



Present: Cllr. Knight (Chair), Cllr. Andrew, Cllr. Nott, Cllr. Eberlin, Cllr. Field, Cllr. Outwin,  
In Attendance: Cllr. Paul Cumming MHDC– 1 member of the Public.

**The Meeting closed at 20:24pm**

Minute Reference	
708	<b>Apologies:</b> Cllr. Eden, Cllr. Ballard WCC Councillor David Chambers. Cllr Pam Cumming MHDC
709	<b>Declarations of Interest:</b> Cllr. Eberlin declared a disclosable non-pecuniary interest – Minute 718
	<b>Democratic Period/ Public Time –</b>
710	<b>Approval of the Minutes</b>  Cllr. Field Proposed and Seconded by Cllr. Eberlin that the Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of Abberley Parish Council on the 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2023 were a true record. All in favour.
711	<b>Matters Arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on Listing of the Manor Arms; the application has not been completed so Cllr .Knight asked if any Councillors would take this on.</li> <li>• Update on parking issues on Clow Top Rd by Cllr. Knight: I met with Mr Julian Turner (Principal Road Safety Officer for WCC), Mr Bob Haynes, (West Mercia Police), Cllr David Chambers, (County Councillor) and Mrs Claire Shelley (Headmistress, Abberley Parochial School) on 13<sup>th</sup> September to discuss the various issues which have arisen over parking by the school and additional concerns over speeding.</li> </ul> <p>My understanding is that that the yellow lines proposed around the junction will serve as a visual reminder and thus deterrent to anyone thinking of parking opposite the school and should make visibility when turning right or left out of both School Meadow and The Village Road better. It wasn't felt that lines further into the village would improve the situation and would, indeed, exacerbate the current problem. Cllr Chambers has suggested that a single yellow line could be extended to the junction with the Common Road but with the proviso that the restriction only lasts for a short period for school drop off and pick up. This is not common but can be done and would deal with the issue of people parking over driveways.</p> <p>An issue with visibility turning left out of School Meadow has arisen and it would appear the developer is in breach of the conditions upon which planning permission was granted. Malvern Hills has been alerted to the issue.</p> <p>Both traffic experts agreed that parked cars did have the effect of slowing traffic down.</p> <p>It should be noted that it is illegal to park on the pavement in such a manner that a buggy is unable to get past. Educating people about safe parking would seem to be the</p>



way forward. This is where the school is in a position to explain such matters to parents. The police feel that this is the most effective way of mitigating the problem. And the Parish Council can continue to post notices about parking.

It was noted that the 20-mph sign was not working on the approach to the village from the north and that this would be taken up by the County Council.

We have made a request for a mobile VAS the cost of which may be borne by outside agencies but further discussion is needed.

**The Clerk to speak to Cllr. Chambers WCC re VAS sign plus 2 poles where the VAS sign can be moved and interchanged.**

**712 County and District Councillor Reports**

**Cllr. Cumming MHDC Report:** Report attached as Appendix 2.

**Cllr. Chambers WCC Report:** Report attached as Appendix 1.

**713 Finance**

**a) To approve receipts and payments for the period to 20<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023**

<b>Payments list SEPT 20th 2023</b>		
C Hirst Salary July		£ 475.07
HMRC July		£ 118.60
IN2OUT LENGTHSMAN July		£ 212.62
Abberley Village Hall 23/24/032		£ 15.00
C Hirst Salary Aug		£ 475.07
HMRC Aug		£ 118.60
IN2OUT Lengthsman Aug		£ 220.50
MHDC Election Costs		£ 50.00
C Hirst Salary Sept		£ 475.07
HMRC Sept		£ 118.60
C Hirst Clerk expenses (2 months) to Sep 20th		£ 54.06
		<b>£ 2,333.19</b>
<b>RECEIPTS to 20<sup>th</sup> September 23 not previously reported</b>		
WCC Lengthsman		£ 212.62
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>£ 212.62</b>

Cllr. Nott proposed and Cllr. Knight seconded **that the payments be approved. All in favour.**

**b) To note the Bank Reconciliation at 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023.** Noted.



	<p><b>c) To Note the Budget report at 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023. Noted.</b></p> <p><b>d) To consider the purchase of bleed kits and training. (report circulated) Cllr. Outwin presented a report with the quote of £160 inclusive of VAT for bleed kit and £300 inclusive for training. Cllr. Andrews proposed that the bleed kits be purchased at £160. Cllr. Eberlin seconded. All in favour.</b></p> <p><b>e) CALC NDP Training October/November. How many would want to attend (cost is £40 per person). Cllr. Knight gave an update on the NDP review position. Our Neighbourhood Plan will need to be reviewed and this process will have to be timed so that we are in the strongest position possible. Depending on what the review requires we may have to consider hiring another consultant. The use of our current NDP has been very effective. Cllr. Knight Proposed and Cllr. Andrew Seconded that two places at £40 per person be approved for the Clerk and Cllr. Knight to attend. All in favour.</b></p> <p><b>f) To consider Remembrance Wreath or Donation to Royal British Legion (£60 in the budget). Cllr. Outwin Proposed and Cllr. Knight Seconded that £60 donation be approved. All in favour.</b></p>
714	<p><b>Planning –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• M/23/00929/HP The Wain House At- The Crundles, Elms Green, Abberley- Single storey rear extension and alterations- CONSULTATION to 11<sup>th</sup> August 2023.</li> <li>• M/23/00930/LB. Associated Ref:M/23/00929/HP- The Wain House At, The Crundles, Elms Green, Abberley, Worcester, WR6 6AX- Single storey rear extension and alterations- CONSULTATION to 11<sup>th</sup> August 2023.</li> <li>• M/23/00773/FUL- Meadow Cottage, Stockton Road, Abberley, Worcester, WR6 6AT- Replacement dwelling and garage outbuilding (including the demolition of the existing structures)- CONSULTATION to 25<sup>th</sup> August 23</li> <li>• M/23/01047/HP- The Crundles, Elms Green, Abberley, Worcester, WR6 6AX- Erection of detached home office to replace timber shed in rear garden- CONSULTATION to 28<sup>th</sup> August 2023.</li> <li>• M/23/00934/HP Broken Hill, Stockton Road, Abberley- Erection of three car garage with residential annex over, following demolition of existing garage and shed- CONSULTATION to 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023</li> <li>• M/22/01156/FUL - Catchgates, Stockton Road, Abberley - Erection of a Building for Use as a Commercial Cattery – REFUSED 18/8/23.</li> <li>• APP/J1860/W/22/3313396- The Orchards, The Village, Abberley WR6 6BN- The appeal is made under section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 against a refusal to grant permission in principle. The appeal is made by Mr and Mrs Bedhall against the decision of Malvern Hills District Council. The application</li> </ul>



	Ref M/22/01327/PIP, dated 1 September 2022, was refused by notice dated 20 October 2022. The development proposed is for the erection of 1, 3 bed self-build bungalow. <b>APPEAL DISMISSED.</b>
715	<b>To discuss any plans for 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D Day, June 2024 and whether the Parish Council would like to consider any remembrance statues in the Parish.</b>  <b>Deferred to the October Parish Council meeting.</b>
716	<b>Section 106 Piper Homes and CiL Update:</b> <b>Cllr. Ballard – There is no update of note.</b>
717	<b>Request from Hallow Parish Council to support Protection of NDPs</b>  Hallow Parish Council have requested our support in asking for the strengthening of NDPs by Government. This is extremely important if we wish to continue to have an effective say in how our local community develops. We have registered our support and we have agreed to send our own letter to Harriet Baldwin expressing this idea. <b>The Clerk to compile this.</b>  Hallow have drawn up a list of very good points which would make a very good starting point  Cllr. Knight agreed to represent the Parish Council at any meeting arranged with Harriet Baldwin.
718	<b>Update from Cllr Eberlin as to how to continue to inform about climate change measures.</b>  We have booked the village hall for Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> November from 7.30pm to enable us to have a village gathering to discuss latest options for reducing our carbon footprint. I thought I could give a brief update on what is available on grants (no change on the BUS scheme) but would like to make it more interactive where people can share questions and experience. We can perhaps ask new villagers who have heat pumps to also share how they are getting on with their new technology.  This might be an opportunity to consider a project for the village hall with an EV charger and how to plan to remove oil/improve the building by 2030.  We could also think again about opportunities for improving bio-diversity and tree planting.  How best to market our event? Item in the Parish News, on the PC website and Facebook.  A representative to explain how the shared community bus idea works at Tenbury has been invited and agreed to attend.  It was also suggested that representatives from the school and the Village Hall committee be invited to attend, perhaps with a view to contributing ideas and or their experience with implementing various energy saving measures.



	<b>It was agreed that Cllr Eberlin would produce a poster by October 12<sup>th</sup> for inclusion in the Parish News.</b>
<b>719</b>	<b>Neighbourhood Plan Review.</b>  This was discussed under Minute 713 e and f
<b>720</b>	<b>Councillors reports and items for future agendas.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cllr. Knight reported that Cllr. Andrew has submitted her resignation from the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023. Cllr. Knight wished that a record of thanks be placed on file for all the hard work she has done as Councillor. Councillors agreed.</li> </ul>
<b>721</b>	<b>Date of Next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will be on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 7.30pm at Abberley Village Hall.</b>

**Appendix 1 Cllr. David Chambers WCC Report.**

**1. Worcestershire Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2021-2022**

Professor Keith Brown, the Independent Chairman of the Adults Safeguarding Board attended a recent Cabinet meeting and presented the Board’s annual report for 2021-2022. The Annual Report provides an overview of the activity of the Board during the year. This includes safeguarding activity that took place to protect people in Worcestershire with care and support needs, at risk of harm during the period.

Professor Brown emphasised the progress made by the Council in the development of the Complex Adult Risk Management (CARM) framework and noted that the Council was at the forefront of dealing with adults with complex needs.

The Exploitation Strategy was currently out to consultation with the final completion expected shortly. The Board had undertaken a lot of work developing a meaningful approach to the engagement with people with a lived experience. The Board continued to review its policies, particularly to speed up the process of Safeguarding Adults Reviews.

**2. Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Training and Automated External Defibrillators (AED) across the County**

In 2022 the Council passed a motion calling for an audit of the availability of CPR training and AEDs across Worcestershire, including in schools. The motion also recommended work to increase access to CPR training and AEDs.

Following the audit conducted by the Public Health team, Cabinet has agreed that all WCC staff and elected members are encouraged to undertake CPR training. Cabinet has further agreed promotional work organised by the Public Health team, aimed at increasing awareness of CPR training and community located AEDs. Public Health are to provide signposting and support to community organisations in obtaining funding for AEDs and a grant scheme is to be created, to assist local organisations to purchase AEDs where alternative sources of funding could not be accessed and where specific criteria are met.

**3. Transfer of coroner’s officers to Worcestershire County Council**

Coroners are independent judicial officers who are appointed and funded by local authorities. They determine how they discharge their functions within a statutory framework.



Worcestershire is designated as a Coronial area and as such is required to have a Senior Coroner appointed (not employed) by the local authority and agreed by the Chief Coroner and Lord Chancellor.

Coroners are supported by Coroners Officers and within Worcestershire these roles have historically been provided and funded by West Mercia Police. The current division of accountability does not sit well with a modern Coroner’s Service, hence the request to transfer to the County Council which has been approved by Cabinet, resulting in the management and future funding of Coroners Officers passing to Worcestershire County Council.

**4. Health of young people**

Public Health is working closely with schools and other education settings as young people continue to face a variety of health challenges and WCC believes that schools are well placed to create healthier environments within which children can thrive. The Cabinet members for Health and Education are working together and a Public Health grant scheme for schools is to be created which will help enable schools to innovate and create new ways of improving physical and mental health within their communities.

Schools are increasingly forced to deal with the rise in vaping among young people and accompanying anti-social behaviour. Furthermore, illicit vapes may have higher than the legal dose of nicotine or oversized tanks, causing even more harm if smoked by under- 18s. Public Health is working with Worcestershire schools and other partners to explore messages children receive about vaping and our Trading Standards team continue to work hard to remove illegal products from the local marketplace.

**5. Worcestershire’s Children Services rated “Good” by OFSTED**

A full inspection of Worcestershire Children’s Services has graded the overall effectiveness of the service as “Good”. This follows a three-week inspection in May 2023. OFSTED inspectors noted there has been continued progress since the last inspection in 2019 and found that “the senior leadership team in Worcestershire Children First has continued to work effectively with political leaders to improve outcomes for children” an that “there is a coordinated drive to continue to improve children’s experiences and relationships with key partners are effective”.

The report recognised that children’s outcomes have improved as a result of a family focused, child centred, early help and proportionate statutory intervention, when in the best interest of children.

**6. Boundary Commission Changes**

The Boundary Commission is currently reviewing boundary changes within the county, which will come into effect for the May 2025 County elections. Though at the early stages of the process, it looks at present as though there will be limited or possibly no changes to the boundaries relating to the Tenbury Division. I will update you further in due course.

**Appendix 2 Cllrs. Paul and Pam Cumming MHDC Report**

MHDC has just awoken from its summer holiday and meetings are just starting - so no written report this month but I hope things will be back to normal next month.