

# Abbeydore & Bacton Group Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of  
Abbeydore and Bacton Group Parish Council  
held in Abbeydore Village Hall on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019

No ABPC/MW/097

**Present**

Councillor Mr D R Watkins Chairman  
Councillor Mrs M J Jenkins Vice – Chairman  
Councillor Mr D Cook  
Councillor Mr D Bannister  
Councillor Mrs W Gunn  
Councillor Mr M J Jenkins  
Councillor Mr T Murcott  
  
Clerk Mr M Walker

**Also Present**

Golden Valley South Ward Councillor Mr Peter Jinman and one further member of the public

**The Parish Council Meeting was formally opened by the Chairman at 7.30pm**

**1.0 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies received and accepted from Councillor Mr W (Bill) Millington  
Parish Lengthsman/Contractor Mr Terry Griffiths, Locality Steward Mr Paul Norris and Police representative not present

**2.0 Minutes**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Group Parish Council Meeting No ABPC/MW/096 held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019 were unanimously confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**3.0 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

**3.1** To receive any declarations of interest in agenda items from Councillors  
No Declarations of Interest were made

**3.2** To consider any written applications for dispensation  
There were no written applications for dispensation made

**4.0 Financial Report**

**4.1 Receipts**

No receipts received

**4.2 Payments**

Clerk's Salary February 2019 Gross	£341.66
Mileage	£11.30
Postage	£3.48
Village Hall Electric	£4.00
TAX £68.20 NIC £0.00	
Nett Pay £292.24	
Cheque Number 000850	
Clerk's Salary March 2019 Gross	£341.66
Mileage	£6.98
Postage	£6.32
TAX £68.20 NIC £0.00	
Nett Pay £285.76	
Cheque Number 000851	



HMR&C 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Payment January February March £204.60  
Cheque Number 000852  
{ to be paid 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 }

**4.3 Bank Balance** as per Internet Printed Statement @ 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019  
Business Bank Deposit Account £13,059.25  
Bank Reconciliation to agree with Internet Printed Bank Statement  
05/03/2019 £13,059.25 and signed by the Chairman

**Bank Balance** as per Internet Printed Statement @ 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019  
Treasurers Current Account £5,270.90  
Bank Reconciliation to agree with Internet Printed Bank Statement  
05/03/2019 £5,270.90 and signed by the Chairman

**Resolved unanimously** that all payments are approved

{ Finance Sheets given to all Parish Councillors present }

Councillor Mr D Cook perused and checked the 2018-2019 Bank File and found no anomalies or discrepancies.

**5.0 Public Question Time**

A 10 minute period is to be allocated if required to facilitate any member of the public to address the assembled Parish Councillors

No matters raised

**6.0 Neighbourhood Plan Update**

*The three parishes (Abbeydore & Bacton, Kentchurch and Ewyas Harold) will meet as and when required. Councillor Mr T Murcott will represent Abbeydore & Bacton Group Parish Council at any meetings. Items to include:- Pontrilas Railway Station, Dore Abbey improvements.  
cc email to Councillor Mr D Cook*

*Parish Councillor Mr Nic Eynon had been nominated as Representative for the Kilpeck Group Parish Council.*

Councillor Mr T Murcott reported that an update would be required in the near future  
Toby would contact Sam Banks at Herefordshire Council for information and advice

**7.0 To Receive Reports (if available) from:-**

**7.1 Golden Valley South Ward Councillor Mr Peter Jinman**

Mr Peter Jinman reported on the following:-

Extra cash for road repairs

Road Pothole Task Force with report going to Scrutiny Committee

Possible different markings "T" for a "Temporary Repair"

Cluster areas to be done together

Road Crews have been treated very badly

Herefordshire Council budget set – no money now from Central Government

Support for community Bus Services and possibly for Lengthsman

Council Tax rising by 4.9%

Road signs have been turned around in local areas

Parish and Ward Elections Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019

**7.2 West Mercia Police**

See item 10.0

**7.3 Parish Footpaths**

No new problems brought to the attention of the Parish Council

**7.3i Officer Vacancy**

Resident may be interested

Agenda item for the next full Parish Council Meeting



#### **7.4 Locality Steward Report Mr Paul Norris**

Information sent to Parish Councillors by email

#### **7.5 Terry Griffiths Lengthsman**

Terry Griffiths not present and no report sent

Clerk to instruct 2 day's work before the end of March 2019

#### **8.0 Broadband Update**

To receive update from Councillor Toby Murcott

Councillor Mr T Murcott reported on the following:-

Gigaclear now have a new timetable

Expected to be available before too long

Open Reach scheme for Bacton area - £6,000.00 for 7 properties

#### **9.0 Election Information for Parish Councillors**

Polling Day Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019

Councillor Mrs M J Jenkins Vice – Chairman and Councillor Mr W (Bill) Millington confirmed that they would not be standing for re-election in May this year.

Motion of thanks given to Margaret and Bill for their long service and valued support to the Parish Council

Proposed by Councillor Mr T Murcott and Seconded by Councillor Mr D Cook

Clerk to write a letter of thanks to Margaret and Bill

Herefordshire Council Election Packs given to Parish Councillors

#### **10.0 Information Sheet**

Sheet to include update on previous action points and a list of correspondence received

##### Planning Result

24<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Application No 183678 Ivy Green Cottage Abbeydore Hereford HR2 0AD

Proposed garage

Type Full Householder

**Planning Permission Granted 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019**

##### Correspondence

11<sup>th</sup> January 2019 “Balfour Beatty Living Places

Dear Sir/Madam, The Parish Council have instructed me to raise the issue once again of the winter grit bin located at the junction of the C1221 & C1222 on the brow of the hill at Cockyard in the parish of Abbeydore OS 422-340

Last winter the re-filling of the bin was a major issue with repeated request for re-fill being answered with yes it has been done when clearly the bin was still empty, after three or four attempts it was eventually re-filled.

At the beginning of winter 2018-2019 once again the bin was not filled with a number of requested being logged in November 2018 reference CRM0273684 & CAS-704097-M1T8N4

Following a request from the Parish Council for the Locality Steward to investigate I was copied into an internal email from Paul Norris to “Alex” requesting investigation.

To the total dismay of residents (who rely on the availability of grit at the junction in winter) and the Parish Council the bin has now been removed.

Can you please advise without further delay why the filling of one grit bin is so difficult and why was the bin removed. Sincerely Malcolm Walker Parish Council Clerk cc Ward Councillor Mr Peter Jinman”

18<sup>th</sup> January 2019 “We wanted to let you know that the scheduled repair from your enquiry has now been completed.

If you would like to give feedback please call 01432 261800

Reference numbers are provided below to assist you

Herefordshire Council Ref: CAS-708657-Y0H8M2



Balfour Beatty Ref: Enquiry: 11064495 Job: 41184592

Thank you again for contacting Herefordshire Council Please do not reply to this email

Please do not reply to this message. This is an automated message and responses are not monitored"

## February 2019 Golden Valley Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) Newsletter

Your team, based at Peterchurch PC 164 Roger Bradley 07976 938 755

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PCSO 6173 Fiona Witcher 07773 054582 [fiona.witcher@westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:fiona.witcher@westmercia.pnn.police.uk)

PCSO 6378 Pete Knight 07773 053919 [peter.knight@westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:peter.knight@westmercia.pnn.police.uk)

### Crime Trends 1st – 31st January 2019

A quantity of scrap was stolen from an isolated yard near **Hay on Wye** sometime between Thursday 4th and Friday 5th January Incident ref 322-s-050119

Overnight on Tuesday 8th / Wednesday 9th January, a container on a building site in **Clehonger** was broken into, and numerous items were taken including a rotating laser, a whacker plate, two disc cutters and several keys Incident ref 96-s-090119

A Daihatsu fourtrak was stolen from within a locked shed at an isolated farm in Vowchurch overnight on Wednesday 9th / Thursday 10th January Incident ref 73-s-100119

Suspects were disturbed attempting to break into the post office in **Longtown** at around 9.45pm on Thursday 10th January; they made off in a silver pick up truck towards Pandy.

Another attempt was made on Saturday 12th January but again the suspects were disturbed, this time it is believed they made off in a small white Renault van Incident ref 743-s-100119 & 179-s-130119

Two males were disturbed stealing diesel from a lorry parked in a layby on the A 465 near **Pontrilas** by a passing motorist at just after midnight on Wednesday 16th January. One male left the scene in a vehicle, leaving the other one to escape on foot. This male was seen and arrested by police shortly afterwards, and the vehicle containing the second male was stopped by our colleagues in Gwent and he was also arrested.

If you have any information regarding any crime you can contact police on 101, in an emergency please dial 999 You can also contact Crimestoppers on **0800 555 111** to report any crime or criminal activity anonymously

**Arrests** A 55yr old male and 48yr old female from **Peterchurch** were arrested on suspicion of assault and drink driving, but later released from custody without charge.

A 17yr old male from South Wales was arrested for stealing fuel from a HGV parked on the A465 near **Wormbridge**. He was later released under investigation.

A 38yr old female from **Cusop** was arrested on suspicion of an assault and released under investigation.

A 38yr old male was arrested for drink driving in **Clehonger**. He was kept in custody overnight and then charged and bailed to court.

**Legal Off Road Riding** We have frequently reported the issue of illegal off road driving and riding, but there are ways to enjoy this activity legally.

**TRF (Trail Riders Fellowship)** is a National organisation with a local Herefordshire group. TRF have been helping responsible trail riders access green roads for over 40 years. Their members enjoy some of the most diverse, remote and rewarding landscapes that can be legally accessed by vehicles in the UK.



Their friendly Nationwide Clubs will help you learn where you can ride, the do's and don'ts of trail bike ownership and how to make sure that you remain part of a respectful community of countryside users. In some areas of the country **TRF** riders have assisted the police to educate illegal riders as part of joint operations

Your membership fee contributes to the conservation of our green road network, both on the ground and making sure that we retain legal access now and long into the future. For more information check out their Website – [www.TRF.org.uk](http://www.TRF.org.uk)

**Scam news** The below email from one of our readers describes another telephone scam -



I received a call which was from an International number, and the voice sounded Asian, but with a western name( Amanda I think). She announced that she was calling from Amazon security and they had blocked a purchase of a smart phone for about £340 about 30 minutes previously.

It was considered suspicious because the purchaser was a "David Thompson" who had used my card details. I thanked them for their care, and asked which card had been used, I was told VISA. I was asked if I knew any one called David Thompson. I did not.

I was advised then that an email would be sent to me with full details of the purchase and purchaser. I was asked to check my emails while the caller hung on. Saying it was not a convenient moment, the caller said OK and would call back in 15 minutes. She never did and no email has been received. To be safe I checked my emails with another computer, then on another phone checked my banks and card accounts. No transactions had occurred.

What is odd is that the caller never asked my name, nor email address, nor bank details, so where was the scam? I now suspect it may have been when I checked my emails whilst they hung on, then suggesting they were unsure of my mail address asked to check it, then sent an email that when opened dispensed a worm/virus or other malware to collect personal and bank details. I will never know for sure. However for regular Amazon purchasers the type of call may lull them into accepting the call as genuine and providing personal data.

**How to Contact Us** 101 to talk to your local SNT or report a  
[crimegoldenvally.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:crimegoldenvally.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk) [www.westmercia.police.uk](http://www.westmercia.police.uk) @GValleyCops  
Only call 999 in an emergency, when a crime is in progress or life is in danger

### News from your local Fire Crews

**Cooking fire safety messages** *Being safe with candles and when cooking is essential when it comes to avoiding fire on Valentine's Day. Having multiple working smoke alarms and clear escape plans remain of high importance*

#### **Cooking safely**

- Avoid leaving children in the kitchen alone when cooking on the hob.

- Keep matches and saucepan handles out of their reach to keep them safe.
- Make sure saucepan handles don't stick out – so they don't get knocked over
- Take care if you're wearing loose clothing – this can easily catch fire.
- Keep tea towels and cloths away from the cooker and hob.
- Double check the cooker is off when you've finished cooking.
- Take care if you need to leave the kitchen whilst cooking-take pans off the heat or turn hobs down to avoid risk.

#### **Take care with electrics**

- Keep electrics (leads and appliances) away from water.

- Check toasters are clean and placed away from curtains and kitchen rolls.
- Keep the oven, hob and grill clean and in good working order. A build-up of fat and grease can ignite a fire.

#### **Deep fat frying**

- Take care when cooking with hot oil – it sets alight easily.

- Make sure food is dry before putting it in hot oil so it doesn't splash.
- If the oil starts to smoke – it's too hot. Turn off the heat and leave it to cool.
- Use a thermostat controlled electric deep fat fryer. They can't overheat.

What to do if a pan catches fire:

- Don't take any risks. Turn off the heat if it is safe to do so. Never throw water over it.
- Don't tackle the fire yourself – Get Out, Stay Out, Call 999

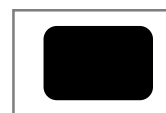
**How often should I clean my chimney?** HWFRS recommend the following simple maintenance routines:

- **Solid fuel fires** – Once a year for smokeless fuel; twice a year for coal
- **Wood burning fires** – four times a year when in use

**Gas fires** – Once a year if designed for sweeping • **Oil fires** – Once a year

The Fire Service also advises that you:

- Place a fireguard in front of the fire at all times
- Extinguish all fires before going to bed or leaving the property unattended
- Do not burn paper or rubbish on fires in the grate • Check for smoke from cracks in the chimney breast
- Install a working smoke alarm in the roof space (note: manufacturers may not recommend installing their product in an unconverted loft space and doing so may invalidate the warranty of the product. Please check the guidance notes or contact the manufacturer prior to installation)
- Consider fitting a carbon monoxide detector



Soot and smoke from a small chimney fire can cause extensive damage to personal property while larger fires can damage the roof, wipe out the first floor or even destroy a home completely.

Ensure that your smoke alarms, including any fitted in the roof space, are in full working order you have early warning should the chimney catch alight.

Additional information and advice regarding safely heating your home using solid fuel can be found on the HETAS website. This includes information, guidance and HETAS advice on the following topics:

- Chimneys and linings
- Carbon Monoxide
- Installing and using solid fuel stove
- Solid fuel appliances and Building Regulations
- Smoke control areas
- Approved chimney sweeps operating in your area can be found at:
- [www.nacs.org.uk](http://www.nacs.org.uk)
- [www.apics.org.uk](http://www.apics.org.uk)
- [www.guildofmasterchimneysweeps.co.uk](http://www.guildofmasterchimneysweeps.co.uk)

Fire safety in the Home advice.....

**What is a Home Fire Safety Check?** A Home Fire Safety Check is a visit to your home by a member of our Community Risk team, who will offer fire safety advice to keep you and your family safe. Members of the team will also install smoke alarms where needed, and will encourage you to work out an escape plan specific to your home and circumstances. This can be as simple as heading down the stairs, knowing where your keys are, unlocking the door and leaving the property. This can make a huge difference if a fire breaks out in your home, particularly at night.

**Who can have a Home Fire Safety Check?** Home Fire Safety Checks are free and are aimed at more vulnerable groups in the community including the elderly, people living alone and those with reduced mobility or sensory impairment.

If you think an elderly family member, friend or neighbour might benefit from a visit to get in touch and request one on their behalf.

**How can I arrange a Home Fire Safety Check?** Contact our Community Risk team via our on-line form or call 0800 032 1155 for advice

#### **11.0 Agenda of Next Meeting**

Parish Footpaths Officer Vacancy

#### **12.0 Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting**

Confirmed that the next meeting will be the Annual Meeting of the Group Parish Council and will be held on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019** in **ABBEYDORE Village Hall** meeting to commence at 7.45pm or immediately on completion of the Parish Meetings if later

Parish Council meeting declared closed at 8.30 pm

Signed .....



Parish Council Chairman Councillor Mr David R Watkins.....

Dated this day 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019