

Abberley Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 16th April 2013 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs: Mr T Nott (Chairman), Mr R Goodman, Mrs C Knight, Mrs D Gage and Mr J Lakeman.

In Attendance: Mrs A Watson (Clerk) and District Cllr. Mr P Cumming.

1. Apologies: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs; Mr N Crabbe, Mrs L Walker, Mr A Jukes and County Cllr. Dr K Pollock.

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

3. Suspension of the meeting for Democratic 15 minutes / Public Question Time: Mr T Edwards addressed the meeting regarding his concerns about the Speed Camera vehicles parking in the village particularly on the pavements and blocking the line of site onto the Common road as per his letter at Item 7.1. Mr Edwards had provided the Council with photographs of the problem and had also approached the officers concerned. It was agreed that the Clerk will write to the Speed Enforcement unit and request that due consideration is given to pedestrians and the parking of safety unit vehicles when in operation.

4. Minutes: The minutes of the meetings held on the 12/03/13 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

At this point the Chairman invited District Cllr. Cumming to give his report which included information on the new Bloor Homes development in Great Witley and the new refuse collection service which is in place, including signing up for text alerts. Cllr. Cumming also address the meeting regarding Item 5.3 and advised that if transpired that the Northern Area Planning Committee were given incomplete information then there was a possibility that this could be added to the appeal. Cllr. Lakeman raised concerns over the ownership of the Manor Arms. Cllr. Cumming gave guidance on the Asset of Community Value register and following a discussion it was agreed that the Clerk will contact MHDC and request that the Manor Arms is put on the register. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Cumming for attending and he left during the meeting at 8.40pm.

5. Planning

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

5.1.1 13/00312/LBC: Applicant: Mr & Mrs N Collins, Upper Crundle House, Crundle End Lane, WR6 6UZ.
Proposal: Replacement of existing windows with new timber frame with thin double glazing.
Parish Council Comment: Recommend Approval

5.1.2 13/00369/HOU: Applicant: Mrs J Murrant, Bank House Farm, Bank Lane, Abberley, WR6 6BQ.
Proposal: Erection of a single storey oak framed porch. Parish Council Comment: Recommend Approval

5.2 To note the following MHDC Planning Appeal Notification Ref: 12/01008/OUT

Proposal: Outline development of 15 dwellings 7 of which are to be affordable with matters of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale reserved. Location: Land at (Os 7452 6790) Walshes Farm, Clows Top Road, Abberley. Appellant: Crowle Properties Two Ltd.
Planning Inspectorate Ref: APP/J1860/A/13/2192810 All representations to be received by the 26/04/13. The Clerk is to respond to the Inspectorate confirming the Parish Council objections.

5.3 Correspondence sent to Mr B Sharp of Worcestershire County Highways requesting written comments on Phil Jones & Associates Highways report for Planning Application 12/01008/OUT. The Clerk reported that no reply had been received to date.

5.4 MHDC Annual Training Programme 2013/2014 for District, Town and Parish Councillors. No action required.

6. Welfare:

6.1 Super-Fast Broadband – Update and report on meeting held at County Hall on the 27/03/13. Cllr. Lakeman kindly reported that despite funding being available no action was likely until July. It was agreed that Cllr. Lakeman will inform County Cllr. Pollock of the situation and as for his assistance in bringing a decision forward.

6.2 Neighbourhood Watch. Cllr. Lakeman reported on a lot happening in the Teme Valley area and that NW was now up and running in Hallow. Councillors thanked Cllr. Lakeman for producing the new NW directory.

6.3 Information on charges from the Community Payback team at Kidderminster Probation Office. No action required.

7. Highways:

7.1 Letter and photographs from Parishioner regarding speed check vehicle parking on Abberley Common. This was addressed at Item 3.

7.2 Correspondence from Parishioner and County Cllr. Pollock regarding Crundle End Lane and A443. The Clerk read out an email from Mr C Woolley regarding the safety of traffic and school children near this lane. Cllr. Pollock has requested a site meeting with Mr Woolley and Mr G Brienza of Highways to look at this problem.

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7.3 Overgrown vegetation needing attention on B4202 and A443 pavements. (Ref: 5577350). This had now been cleared.

7.4 Worcestershire County Council Lengthsman Scheme Contract 2013/2014. It was agreed that the Clerk is to sign the contract with the County Council.

7.5 Bank Lane reported to Mr G Brienza. The Clerk has asked Mr Brienza to consider a long term plan for the lane similar to the repairs undertaken for Wynniattes Way and will report a pot hole in Suffolk Lane by the junction with the B4202.

8. Finance

8.1 Notice of the Annual Audit for the year ending 31st March 2013 received from Grant Thornton.

8.2 The following payments were authorised and cheques signed:

8.2.1 Lengthsman for work during March 2013	£174.00
8.2.2 Clerks Salary March-April 2013	£240.00
8.2.3 Abberley Village Hall (Hire of hall)	£53.50

9. Correspondence for Information that will be available for inspection at the meeting:

- Community First Annual Report
- Information on Western Power Distribution

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

- Parish Councillor Vacancy has been confirmed by MHDC and will be advertised by the Clerk.
- A request by the Chairman, Cllr. Nott, to say a prayer before the start of all meetings. It was agreed to agenda this item for discussion at the June meeting.
- Cllr. Lakeman gave his apologies for the next meeting.

11. Date of the next meeting:

It was confirmed that the next meeting will be The Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 21st May 2013 in Abberley Village Hall at 7.30pm followed by The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

12. Meeting closure

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.25pm.