



Present: Cllr. Ballard (Chair), Cllr. Outwin; Cllr. Eberlin; Cllr. Nott, Cllr. Jukes; Cllr. Knight, Cllr. Field, Cllr. Eden.

In Attendance: – Cllr’s Paul and Pam Cumming MHDC - 2 members of the Public.

The Meeting closed at 20:02pm

Minute Reference	
821	<p>Note Apologies: Cllr. Tassell. (Cllr. Ballard agreed to Chair the meeting)</p> <p>WCC Councillor David Chambers. Cllr. Pam Cumming (clashing meeting)</p> <p>Absent: None</p>
822	<p>Declarations of Interest:</p> <p>Cllr. Field, Cllr. Nott Cllr Jukes declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in 826a payment P.J. Nott for £300 being related to the contractor. All abstained from the voting on this item.</p>
	<p>Democratic Period/ Public Time – none present</p>
823	<p>Approval of the Minutes</p> <p>Cllr. Eden Proposed and Seconded by Cllr. Field that the Minutes of the AGM of Abberley Parish Council on the 15th May 2024 were a true record. All in favour.</p>
824	<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speeding Issues on Stockton Road and within the Parish- Chased with WCC Councillor. Ongoing. • Lengthsman’s Update – a report of the work undertaken by the Lengthsman during May was circulated prior to the Meeting • Manor Arms community Asset application update. (Cllr. Outwin) advice from MHDC is to wait. <p>I have been tasked with investigating the possibility of applying for listing the Manor Arms in Abberley with MHDC as an Asset of Community Value.</p> <p>I have previously circulated to members of the Parish Council information obtained following a meeting with Matthew Davies at MHDC and also from speaking to both District Councillors, Cllr Paul Cumming and Cllr Pam Cumming.</p> <p>What has struck me from the research undertaken is that although “we” use the Manor Arms for meetings, ad hoc committees, family celebrations etc we do not use it as a community space. I think it is fair to say that very few of us drop in for a drink after work.</p> <p>Whilst the Garden Club and the Ladies who lunch hold monthly meetings and the WI hold their book group at the Manor what other community activities take place in the Manor that would satisfy the requirements of the Community Asset Scheme?</p> <p>It was apparent that great emphasis is placed on the asset being a benefit to the whole community. Whilst the Bromley and now Manor Arms have been in the centre of the village for hundreds of years the dynamic has changed from being a “Drinking Mans</p>



	<p>Pub” to the aspiration of the current owner which is for the Manor to be a destination restaurant with accommodation.</p> <p>I do not believe that we can demonstrate to MHDC that the Manor Arms is an asset of community value with the emphasis on community. I do believe that as a community we are rather “dog in the manger” about the Manor – i.e. we would hate to lose it but we don’t use it!</p>																																				
<p>825</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>826</p>	<p>Finance</p> <p>a) To approve receipts and payments for the period to 19th June 2024</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="360 719 1034 1312"> <tr> <td colspan="3">Payments list June 19th 24</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C Hirst - May Sal</td> <td></td> <td>£ 519.94</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC May Tax</td> <td></td> <td>£ 129.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>IN2OUT Lengthsman May 24</td> <td></td> <td>£ 214.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Abberley Village Hall 24/25/012</td> <td></td> <td>£ 25.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P.J. Nott - Grass-cutting, Field</td> <td></td> <td>£ 300.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C Hirst June Salary</td> <td></td> <td>£ 519.94</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC Clerk Tax June</td> <td></td> <td>£ 129.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>£ 1,838.98</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">RECEIPTS up to 19th June not previously reported</td> </tr> <tr> <td>WCC Lengthsman</td> <td></td> <td>£ 214.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>£ 214.50</td> </tr> </table> <p>Cllr. Eden proposed and Cllr. Knight seconded that the payments be approved. All in favour. Cllr. Field, Cllr. Nott and Cllr. Jukes Declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and left the meeting.</p> <p>b) To note the Bank Reconciliation at 9th June 2024. Noted.</p> <p>c) To Note the Budget report at 9th June 2024. Noted.</p>	Payments list June 19th 24			C Hirst - May Sal		£ 519.94	HMRC May Tax		£ 129.80	IN2OUT Lengthsman May 24		£ 214.50	Abberley Village Hall 24/25/012		£ 25.00	P.J. Nott - Grass-cutting, Field		£ 300.00	C Hirst June Salary		£ 519.94	HMRC Clerk Tax June		£ 129.80			£ 1,838.98	RECEIPTS up to 19th June not previously reported			WCC Lengthsman		£ 214.50			£ 214.50
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<p>827</p>	<p>Planning –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APP/J1860/D/24/3338761: Elm Lodge, The Common, WR6 6AY – APPEAL DISMISSED • M/24/00354/PIP – Brookend, Abberley- Permission in Principle for 2 self/custom build dwellings- REFUSED 																																				



<p>828</p>	<p>Section 106 Piper Homes Update: The Field working group met on Monday night.</p> <p>We have agreed the following actions:</p> <p>For the July Parish council meeting, we are going to ask whether Wade Muggleton (from Worcestershire County Council) can come along to explain how the Orchard grant works. We can then collectively agree whether to proceed or not from a conversation with him, he explained that it is 100% funded thanks to some money from the Queens Jubilee and we only have to provide the labour.</p> <p>We are going to undertake an Arborist survey, on the footpath running north or south through the wood. We are going to attempt to gain three quotations.</p> <p>We agreed that the field looks remarkably tidy having been flailed and are conscious that the thistles will soon reappear. For the remainder of the year we will attempt to gain further quotations from people with the relevant machinery but are equally happy that Mr Nott has done an exceptional job for a good price.</p> <p>With the Parish magazine deadline looming, we will attempt to put something together by means of an update.</p> <p>Councillors took a vote on the shortlist provided from community consultation on names for the field. Church Fields 3 votes, Coronation Meadow 0 votes, Apostles Meadow 4 votes. Apostles Meadow was agreed with the majority vote.</p>
<p>829</p>	<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 is waiting for a request to get involved from the villagers concerned.</p>
<p>830</p>	<p>Village Hall Update. Cllr. Tassell circulated the minutes of the last meeting.</p> <p>Fund raising – It was reported that a recent talk at AVH by Tony Gervis had been a great success raising £399 for Abberley Churches Restoration fund and AVH.</p> <p>AVH Hiring Charges – Following a little local research into the hiring of villages halls there has been an uplift to the hiring charges. A full schedule of charges will be reported at the next AVH Committee meeting.</p> <p>Defibrillator – To note that the AVH are purchasing a sign to put on the fence pinpointing where the defibrillator is situated in the Porch.</p> <p>There has been a request for a defibrillator to be placed at the Village Shop, which is currently under consideration.</p> <p>Fire Alarm Testing – To note that Libby has taken on the role of testing the fire alarms once a month. This month’s test was completed on the 6th June 2024 all units are in complete working order.</p>



831	Councillors reports and items for future agendas. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long Meadow doesn't have a street sign. The Clerk agreed to write to MHDC to request one.
832	Date of Next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will be on 17th July 2024 at 7.30pm at Abberley Village Hall.

Appendix 1 Cllr. David Chambers WCC Report.

1. The Leader of Worcestershire County Council made changes to his Cabinet and Chairmanships of the various Overview and Scrutiny Panels last month and I was pleased to be appointed to the Cabinet with responsibility for Education.

The portfolio includes responsibility for all schools and nurseries within the County as well as specific responsibility for children with special educational needs and Home to School Transport.

2. This year marks the 40th anniversary of Volunteers Week with the annual celebration having taken place week beginning 3rd June. There are over 6,000 volunteers across all types of volunteering roles within the council, supporting a range of different services. This includes roles in: libraries, museums, archaeology, countryside, health champions and the coroners service.

In addition, thousands of men, women and children volunteer in our towns, villages and hamlets across Worcestershire and form an integral part of our daily lives. We are so fortunate to have such a caring community within our County.

3. Recent data has shown that hospital admissions due to falls among those 65 and over have reduced in Worcestershire. The rate in the County is now 20% lower than the national rate and continues to decrease every year according to the Office of Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID).

The Council's Public Health Team has been running a specialised programme since 2020 which encourages older residents to look after their strength, balance and mobility.

4. Worcestershire's grass cutting programme has now started with around 5,000km of grass up for a trim. The County has over 6 million metres squared of rural verges and over 320,000 metres squared of central reservations along its roads. The cutting regime helps to keep roads visible for motorists but also provides a safe place for wildlife too.

Worcestershire County Council cuts less grass to make areas more friendly and protected for pollinators. When road junctions are mowed, only one or two metres of grass is now cut back from the carriageway, leaving significant uncut areas available for wildlife.

5. Foster Care Fortnight was successful last month as it raised the awareness of the importance of fostering and it celebrated the incredible work which foster carers do.

There remains a very real shortage of foster carers in the County and if you or anyone you know would like further information as to how you can transform a child's life then you can visit Worcestershire Children First Fostering website or call 0800 028 2158.

Appendix 2 Cllrs. Paul and Pam Cumming MHDC Report

Nothing further to report at this time.