



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

In Attendance: Cllr. Paul Cumming MHDC and Cllr Pam Cumming MHDC

The Meeting closed at 20:24pm

Minute Reference													
694	Apologies. Cllr. Nott; Cllr. Jukes; Cllr. Outwin, Cllr. Eden, WCC Councillor David Chambers.												
695	Declarations of Interest: Item 12 Cllr Andrew (employed by the Diocese)												
	Democratic Period/ Public Time – No members of the public were present												
696	Approval of the Minutes Cllr. Ballard Proposed and Seconded by Cllr. Knight that the Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of Abberley Parish Council on the 21 st June 2023 were a true record. All in favour.												
697	Matters Arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on AONB – no update • Update on Listing of the Manor Arms; no progress made. 												
698	County and District Councillor Reports Cllr. Cumming MHDC Report: Report attached as Appendix 2 Further to this Cllr Cumming informed the Parish Council that the Head of Planning at MHDC had resigned and that a new appointment had yet to be made. He also reported that when a serious car accident had occurred last week an ambulance couldn't be despatched for some time due to the congestion of ambulances at the hospital. This was in reference to the continued lack of infrastructure provided. Cllr Knight queried the status of the Eden Homes development as a sign had gone up. Cllr Cumming replied that all documents are on line and a decision is due on any amendments that might be made. All public consultation has ended. Cllr. Chambers WCC Report: Report attached as Appendix 1.												
699	Finance a) To Consider Receipts, Payments from 21st June to 19th July 2023 <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td colspan="4">Payments list July 19th 2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Abberley Village Hall 22/23/145</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 15.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>IN2OUT LENGTHSMAN June</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 220.50</td> </tr> </table>	Payments list July 19th 2023				Abberley Village Hall 22/23/145			£ 15.00	IN2OUT LENGTHSMAN June			£ 220.50
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	C Hirst - clerk expenses to 21st June			£ 27.03
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	Abberley Village Hall 23/24/025			£ 15.00
				£ 304.56
	RECEIPTS upto July 19th 23 not previously reported			
	TOTAL RECEIPTS			£ -
	<p>Cllr. Andrew proposed and Cllr. Eberlin seconded that the payments be approved. All in favour.</p> <p>b) To note the Bank Reconciliation at 1st July 2023. Noted.</p> <p>c) To Note the Budget report at 1st July 2023. Noted.</p> <p>d) To consider the purchase of bleeds packs to go with the defibrillators.</p> <p>Cllr Outwin provided costs for two types of packs. Cllr Eberlin asked where they would be located. A possibility is in the boxes housing the defibrillators as they are not overly large.</p> <p>It was decided to purchase two one each for the Village Hall and the Manor Arms.</p> <p>Cllr Field also suggested that we advertise locations in the Parish News on a regular basis and Cllr Ballard would notify the school office.</p> <p>Cllr. Knight Proposed and Cllr. Ballard Seconded that the WRFA quote at £80 including VAT be approved. All in favour.</p>			
700	Planning – None received			
701	Section 106 Piper Homes and CiL Update: Report by Cllr. Ballard			
	<p>Following the section 106 correspondence that Cllr Ballard circulated, Cllr Ballard proposed that the Parish Council agree to sign the Section 106 Funding agreement from MHDC. Seconded by Cllr. Knight. All in favour.</p> <p>The conveyancing process is still in the hands of the Solicitors.</p>			
702	Update from Cllr Eberlin as to how to continue to inform about climate change measures			



	<p>Climate issues are in the news on a daily basis with overheating is becoming increasingly difficult in poorly designed buildings. This won't affect buildings with smaller windows but does affect extensions with lots of glazing. It is also affecting offices with greater use of fans and Air Conditioning.</p> <p>The heat pump grant is still available at £5k and companies are gearing up to install units with more training in the pipeline. It's called the Boiler Upgrade Scheme. (BUS)</p> <p>We should remind parishioners to seek quotes for heat pump conversions of their oil boilers and take advantage of the zero rated tax break on PV (solar panels for electricity) if they haven't already done so.</p> <p>My question for the PC is what would you like to see in Autumn 23? Should we plan another village info sharing evening?</p> <p>Check on progress in our parish?</p> <p>Have they insulated their lofts yet?!</p> <p>We could seek input from the new houses with heat pumps.</p> <p>An update will be provided for the website</p> <p>It was agreed to hold an event subject to the availability of the Village Hall on 22nd November. The purpose of this would be to introduce Parishioners to each other and especially to encourage newcomers in a social setting; and through conversation and the exchange of ideas promote a continued interest in the topic of protection of the environment.</p> <p>Some of the issues which might arise are to do with energy saving, transport and how to spot and deal with rogue traders and cold callers.</p> <p>Cllr Eberlin will lead on this and the format, in outline at the moment, will be finalised by October's Parish Council Meeting.</p>
<p>703</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Plan Review.</p> <p>Cllr Knight will make enquiries as to the advised process. Timing will be important in order to make ANDP have most weight.</p> <p>Cllr Cumming that other Parish Councils are trying to find out if funding is available as for the original NDP.</p>
<p>704</p>	<p>To consider footpath between the Abberley Common and Abberley Village.</p> <p>This matter has already been discussed resulting in the view that the Parish Council will not pursue. NB A time lapse of sixth months has to occur before this matter can be discussed again.</p> <p>It should also be noted that access to different parts of Abberley through improving existing footpaths and tracks has already been mooted and will take place in the course of the year.</p>
<p>705</p>	<p>To consider restoration of the Church Clock.</p>



	<p>The position of the Parish Council regarding financial contributions to the upkeep of Church property was clarified for Parish Councillors. CALC has advised that the Local Government Act of 1894, in this regard, still overrides any subsequent act and that, therefore, the Parish Council would be in breach of the law were it to make any grant to the Church.</p> <p>It should be noted, however, that due to confusion in the interpretation of this Act amendments are being sought to the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill being debated in Parliament at the moment. This will, hopefully, clarify matters and make it easy for Parish Councils to make future decisions with confidence.</p> <p>This agenda item was for information only and not debate</p> <p>Cllr Cumming confirmed that this is indeed the legal position</p>
706	<p>Councillors reports and items for future agendas.</p> <p>Tenbury Transport Trust to be invited by the Clerk to attend the November event planned as it will fit nicely with the idea of energy conservation.</p> <p>A Parishioner has suggested a meeting with Abberley Parochial Primary School to discuss how the parking issue may be solved but it was felt that this would be best done when a permanent head takes up their position.</p> <p>Cllr Andrew has asked for the possibility of the Clock Tower to be added to list of Community Assets. This will be looked at at the next meeting when the status of Abberley Hall may be more settled.</p>
707	<p>Date of Next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will be on September 20th 2023 at 7.30pm at Abberley Village Hall.</p>

Appendix 1 Cllr. David Chambers WCC Report.

1. WCC are to check planning conditions regarding the development on A443. They will then determine what sections are to be undertaken by the developer and which by WCC. I have requested that once this determination has been made, that the whole of the footpath will be upgraded from the Post Office up to the next junction. I am not aware to what extent MHDC's Enforcement Team are involved in ensuring that the developer is fulfilling its obligations.
2. Tanya Crake, the Highways Liaison Officer is to contact the Clerk regarding additional information which is required in respect of the following:
 - a. The siding out of the pavement at Clows Top Road.
 - b. Gullies which need attention near Abberley Shop on A443.
 - c. Pothole near Abberley school.
 - d. Blocked gullies in Wynniattes Way.
 - e. Mr Cope's overgrown hedge at The Moorings.
3. Highways are waiting for an update regarding the Long Term Regulation Order which has been issued regarding waiting restrictions at School Meadow etc.



Appendix 2 Cllrs. Paul and Pam Cumming MHDC Report

The Council has started its new term under new ward boundaries, but events from pre-election still influence matters and once again chiefly in the area of planning. The June council meeting has now been cancelled due to lack of business, but we remain busy behind the scenes clearing outstanding issues - not least on planning enforcement issues.

There have been planning appeals at Astley, mainly within Baldwin Ward, where 145 houses opposed by MHDC on the edge of Stourport were granted outline permission, in addition to a further 50 at Martley primarily because of the lack of a five-year land supply in the District. Such decisions emphasise the need for the SWDPR review to be completed. We will be pursuing this point, stressing that it creates further pressure on the already overstretched Severn River crossings which need addressing in the transport policies of the revised plan.

On a more positive route we have continued to press for the £1.2 additional one-off grant from the government to be earmarked for infrastructure needed under the new plan, rather than be put in general reserves and are pleased to say that a recommendation is now going to the Executive Committee to achieve this.

Our specific individual roles at Malvern for the immediate future are now clarified with Pam focussing on the environment and Paul on planning and economic development.

We are pleased and grateful to have been returned as members of the new ward and thank residents for their support which we intend to justify.