



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

**The Meeting closed at 20:42pm**

Minute Reference	
833	<p><b>Note Apologies:</b> Cllr. Eden; Cllr. Eberlin; Cllr. Jukes.</p> <p>WCC Councillor David Chambers, Cllr. Paul Cumming MHDC and Cllr. Pam Cumming MHDC.</p> <p>Absent: None</p>
834	<p><b>Declarations of Interest:</b> Cllr. Knight declared a Disclosable Other interest in item 842 living adjacent to the property in question.</p>
	<p><b>Democratic Period/ Public Time –</b></p> <p>Wade Muggleton from WCC Countryside Service, spoke regarding Apostles Meadow and Funding which has been secured from the Coronation Living Heritage Fund for new Community Orchards and Mini Forests across Worcestershire.</p> <p>Refer to Minute 841.</p> <p>Wade also spoke about flooding issues with Dick Brook which is classed as the worst of its kind in Worcestershire for flowing. He showed examples of flooded areas that funding that is there to support. “Slow The Flow” is the name given to what they are trying to achieve.</p> <p>The aim is to look at Landowners to work with them to slow the water off the land.</p>
835	<p><b>Approval of the Minutes</b></p> <p>Cllr. Field Proposed and Seconded by Cllr. Knight that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Abberley Parish Council on the 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024 was a true record. All in favour.</p>
836	<p><b>To report the resignation of Councillor Trevor Nott on the 26<sup>th</sup> June and Cllr. Sarah Outwin on the 30<sup>th</sup> June. The Clerk registered the 2 resignations and vacancy on the day of resignation. Vacancy Notices were both issued. The Clerk reported that by the 19<sup>th</sup> July both vacancies will be available for co-option.</b></p>
837	<p><b>Matters Arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Speeding Issues on Stockton Road and within the Parish.</b> Ongoing.</li> <li>• <b>Lengthsman’s Update</b> – a report of the work undertaken by the Lengthsman during June was circulated prior to the Meeting.</li> <li>• <b>Long Meadow doesn’t have a street sign.</b> The Clerk reported this to MHDC who have reported back to say that a street sign is now on order.</li> </ul>
838	<p><b>County and District Councillor Reports</b></p>



	<p><b>Cllr. Cumming MHDC – No report.</b></p> <p><b>Cllr. Chambers WCC Report:</b> Report attached as Appendix 1.</p>																																													
839	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p>a) To approve payments from 19<sup>th</sup> June to 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024. Cllr. Field <b>proposed</b> and Cllr. Ballard <b>seconded that the payments be approved. All in favour.</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td colspan="3"><b>Payments list 17th July 24</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>C Hirst Clerk Expenses to June 19th</td> <td></td> <td>£ 27.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>IN2OUT Lengthsman June 24</td> <td></td> <td>£ 214.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Abberley Village Hall - June</td> <td></td> <td>£ 15.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C Hirst July Salary</td> <td></td> <td>£ 519.74</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC Clerk Tax July</td> <td></td> <td>£ 130.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clerk Expenses to 17th July</td> <td></td> <td>£ 27.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td><b>£ 933.24</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3"><b>RECEIPTS up to 17th July not previously reported</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>WCC Lengthsman</td> <td></td> <td>£ 214.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>WCC Lengthsman</td> <td></td> <td>£ 214.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td><b>£ 429.00</b></td> </tr> </table> <p>b) To note the <b>Bank Reconciliation on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024.</b> Noted.</p> <p>c) To Note the <b>Budget report on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024.</b> Noted.</p> <p>d) To consider a budget for <b>Chairman’s Budget 2024/25.</b> Cllr. Tassell Proposed that a budget of £300 be approved. Seconded by Cllr. Field. All in favour.</p>	<b>Payments list 17th July 24</b>			C Hirst Clerk Expenses to June 19th		£ 27.00	IN2OUT Lengthsman June 24		£ 214.50	Abberley Village Hall - June		£ 15.00	C Hirst July Salary		£ 519.74	HMRC Clerk Tax July		£ 130.00	Clerk Expenses to 17th July		£ 27.00						<b>£ 933.24</b>				<b>RECEIPTS up to 17th July not previously reported</b>			WCC Lengthsman		£ 214.50	WCC Lengthsman		£ 214.50						<b>£ 429.00</b>
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840	<p><b>Planning –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>M/22/01440/PIP at Land At (Os 7450 6726)Abberley-</b> Application for permission in principle for the construction of up to 7no. dwellings – Planning Appeal Lodged (cut-off date for comments 29<sup>th</sup> July 2024)</li> <li>• <b>M/24/00557/HP - The Pleck, The Village, Abberley-</b> New double garage- APPROVED.</li> <li>• <b>M/23/01728/LB – Jaylands, The Village, Abberley-</b> Replace third floor dormer windows with like windows – REFUSED 8/7/24</li> </ul>																																													
841	<p><b>Apostles Meadow (Section 106) Update: Cllr. Ballard</b></p> <p>Members of the Working Group met with Wade Muggleton from WCC on the Apostles Meadow a week or so back. He explained that he could fund all the materials Necessary</p>																																													



	<p>in order to create an orchard following a grant that they have received from the Coronation Living Heritage Fund for new Community Orchards and Mini Forests across Worcestershire.</p> <p>Should we agree to pursue this then it will be up to us to create a large enough working party that we can plant The Orchard this winter. Wait suggested a good time to do this is early December before it gets too cold, and this gives the trees the best opportunity for the next year.</p> <p>Wade also suggested we might want to consider planting some traditional hardwood trees (Oak/chestnut etc) as a way of enhancing the landscape in the future within the Meadow. He made a valid point that we are benefiting now from lovely, old trees throughout the countryside, yet little is being done in the way of succession planting. He suggested that within the next 50 to 100 years, the lovely trees we currently see may well be gone with no strong replacements.</p> <p>Wade has sent Two suggested plans for us to consider which were circulated.</p>
<p><b>842</b></p>	<p><b>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. Report by Cllr. Eberlin.</b></p> <p>Cllr. Eberlin reported that the issue has not been resolved despite changes and excess light is still reflected off pub into nearby houses and into the square.</p> <p>Cllr. Eberlin agreed to write a letter.</p>
<p><b>843</b></p>	<p><b>Village Hall Update.</b> <b>Nothing to report.</b></p>
<p><b>844</b></p>	<p><b>To consider Councillors for the Finance Working Group and for the Apostles Meadow Working Group for 2024/25 following changes at the AGM and resignations.</b></p> <p><b>Members of the Finance Working Group 2024/25</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Cllr. Knight Proposed and Cllr. Tassell Seconded that Cllr. Tassell as Parish Council Chair (Cllr. Libby Tassell), Cllr. Ballard as Vice Chair of the Council, Cllr. Eden (existing finance Committee Member), and Cllr. Field be the 5 members of the Finance Working Group. All in favour.</b></li> <li>• <b>Cllr. Ballard Proposed that the new Chair, Cllr. Libby Tassell joins the Apostles Meadow Working Group. Seconded by Cllr. Field. All in favour.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>845</b></p>	<p><b>Councillors reports and items for future agendas.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr. Knight reported an issue of illegal cutting of hedges and dumping of green waste on church walls in The Village. This has been brought to our attention by a Parishioner and it has been mentioned before. Councillors were asked if they had some ideas about how to prevent this. Laurels were cut down from the Manor Arms hedge without their knowledge and permission. It was suggested that a statement be issued for the Website and Facebook to draw attention to the issue and remind parishioners of the process.</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To consider co-opting parishioners onto the Apostles Meadow Working Group.</li> </ul>
<b>846</b>	<b>Date of Next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will be on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 7.30pm at Abberley Village Hall.</b>

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

I had a site meeting in Abberley this morning with Julian Turner and Tanya Crake.

1. I understand the school flashing lights are now working but Julian will check again when passing.
2. Dragons Teeth are due to be installed imminently on Clows Top Road as you come up the hill approaching Elan Homes.
3. I will email Paul and Pam Cumming this afternoon regarding the visibility splay as you enter Clows Top Road from the Elan Homes estate. MHDC have still not instructed the developer to reduce the size of the former Show Homes Garden and remove hedging on the lefthand side.
4. WCC have again confirmed that we will resurface the footpath along the A443. I don't have a date yet, but it is expected to be September. The owner of the shop reports that the footpath has been spray painted in awareness and appears to be gaining land from the shop.

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

Due to the Election and Purdah, the only thing to report is that the planning appeal is taking place above Long Meadow.

I expect we will soon hear more information about the planning intentions of the new government.