

The Minutes Of Abberley Parish Council
Held At Abberley Village Committee Meeting Room At 7:30pm On 20th September, 2017

Present: Cllr R T Nott (Chairman), Cllr C Knight (Vice Chairman), Cllr N Kedwards, Cllr R Goodman, Cllr K Andrew, Cllr A Jukes, Cllr A Eden

In Attendance: District Cllr P Cumming, Clerk

82. Apologies. Cllrs Godfrey Crompton and Jim Gibson had previously given their apologies for not being able to attend this meeting, due to other appointments.

83. Declarations of Interest

- a. Register of Interests: Councillors were reminded of the need to update their register of interests.
- b. Disclosure Pecuniary Interests: No pecuniary interests were declared.
- c. Other Disclosable Interests: No other disclosable interests were declared.

The meeting was adjourned for **Public Question Time**. Brief notes are appended to these Minutes as an aide memoire.

84. Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on 19th July 2017 were approved.

85. Donations of equipment to benefit the Council. The Clerk advised that the Council had received the generous donations of web-cam equipment from Cllr Crompton. In addition, from an anonymous donor, a new Samsung portable DVD writer and a lockable filing cabinet.

86. Correspondence

a. The Clerk advised that AON Insurance will be withdrawing from the Local Councils policy market at the end of the current policy terms. The NALC approved supplier, BHIB Ltd have made contact to confirm that they will be offering renewal quotations when appropriate.

Cllrs suggested potential alternative insurance suppliers such as Zurich and Endsleigh, which could be investigated at the time of the 2018 renewal.

b. Nora Parsons Day Centre. The Clerk advised that an open invite to all Councillors to join the 40th Year celebration tea party on Saturday 14th October from 2.30 to 5pm had been received from the centre. Cllr Goodman may be able to attend as the Council representative.

87. Progress Reports

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (Steering Group Representative).

Cllr Andrew spoke on behalf of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and presented their report.

“Our work over the Summer has concentrated on preparing and issuing the questionnaire. We have received 118 responses from all age groups except the over 85’s. The responses represent 173 individuals, including over 85’s living within the household. This level of response is very encouraging and we thank those that took the time to complete the questionnaire.

There is some valuable statistical information that will help shape the Neighbourhood Plan and there are also points that require further exploration and research. The free text answers include many suggestions that can help inform short term action by the Parish Council, rather than neighbourhood planning. In particular with respect to the uncut hedges and the state of the pavement along the B4202 and on the A443 and the patchy nature of signage on public rights of way. Several people suggested that a community litter pick should be organised and offered to volunteer with this.

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87. Progress Reports (continued)

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (Steering Group Representative).

Our next steps are to follow up the areas for further research and start to draft the plan itself. We also may need to target under-represented groups.”

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group were congratulated on their work to date.

88. District and County Councillors Reports.

District Councillor Cummings gave his report.

The error on the Malvern Hills District Council planning website that repeatedly showed Cllr Cummings as being a neighbour (rather than a District Councillor), commenting on planning applications has finally been corrected. This should remove much confusion when looking at planning applications on-line.

The change to bin services will be rolled out in 2018 (moving from weekly to fortnightly collections). This is a change in collections scheduling rather than the issues that are currently causing industrial action in Birmingham.

The South Worcestershire Rural Communities Programme (SWRCP) is considering offering Abberley its health check services, which aims to;

- Support vulnerable individuals and communities in rural South Worcestershire including older people and the socially isolated
- Implement a model for strong rural communities
- Focus on Building community capacity
- Maximise uptake and impact of existing public, voluntary and community services

It was felt that a presentation to the Parish Council would be appropriate so that Cllrs could understand better what was involved and how it would benefit the community. District Councillor Cummings was asked to contact the team leader, David Manning and request a presentation to the Parish Council, ideally at the 18th October 2017.

89. Highways and Related Matters

- a. There has been an approach from Lindridge Council regarding multi-parish pressure group on traffic management for A443.
Cllr Ning Kedwards will be attending the first meeting of the multi-parish pressure group on 21st September, 2017 and will report back to the Parish Council at the next meeting.
- b. Request from Mr J. Mills for traffic management on Clows Top (B4202).
This matter can be reviewed under the aide-memoire attached to these Minutes.
- c. The verge opposite the Village School.
Over the Summer holidays, Highways have completed the extended and repainting the road markings, have delivered new top soil to build up the verge and installed a set of verge masters. Unfortunately, this appears not to have deterred drivers from parking their vehicles on the verge over the road markings.

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90. Planning and Related Matters

- a. 17/00453/HP and 17/00454/LB – Old Quarry Barn, Crundle End Lane, Stockton WR6 6UZ
 Conditional approval of the single story extension (standard conditions plus rainwater goods painted cast iron, cherry tree protection).
- b. 17/01003/FUL – Stockingfield Farm WR6 6BX
 Conditional approval of the erection of an agricultural storage building (standard conditions plus prior to first use, the storage container is to be removed from site)

91. Finance and Related Matters

- 91.a. Confirmation of payments made was noted.

Mins	Item	Description	Payee	Amount £
19.07.2017	89.c.1	(437) Lengthsman's Claim	A Johnson	-144.00
19.07.2017	89.c.2	(440) Clerks Salary (Month 4)	K Wild	-350.76
19.07.2017	89.c.3	(438) Clerks Expenses	K Wild	-53.20
19.07.2017	89.c.4	(439) Council Meeting, Hall Hire 17.05.17– 21.03.18	Abberley Village Hall	-89.50
Payments approved and made under delegated powers given to 2017-18 Budget Committee				
21.06.2017	66.a	(441) Lengthsman's Claim. (5.9.17)	A Johnson	-144.00
21.06.2017	66.b	(442) Clerks Salary (Month 5) (5.9.17)	K Wild	-298.26
21.06.2017	66.c	(443) Clerk's Office Allowance. (5.9.17)	K Wild	-16.00

- 91.b. Receipts were noted.

Mins	Item	Description	Payor	Amount £
20.09.2017	91.b.1	Lengthsman Scheme Reimbursements. (R23) April 2017 (R24 & R25) May and June 2017 (R27) July 2017	WCC	576.00
20.09.2017	91.b.2	(R26) VAT Refund R26	HMRC (VAT)	108.16
20.09.2017	92.b.3	(R28) Reimbursement from Transparency Fund	NALC via Worc Calc	1786.99
20.09.2017	92.b.4	(R29) Interest *786 (Reserves)	HSBC	0.43
20.09.2017	92.b.5	(R30) Interest *962 (Car Park & Footpaths)	HSBC	0.94

- 91.c. The following payments were **confirmed** and are to be made.

Mins	Item	Description	Payee	Amount £
20.09.2017	92.c.1	(444) Clerks Salary (Month 6)	Kym Wild	-298.26
20.09.2017	92.c.2	(444) Clerk's Office Allowance (Month 6)	Kym Wild	-16.00

- 91.d. The Council **confirmed** the Risk Assessment Schedule

- 92.e. The Clerk withdrew the paper on internet banking as a possible alternative security option has presented itself, but requires further investigation.

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92. Councillors' reports and items for future agenda

a. Neighbourhood Watch (Cllr Ning Kedwards)

An outbreak of vandalism has shown itself in the village, where eggs are being stolen from roadside sellers boxes and then being thrown at various properties in the area causing damage and distress to the property occupants.

There are has been a report of a dog attack to another dog. The Council asks that dogs are kept under firm control at all times.

b. Reports from other Councillors

There were no other reports.

93. Date of next meeting. Wednesday October 18th 2017, 7.30pm Abberley Village Hall.

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Appendix 1

Public Question Time (Aide Memoire for the meeting held on Wednesday 20th September 2017)

Parishioner's Mr John Mills and Mr and Mrs Stack raised their concerns about the amount of speeding traffic in the village and in particular in the area of Clows Top Road with requests being made for two 30 mph speed sensor/Vehicle Activated Signs to be sited one facing up the hill and one facing down.

Parishioner, Mrs Sue Coley, who apologies for being unable to attend in person, had written to the Clerk to complain about the lack of action on getting house owners/occupiers to trim back their hedges that impeded vehicular access around the village and also to observe that individuals who parked on the footpaths were both breaking the law and also endangering the lives of pedestrians, especially the elderly, who were having to use the road itself to get around vehicles blocking the legitimate routes.

The Chairman permitted the discussion to open up to one that looked at the potential for speed calming measures in/around Abberley.