



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

In Attendance: (Carole Hirst), Clerk; Cllr. Cumming MHDC. Cllr. David Chambers WC; 1 members of the public.

The Meeting closed at 20:35 pm

Minute Reference	
636	Apologies. Cllr. Juckes, Cllr. Chambers.
637	Declarations of Interest:
	Democratic Period/ Public Time – A member of the public congratulated the Parish Council and Cllr Outwin and said that the defibrillator training held recently was excellent.
638	Approval of the Minutes Cllr. Ballard Proposed and Seconded by Cllr. Eden that the Minutes of the Ordinary of Abberley Parish Council on the 15 th February 2023 were a true record. All in favour.
639	<p>Matters Arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on Coronation meeting (Cllr. Outwin) The Parish Council have agreed to the engagement of a band sourced by Mrs Hirst to play on the Village Green between 2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. on Sunday 7th May, 2023 Mr Lucas reported that the Garden Club will run a pop-up café in the Village Hall on the Saturday, 6th May to coincide with the Coronation itself. The event will run from approx. 9.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. serving coffee, tea and cakes. Village residents are to be asked to offer cakes or contribute their time to support the event. Donations for refreshments will be gratefully received. Mr & Mrs Hewitt have offered to organise and run a Crown Trail. Further details of all events will appear in the next Parish news. It was discussed about applying through the Community Fund section of Awards For All Lottery funding for Coronation activity maybe for the cost of the band. The Clerk agreed to publicise the Awards For All scheme on the Parish Council website. The deadline for applications for the Coronation funding, Awards for All is 24th March 23. • Suggestions for a Memorial for Cllr. Goodman (report by Cllr. Knight) It was suggested that a tree be planted as Richard Goodman’s Memorial. A bench was also discussed and Cllr. Eberlin agreed to price up benches. Cllr. Eberlin commented that it would depend on the site location as to the type of tree that could be selected. • Defibrillator Training- Final Report (Cllr. Outwin). The AED training took place on the 25th February with 25 places taken out of 30 available. The course was run by Worcestershire First Aid and covered the following:-



	<p>How to safely approach a situation Calling the emergency services How to give your location accurately including signalling to the air ambulance CPR (P) Common Barrier methods for rescue breaths and how to use them (P) CPR for Children and Babies (P) How to use an AED The Recovery Position</p> <p>There was a good mix of classroom and practical training. Some candidates had previous first aid training for which this was a refresher and for some it was new.</p> <p>All had the opportunity to use AED equipment and experience how potentially tiring it would be giving CPR for up to 2 minutes.</p> <p>Candidates were encouraged to register their phone with the emergency service and with the What3words app to enable emergency services to locate them in the event of an emergency.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Litterbin 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. We would need to get permission from WCC to place a bin and post on their land. Clerk to speak to Cllr. Chambers to get that actioned. 																								
640	<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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642	<p>Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M/22/00321/OUT- Land around the Village Hall - has been deferred again and may now be on April MHDC Planning agenda on the 5th April 2023 with a site meeting beforehand. Cllr. Cumming reported that the problem is down to Officers and not the Planning Committee. • To discuss the replacement of hedging on the Land at The Common site (Planning Enforcement) The Parish Council will keep insisting all conditions are met. Cllr. Knight to draft a letter and send to the clerk to send to MHDC enforcement. 																				
643	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All covered on the agenda. 																				
644	<p>Section 106 Piper Homes and CiL Update: Report by Cllr. Ballard</p>																				



	<p>Last Thursday on the 9th of March, the section 106 committee met with Mark and Zach from Malvern Hills District Council. They are the individuals responsible for vetting Section106 applications and submitting them to the next stage.</p> <p>Speaking to them directly gave us real insight to how exactly we can look to spend the money, what sort of projects have been successful in the area, and what is likely to be an achievable and successful outcome.</p>
<p>645</p>	<p>To inform Parish Council about the wood on the Clow’s Top Road that has been cut down.</p> <p>A detailed report was circulated on an incident which took place between around 9.30am on 24 February and around 2pm on 26th February concerning around 3 to 4 acres of land located between The Orchard and The Stables on Clows Top Road, running down to a boundary with Brickfield and then along the rear of the bungalows and Thyme Cottage on The Common.</p> <p>Councillors received the detailed report on the incident for information.</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to write to the Forestry Commission to enquire whether a Cease and Desist or Stop Notice has been issued to stop the contractors taking the wood away.</p>
<p>646</p>	<p>Councillors reports and items for future agendas.</p> <p>Councillors were asked to volunteer to be a representative on the Village Hall Management Committee. Item to be placed on the April agenda.</p> <p>Hedges on Common Road need cutting back. Clerk to write to Eden Homes.</p> <p>It was reported that a request had been made that a hedge be cut back on Suffolk Lane. The name and address of owner of hedge requiring cutting back to be supplied to the Clerk. Cllr. Eberlin agreed to supply the address for the clerk to report to WCC.</p> <p>Cllr. Eberlin agreed to email the clerk details on problems regarding a footpath reported previously to WCC where no action had been seen to date.</p>
<p>647</p>	<p>Date of Next Meeting of the Parish Council on 19th April 2023, at 7.30pm at Abberley Village Hall.</p>
<p>648</p>	<p>Discussion on the potential of buying land for Section 106 Public Open Space.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Section 106 working group pursue a project of Public Open Space involving developing a nature sensitive area.</p> <p>Cllr. Ballard Proposed and Cllr. Field Seconded that the Section 106 Working Group pursue a scheme of Public Open Space using Section 106 funding. All in favour.</p>

Appendix 1 Cllr. Paul Cumming MHDC Report

After discussion as to whether the planning application for the houses next to the Village Hall could be considered by the Committee during an election period, it does now appear that it will be on the agenda for April.



The Planning Improvement Working Group which I chair has so far held a number of meetings and is identifying areas where improved practices could help.

The Council has received £1.1 m extra money from the Government for the next year. It is normal practice for such windfall amounts to be allocated to a ring-fenced reserve for infrastructure to support new development. This was not done as part of the budget process and I have asked that the new Council consider transferring this money into such a reserve, of which there is a real need.

Following a similar question for the Platinum Jubilee, at the last Council Meeting our neighbouring councillor asked if MHDC would provide some funding to go towards celebrations of the forthcoming Coronation. The initial response was that some funding would be provided to Town Councils but it would now seem that this is being reviewed to consider including Parish Councils.

Appendix 2 Cllr. David Chambers WCC Report.

New Special School for Children with Autism

A new special school that caters for the needs of pupils with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is to be built in Malvern. The successful bid from Worcestershire County Council was announced this week by the Department for Education.

The new special free school will provide 120 full time places for pupils aged 5-19 with autism, who are able to engage with mainstream curriculum with extra support and who would also benefit from a specific environment and staff dedicated to a holistic approach. The capital funding for the new school will be provided from the Government's Free School Programme.

County Council Budget 2023/24

At the Budget meeting of the Council, Council approved the following recommendations:

- a. A budget of £400.813 million be set (as detailed in the report before Councillors).
- b. A Capital programme of £432.720 million be set (as detailed in the report before Councillors).
- c. An increase in Council Tax Precept of 4.94%, broken into two parts:
 - i. 2.94% to provide financial support for the delivery of outcomes in line with the Corporate Plan.
 - ii. 2.00% Adult Social Care Precept, ring-fenced for Adult Social Care services, in order to contribute to existing cost pressures due to Worcestershire's ageing population.

At the Budget meeting there was a proposal by the Opposition to reduce the Highways Capital programme by £2million. I spoke against this amendment (which was similar to an amendment submitted one year ago), because it is my view that if you were do this, then over a relatively short period of time, Worcestershire roads would become similar to those we experience in Herefordshire. Whilst Worcestershire roads are not perfect, they are considerably better than those in neighbouring counties. I am pleased that the amendment was defeated.

Herefordshire & Worcestershire Fire & Rescue Service

I attended a meeting of the Fire Authority (Monday 13th February). The Chief Fire Officer reported that a pay offer of 7% for this year and 5% for next year had been offered to the unions. He is hopeful that the pay offer will be accepted, following consultations ending in early March, which will hopefully mean that there will be no further strikes within our area.