white British Groups.



An estimated 2.2 million people living in private households in the UK (3.4% of the population) were experiencing self-reported long Covid symptoms. Estimates for Worcestershire are not available but if prevalence reflected national levels, the county would have 20,000 people with long Covid, of whom 15,000 would have systems which adversely affected their day to day lives.

WCC Cabinet

The Cabinet met on 5<sup>th</sup> January to consider the Draft Budget and Medium-Term Financial Plan for 2024-2027. It is recommending to Council at the February meeting, an increase in Council Tax of 2.94% and in the Adult Social Care Levy by 2.0%.

Kyrebrook Daycare Centre

Kyrebrook Daycare Centre in Tenbury Wells has a substantially reduced number of clients since Covid. Not all private clients have returned and there has been a reduction in the number of clients sent via Worcestershire County Council. If numbers do not improve then the Centre may close.

Kyrebrook provide an excellent Daycare facility for elderly residents, from a wide geographical area. I am liaising with WCC in regard to reduced numbers from the County Council.

Local Issues

1. Abberley School – Councillor Chambers. Cllr. Scott Richardson-Brown is taking the lead on this and will keep Cllr. Chambers updated.
2. Proposed road closure: There is likely to be a road closure between 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> May for the installation of a replacement water main. The area to be affected is The Common, Junction of the B4202 Apostles Oak to Junction A443 The Common to Wynniatts Way.
3. Issues reported at the last meeting have been relayed to Highways.
4. Attended a fire authority meeting on Monday. A 7% increase this year and 5% next year has been offered. It is hoped this will be accepted. Worcestershire is mainly part-time fire officers which means that Worcestershire is less affected.