



Present: Cllr. Knight (Chair), Cllr. Eden, Cllr. Field, Cllr. Eberlin; Cllr. Nott, Cllr. Ballard; Cllr. Tassell.
In Attendance:– Cllr’s Paul and Pam Cumming MHDC - 2 members of the Public.

The Meeting closed at 20:48pm

Minute Reference	
782	<p>Note Apologies:, Cllr. Outwin; WCC Councillor David Chambers.</p> <p>Absent: Cllr. Juckes;</p>
783	<p>Declarations of Interest:</p> <p>Cllr. Knight declared a Disclosable Interest in item 791 (excessive light problems) and M/23/01728/LB Jaylands, The Village, Abberley – Disclosable Interest Minute 788.</p> <p>Cllr. Tassell - M/23/00672/HP at Elm Lodge, The Common, Abberley Minute 788</p> <p>Cllr. Eberlin declared a disclosable non-pecuniary interest – Minute 790</p>
	<p>Democratic Period/ Public Time –</p> <p>Speed of Traffic on the Tenbury Road - a parishioner expressed grave concerns about the ineffectiveness of the 30mph speed limit which is situated after the turning for Longmeadow and just before the Village Shop. He would like the PC to request that Highways move the sign so that it incorporates the Longmeadow turning. The clerk to write to Highways to look into the matter. Another Parishioner expressed dissatisfaction with the, as yet, unimproved path running from the village shop, past Longmeadow and up the hill. This matter is in hand.</p>
784	<p>Approval of the Minutes</p> <p>Cllr. Field Proposed and Seconded by Cllr. Tassell that the Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of Abberley Parish Council on the 21st February 2024 were a true record. All in favour.</p>
785	<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on Listing of the Manor Arms; Cllr. Outwin is trying to make contact with Matthew Davies of MHDC. • Speeding Issues on Stockton Road recorded cars traveling at 45-50 mph. • Reports and request from Great Witley Parish Council regarding lighting issues at Abberley Hall School. The lights have been adjusted and are no longer shining into the house. Further reduction still required as advised by the householder concerned. To be requested to Abberley Hall School Security. Cllr. Field to provide up to date information to the Clerk who will then write to whom it concerns asking for either further reduction or to use sensor lights. • Path along Longmeadow which is still in appalling condition – Cllr. Chambers chased on 11/3/24. Cllr. Cumming reported that Planning Enforcement are aware of the situation and an enforcement notice is on the development for taking out the hedge. The state of the path will be added to



	<p>the Enforcement. Cllr. Chambers report also covers this item. Clerk to write to Christopher Parkes from Enforcement about this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Street names for The Orchard – Update - The road names will be Upper Orchard and Lower Orchard. • Tenbury Transport Trust – feedback (Cllr. Eberlin) Tenbury Trust have not been in contact since their talk. The Parish Council will write a promotional note for the parish News asking for volunteers and also promoting the service. Leaflets have been put in the shop, on the noticeboard, the Parish Website and Facebook. 																																	
<p>786</p>	<p>County and District Councillor Reports</p> <p>Cllr. Cumming MHDC – Appendix 2</p> <p>Cllr. Chambers WCC Report: Report attached as Appendix 1.</p>																																	
<p>787</p>	<p>Finance</p> <p>a) To approve receipts and payments for the period to 20th March 2024</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="360 898 1034 1608"> <tr> <td colspan="3">Payments list March 20th 24</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Village Hall hire feb and climate change evenings</td> <td></td> <td>£ 40.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>In2Out Lengthsman Feb</td> <td></td> <td>£ 220.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C Hirst Clerk expenses to 21st Feb</td> <td></td> <td>£ 27.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BWP Creative Ltd - Website domain name</td> <td></td> <td>£ 24.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C Hirst clerk expenses to 20th March</td> <td></td> <td>£ 31.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>£ 343.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">RECEIPTS upto March 20th not previously reported</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jan Lengthsman WCC</td> <td></td> <td>£ 212.62</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Feb Lengthsman WCC</td> <td></td> <td>£ 220.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL RECEIPTS</td> <td></td> <td>£ 433.12</td> </tr> </table> <p>Cllr. Eden proposed and Cllr. Eberlin seconded that the payments be approved. All in favour.</p> <p>b) To note the Bank Reconciliation at 9th March 2024. Noted.</p> <p>c) To Note the Budget report at 9th March 2024. Noted.</p>	Payments list March 20th 24			Village Hall hire feb and climate change evenings		£ 40.00	In2Out Lengthsman Feb		£ 220.50	C Hirst Clerk expenses to 21st Feb		£ 27.00	BWP Creative Ltd - Website domain name		£ 24.00	C Hirst clerk expenses to 20th March		£ 31.50			£ 343.00	RECEIPTS upto March 20th not previously reported			Jan Lengthsman WCC		£ 212.62	Feb Lengthsman WCC		£ 220.50	TOTAL RECEIPTS		£ 433.12
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	<p>d) To consider request from the Lengthsman to increase hourly rate from £15 to £16.50 from April 1st 2024. The Clerk circulated the Lengthsman Timesheet to advise Councillors of the work the Lengthsman is doing. This will now be sent monthly. Cllr. Nott Proposed and Cllr. Ballard Seconded that the pay increase be approved.</p> <p>e) To agree internal transfer of £700 into allocated reserve for special projects/grants fund. Cllr. Eden Proposed and Cllr. Eberlin Seconded that £700 be transferred to the Special Projects/Grants fund.</p>
788	<p>Planning –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M/23/00672/HP at Elm Lodge, The Common, Abberley- Erection of Boundary Fence – Appeal received on 28/2/24. No Objection. • Pre-Application Telecommunications Installation: CTIL_30641100 LAYBY AT CLOWS TOP. No objection. • M/24/00124/HP - The Pleck, The Village, Abberley- Ground and first floor rear extension, new windows/doors, loft conversion, decking, internal remodelling and ancillary works including landscaping. New windows/door, roof lights, installation of photovoltaic panels and internal remodelling to the existing annex – APPROVED. • M/23/01728/LB Jaylands, The Village, Abberley- Replace third floor dormer windows with like windows- CONSULTATION to 8th April 24 No Objection
789	<p>Section 106 Piper Homes Update:</p> <p>A detailed report from Cllr. Ballard regarding future plans was circulated prior to the meeting for information.</p> <p>Cllr. Eberlin proposed that the Parish Council should seek to avoid the use of pesticides/glyphosate on Parish Council land. Seconded by Cllr. Tassell. Four for and three abstentions.</p> <p>Agenda item for April’s meeting to approve delegated powers to Section 106 Sub-group for items related to the Section 106 up to a certain budget.</p>
790	<p>Update from Cllr Eberlin as to how to continue to inform about climate change measures. An update was circulated which is now on the PC website and Facebook. It was decided to refresh promotion of the Tenbury Transport Trust periodically.</p>
791	<p>Concerns about excessive light spillage on the village square causing problems for wildlife and neighbouring houses etc infringing the Dark Skies Policy of the Parish Council. Reported by Cllr. Eberlin.</p> <p>Cllr. Eberlin reported that there was no information from the Manor Arms as to progress in this matter. It was agreed that a letter to be written to the Manor Arms. Cllr. Eberlin to draft and circulate a letter.</p> <p>Cllr. Cumming suggested Worcestershire Regulatory Services be contacted if this could not be resolved via the letter.</p>
792	<p>Neighbourhood Plan Review. (Update from Cllr. Knight)</p> <p>Nothing further to report.</p>



793	<p>Litter on the Clows Top Road. Adopt a Street Malvern Hills - Malvern Hills District Council This link will be put on the PC website.</p>
794	<p>Councillors reports and items for future agendas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shavers End Road flytipping – Clerk to write to Dunley and Astley Parish Clerk to advise that there is a lot of litter, some of which has filtered onto a field. The Council will not remove this as it is on private property. Abberley Parish Council is happy to join forces to try and alleviate this problem. • Defibrillator item on finance agenda for new paddles. • Cllr. Tassell to ascertain whether the Village Hall is responsible for paying for new items for the Village Hall defibrillator should they be required. • Letter of thanks to be sent to the Lengthsman for his work over the winter. • Church Drive drain needs cleaning out – Lengthsman cannot fix. • Village Hall update for Cllr. Tassell.
795	<p>Date of Next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will be on 17th April 2024 at 7.30pm at Abberley Village Hall.</p>

Appendix 1 Cllr. David Chambers WCC Report.

1. The footpath along the A443 is constantly being chased by myself, however, initially this is an MHDC issue. WCC will not undertake resurfacing works which clearly need to be done, until the Enforcement Department at MHDC ensure that the developer completes the works which must be done as part of MHDC’s Planning Permission.

I am not able to chase MHDC, this must be done either by the Parish Council or the District Councillors. I understand that some progress has been made. As soon as the Enforcement Department confirm that the developer has completed their works I will move this forward as quickly as possible.

To help ensure that Highways move quickly once they are given the go ahead, I have reserved some of my Highways funding to help fund the resurfacing of this pavement, as I myself view this as a priority.

I urge you to chase The Enforcement Team at MHDC and ask them to inform you or me once they are happy that the developer has complied according the Planning Permission granted.

2. I have today sent a request to Highways to escalate the repair of the school signs. This has gone on far too long and I will chase weekly until they are repaired.

Appendix 2 Cllrs. Paul and Pam Cumming MHDC Report

The Council has received a further £1m one off grant from the Government this year, which has been allocated to the priorities reserve, although it is unclear at this stage what it will be spent on. An increase in the District’s element of Council Tax of 2.82% was agreed bearing in mind the projections for the next few years which show substantial ongoing savings being required.

The District still remains at risk of speculative planning applications due to the expiry of the SWDP, with the adoption of the new Local Plan now being further delayed as the Inspector has called for updating of various pieces of background data before the Examination progresses further. In particular the long-awaited Transport survey is required. We will continue to press for improved performance in this situation.



It is worth noting that in the original public consultation in 2019, all the Parish Councils in the old Baldwin and Woodbury wards requested that large village development sites should not be included in the Local Plan until a transport plan was put forward. The response was that transport modelling would be undertaken to inform site selection and yet over three years later sites have been identified for this area without such a transport plan.

With new housing developments being completed, issues with affordable housing are starting to emerge. In one case a developer was required to re-examine compliance with the District lettings policy. In Pearl Lane in Astley, the market element of 34 houses was converted to Affordable Housing by the developer and in the process no CIL payments towards infrastructure were required. This has resulted in such housing being built in our District effectively to satisfy the housing needs of other authorities.

Next year there will be food waste collections by MHDC and a campaign happening called Food Savvy.

A scheme called "too good to go" an app that tells you which shops are throwing away products that day.