

ABBERLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 9TH AUGUST, 2016 HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM

Present: Cllrs: Mr T Nott (Chairman), Mrs N Kedwards, Mrs C Knight, Mr R Goodman

In Attendance: Mrs A Watson (Outgoing Clerk), Mrs K Wild (Incoming Clerk), District Cllr. Mr P Cumming and seven members of the public.

**1. Parish Clerk
Outgoing**

The outgoing parish clerk, Mrs. Anne Watson was formally thanked for her years of service to Abberley Parish Council and presented with a bouquet by the Chairman.

Incoming

The incoming parish clerk, Mrs. Kym Wild, was formally appointed through the signing of the agreed contract of employment.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. Mr A Juckes, Mr G Crompton, Ms K Andrew and County Cllr Dr. K Pollock.

3. Declarations of Interest

The Chairman, declared a non-prejudicial interest relative to Item 6.1.

4. Suspension of the meeting for Democratic Public Question Time.

4.1. Councillor office duration of service/motivations

Mr T. Herbert questioned the length/duration of service of members of Abberley Parish Council as there appeared to be a high turnover of councillors. The Chairman disagreed and there was no evidence to support the opinion that had been brought forward.

4.2 Planning Application 16/00816/OUT "The Walshes"

Mrs J. Osborne raised her concerns as to the negative effect that the proposed project would have on road safety in Abberley. Some of the factors raised included, the proximity of the development, as now proposed, to already poorly navigable public highways, the projected increase in demand for school places and the commensurate vehicular and pedestrian traffic growth, alongside the questionable credibility and relevance of the Stage 1 safety audit/traffic monitoring data as supplied to support the project were brought before the Council.

5. Minutes

The minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 21st June, 2016 were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

6. Planning

6.1 16/00816/OUT "The Walshes" (Applicant, Crowle Properties Two Ltd).

The revised planning application was discussed and the observations from 4.2 above were brought forward into this discussion. The additional point of the practical viability of the proposed changes for the curvature of the public highway in the area and the 2013 pro anti-density correspondence between Abberley Parish Council's consultant and the County Highways department themselves were brought to the table. Further, but separate points were also raised including the poor aspect of some of the accommodation.

The discussion concluded that the negative impact of the development on Road Safety was a matter that the Parish Council needed to proactively engage with immediately. **It was therefore resolved** that the officer for the County Highways department, Mr Stephen Hawley, should be able to benefit from a full understanding of the real-world operation of traffic in this area and that to support the assimilation of accurate information the officer be invited to witness the area and its road safety problems first hand at a time of peak usage.

Parish Council comment: Recommend Refusal

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6.1.1 16/00816/OUT. Section 106 Public Open Space Funding

Abberley Parish Council response to Community Services request re Section 106 Public Open Space obligations remained as a play area/public amenity green space.. Having previously responded to this matter, no further amendment to that response were recommended by the Council.

6.2 New Applications – delegated procedure

6.2.1 16/00970/FUL (Applicant, Mr W Ffello).

Proposal: Erection of 1 new detached 4 bedroom house and garage at Land adj. Sawrey, Stockton Road, Abberley.

The applicant had previously withdrawn the original proposal, with the new now being submitted for consideration. Councillors agreed that the original issues highlighted in the previous application had not been addressed.

Parish Council comment: Recommend Refusal

6.2.2 16/00950/HOU (Applicant, Mr W Rutter).

Proposal: Replacement of window with bi-fold doors in southern elevation at 3, Abberley Park, Stockton Road, Abberley, WR6 6AW.

Parish Council comment: Recommend Approval.

6.3 MHDC Planning decision notifications

6.3.1 16/00755/HOU (Applicant, Mr J Parkin).

Proposal: First floor side extension over existing garage to provide a bedroom and single storey front extension at 3 Rosedale, Abberley, Worcestershire WR6 6BA. MHDC Planning decision, Approved.

6.3.2 16/00950/HOU (Applicant: Mr and Mrs S Whiting).

Proposal: Extension to existing dwelling at Stone Cottage, Apostles Oak, Abberley WR6 6AA. Approved.

6.4 MHDC Planning Enforcement notification

6.4.1 Enforcement Notice E/16/00116/PHY3 (Relating to Planning Application 16/00369/FUL).

Lane adj. 46 Apostles Oak, The Common, Abberley, WR6 6AA.

6.5 MHDC Planning Training Events and Presentations

Monday 12th September Affordable House update (starter homes, needs of older people, extra care development and homelessness).

Thursday 17th November S106 and Community Infrastructure Level (CIL).

Thursday 23rd February Flood Risk and Drainage – Flood Risk Assessment (FRA's) and Sustainable Urban Drainage

All Events. 6.15pm refreshments / 6.30pm start. Council Chamber adjacent to the Council House, Avenue Road, Malvern.

6.6 MHDC Planning Quality Tour

Abberley Parish Council have been approached to suggest developments within its boundaries that might be suitable itinerary items for this tour. Any proposed properties must be accessible by small coach as the visitors will not be on foot. **No further action required.**

6.7 Community Infrastructure Levy Consultation 25/07/016 to 22/08/2016.

Details were provided. **No further action required.**

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6.8 The Abberley Parish Neighbourhood Plan – public meeting

Cllr Edwards gave a report on the first meeting which was held at Abberley Village on 19/07/2016. The meeting was well attended and expressions of interest have been received from volunteers.

The next steps will be to forward a letter of thanks and information to the meeting attendees and the project will be moving ahead via the construction of Terms of Reference and the provision of a full project plan, both of which are needed to facilitate funding application(s).

7.0 Welfare

7.1 Neighbourhood Watch

The meeting was asked to remember that John Lakeman, the Neighbourhood Watch area lead for over 15 years, would shortly be handing over his role to Ning Kedwards. Attendance at the Teme Valley Neighbourhood Watch meeting, detailed below, was encouraged in order to benefit from the various speakers which include Mr. John Campion the newly elected Police and Crime Commissioner.

Monday 12th September Teme Valley Neighbourhood Watch Meeting

7.00pm for 7.30pm Agenda includes “Safer West Mercia” plan presented by
Abberley Village Hall John Campion, The Police and Crime Commissioner.
Clows Top Road
AbberleyWR6 6AZ

The “Safer West Mercia” consultation is now open, with closure scheduled for 23:59 Friday 16th September, 2016.

The local Safer Neighbourhood Team is holding a free of charge property marking event as below.

Monday 19th September Property Marking Event (Free of Charge).

Midday to 8pm Property that can be marked includes lawnmowers, laptops, tools,
Abberley Village Hall bicycles and other transportable items.
Clows Top Road
Abberley WR6 6AZ

7.2 Parish Notice Boards

The Parish currently has two notice boards which are in need of repair/replacement. The Chairman agreed to discuss the matter with Abberley Parochial Church Council and this will be an agenda items at the next meeting.

7.3 Defibrillator Cabinet – SADS UK

Data on the defibrillator make and model are awaited from West Mercia Ambulance Service, once received the cabinet can be ordered and installation arranged. Dates for training, ideally hosted within Abberley Village Hall will be arranged as quickly as possible and when confirmed, will be promoted in the usual places.

7.4 Broadband Update – Abberley

Despite recently received information from British Telecom Broadband, it would appear that more postcodes are actually live than British Telecom have stated. For some the service does not live up to expectations and this may be influenced by the proximity to the delivery cabinet. Distances of >1 mile from such a cabinet can result in lesser speeds.

7.5 MHDC request for Discretionary Rural Rate Relief for Abberley Post Office and General Stores, £183.27

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Was unanimously agreed and a cheque signed.

8. Highways

A response from Worcestershire County Council Access department had been received following a complaint in respect of overgrown footpaths in the Village which will be addressed.

9. Finance

9.1 Payments to confirm (payments made during July and August)

9.1.1 Clerks Salary June-July 2016	£305.00
9.1.2 Lengthsman for work during June 2016	£210.00
9.1.3 Squarefrog Design – NP leaflet logo	£15.00
9.1.4 Print & Design printing NP leaflet	£59.60
9.1.5 Clerks Salary July-August 2016	£305.00
9.1.6 Lengthsman for work during July 2016	£78.00

9.2 Authorising upcoming payments

The following payments were authorised and cheques signed

9.2.1 MHDC – Rate Relief for Abberley Post Office	£183.27
9.2.2 Clerks Expenses, August 2016	£20.00

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

- **Casual Vacancy notice and Co-options of Parish Councillors**
Notices to be placed in accordance with standard procedure.
- **WorcCalc training to be arranged for new Parish Clerk and for existing and new councillors where appropriate.**
Dates and costs information to be obtained. Additionally thought to be given to sharing training and costs with another council e.g. Little Witley, in order to maximise efficiency.
- **Parking in the Village**
A letter has been sent to the Manor Arms requesting the owners and staffs' co-operation in asking their customers to park with care.
- **A review of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations**
To be placed onto a future Agenda.

11. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 20th September 2016 in Abberley Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Cllrs Repor. "John's Hike for Health and Happiness"

District Cllr. Mr Paul Cumming drew attention to MHDC Chairman Cllr. John Raine's charity walk on 1st to 10th September. Cllr Raine will be in the Abberley area on 3rd September 2016.

12. Meeting Closure.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.20pm.