

Abberley Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 8th March 2016 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs: Mr T Nott (Chairman), Mr R Goodman, Mr A Jukes, Mr J Lakeman, Mrs C Knight, Mrs D Gage, Mrs N Kedwards, Mr G Crompton and Ms K Andrew.

In Attendance: Mrs A Watson (Clerk), District Cllr. Mr P Cumming, County Cllr. Dr K Pollock and 4 members of the Public.

1. Apologies: There were no apologies.

2. Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations of interest.

3. Suspension of the meeting for Democratic Public Question Time. The Chairman agreed to allow the Public to ask questions relating to the Bloors appeal later in the meeting at his discretion.

4. Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on the 26/01/16 were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

5. Planning

5.1 To note the following new application dealt with by delegated procedure:

16/00231/HOU Applicant: Mr & Mrs Whiting. Proposal: Extension to existing dwelling at Stone Cottage, Apostles Oak, Abberley, WR6 6AA. Parish Council comment: **Recommend Approval**

5.2 To note the following MHDC Planning decision notifications:

5.2.1 15/01701/FUL Applicant: Mr G Benton. Proposal: Single storey rear extension at 15, The Carpenters Shop, Abberley Park, Stockton Road, Abberley, WR6 6AW. **Approval**

5.2.2 15/01049/FUL Applicant: Mr W Fello Proposal: New 4 bedroom chalet bungalow with detached double garage at Manchester House Kitchen Garden Site, The Common, Abberley. **Application Withdrawn**

5.3 To note the following Appeal: **APP/J1860/W/16/3144810 Applicant: Agents for Bloor Homes to appeal refusal of planning application 14/01122/OUT for 25 dwellings on land adjacent Apostles Oak.**

District Cllr. Cumming arrived at 8pm and was invited by the Chairman to give his report. This included the recently adopted South Worcestershire Development Plan and how this would affect future planning applications. The Chairman then allowed Councillors and the Public to discuss at length the Bloors appeal and process with District Cllr. Cumming. It was agreed that Abberley Parish Council will submit one document collating all the reasons for objecting to this appeal being granted and this will be put together by Cllrs. Andrew and Knight. Mrs S Day will submit a response objecting on behalf of Abberley Residents Group.

County Cllr. Pollock who joined the meeting at 8.20pm agreed that he was happy to write to the Planning Inspector stating that the footpath outside the appeal site along the A443 was inadequate and that it was strange the developers did not pursue another solution to provide an access to Abberley Common. Cllr. Pollock also reported on an adjustment to Worcestershire productivity figures that were incorrect from his last report, the latest rollout of Superfast Broadband within the county and road closures in the area. The Chairman raised a problem regarding a narrow lane to Worles Common and Cllr. Pollock agreed to look into a 'No HGV' sign for this lane opposite the Bell Public House.

5.4 To note the following Appeal Hearing Dates and Venue Notifications:

5.4.1 APP/J1860/W/15/3133352 Applicant: Mr N Birchley and Ms G D'Angelo. Proposal: Change of use of land to site 2 yurts for residential use associated with the long term management at Ridding Coppice, Worles Common, Stockton. Wednesday 30th March 2016 at 10.00am at The Council House, Malvern.

5.4.2 APP/J1860/W/15/3139165 Applicant: Mr & Mrs AE Steward. Proposal: Application for removal or variation of a condition to remove Condition 2 agricultural occupancy at Holy Acre Farm, Suffolk Lane, Abberley, WR6 6BE. Tuesday 5th April 2016 at 10.00am at The Council House, Malvern.

5.5 Notification of the adoption of the South Worcestershire Development Plan was read out by the Clerk.

5.6 Neighbourhood Planning – Councillors Crompton, Kedwards, Knight and Andrew kindly reported on their training sessions and information they found useful. This included case studies, budgets and the amount of work involved. It was agreed that these Councillors will form a Sub-Committee and were given the authority to conduct a feasibility study and look for volunteers within the parish who were prepared to be involved with a Neighbourhood Plan.

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6. Welfare

6.1 Neighbourhood Watch; Cllr. Lakeman reported that PC Rich Foxall would be taking charge for 3 months and that 2 additional patrol vehicles had been provided for the area. The Police had organised a security evening for Astley and Shrawley but Abberley was not on the programme yet. Superfast Broadband; Cllr. Kedwards is putting together a Facebook page for NW and having help with the email system. Cllr. Lakeman also reported on his complaints to BT regarding the broadband speed.

6.2 Mobile Computer Bus on Thursday 17th March 2016 at 9.45am – 11.45am Great Witley Village Hall.

6.3 Cllr. Andrew kindly reported on her attendance at Worcestershire Parish Conference on the 24/02/16 including presentations on Section 106 and CIL payments that she found useful.

6.4 The invitation to Malvern Hills District Parish & Town Council Conference 18/04/16 at Council Chambers, Malvern. 6.00pm-8.30pm was noted.

6.5 Malvern Hills Area CALC meeting 15/03/16 at County Hall, 7.30pm. The Clerk advised this had been cancelled.

6.6 To consider a grant for the Nora Parsons Day Centre. Councillors agreed to support the centre and provide a grant of £100.

7. Highways.

7.1 Items reported to Highways were read out by the Clerk who will also report blocked drains and pot holes in Suffolk Lane. A temporary Road Closure Notice for 2 days commencing the 5th April 2016 had been received for Abberley Common.

7.2 As yet, no information has been received by the Clerk on the Lengthsman's Contract for 2016-2017. It was agreed that the current contract be extended for another month.

8. Finance

8.1 To agree the Parish Council Risk Assessment for 2016/2017. It was agreed to agenda this item for a future meeting.

8.2 Receipts: 13/01/16 WCC Lengthsman Payment £391.13

8.3 To confirm the following payments made during February:

8.3.1 Clerks Salary January-February 2016 £305.00

8.3.2 Lengthsman for work during January 2016 £264.00

8.4 The following payments were authorised and cheques signed:

8.4.1 Clerks Salary February-March 2016 £305.00

8.4.2 Clerks Expenses January-March 2016 £54.00

8.4.3 Lengthsman for work during February 2016 £234.00

8.4.4 Nora Parsons Day Centre grant £100.00

9. Councillors' and Clerk's reports and items for future agenda.

- Information on the MHDC Revised Council Constitution had been emailed to Councillors and a copy of the new version of the Good Councillors Guide will be reformatted to send out when available.
- Cllr. Goodman reported on the Village Hall AGM. The committee remains the same, the finances are sound with an increase in bookings and the hall is now on Facebook.

10. Date of the next meeting:

It was confirmed the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th April 2016 in Abberley Village Hall at 7.30pm.

11. Meeting closure

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.05pm