

# **ABBOTS MORTON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **ANNUAL REPORT 2011.**

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

#### **Cllr. Mr. D. Ernest.**

I would like to express my appreciation and thanks to all my fellow councillors Angela Eason, Margaret Brewster, Pat Ansell, Clive Holt, Will Clapton, and Don Humphries for their support and work during the year. The Parish Council's ability to deal with issues during the last year, and provide a high level of continuity, is attributable to all of the council members and their collective and individual experience.

#### **Footpaths.**

Their access and maintenance are very important amenity to both parishioners and visitors. I would like to thank David Smith as Footpaths Officer for the Parish. David has very effectively and enthusiastically worked with Pat Ansell to make great inroads to the conditions of the footpaths and by ways.

#### **Flooding, road and ditch maintenance.**

As you are aware the Parish Council uses a Lengthsman on a contract for services. This work is funded by the County Council, and the Lengthsman role is to carry out routine maintenance to the verges and ditches around the Parish. During the autumn months the Council commissioned additional work from him to ensure that leaves were kept under control and not blocking drains. I would like to thank the ongoing work of the various bodies including Worcestershire Highways that has invested much resource in improving the drainage. I would also like to thank the local landowners for their ongoing cooperation with ensuring that hedges are cut back to make exiting from

junctions easier, and also keeping their verges and ditched maintained.

The Council is aware that the various roads in the Parish are suffering deterioration. We are in regular contact with Worcestershire Highways Authority to ensure that potholes are repaired. Please advise any members of the Council or the Clerk of any issues that you notice regarding drainage or maintenance so that we can ensure that we keep on top of the situation.

#### **Traffic and speeding problems at Morton Spirt.**

This has been the subject of many years of attention by the Parish Council. During that time we have worked with Worcestershire and Warwickshire County Councils to improve signage; road markings and bollards have been placed along the verge in Morton Spirt.

Unfortunately, our efforts to press for a reduced speed limit (it is currently 60mph) on the road through Morton Spirt have met with some resistance by the relevant bodies. As part of our strategy for monitoring this road, the Parish Council have requested a Traffic Survey to be conducted by Worcestershire County Council on this road.

#### **Mineral Core Strategy**

Warwickshire County Council commissioned a study on the Minerals Core Strategy for Warwickshire. This has resulted in some concern regarding the future consideration of expansion of existing sites and the identification of new sites. On a local basis planning permission has been granted for the extension of the quarry working north



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### Summary of Accounts for 2010-11.

<u>Receipts.</u>	
Interest Bus. Access A/C	2.35
Precept	5764.00
WCC P/L scheme	1161.60
VAT Refund	25.30
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6953.25</b>

<u>Expenditure</u>	
PWLB	1909.56
Staff costs	1923.82
Training	0.00
Audit	182.50
Administration	123.70
Parish Lengthsman	1056.00
Insurance	262.94
Maintenance to assets	92.24
Subscriptions	58.48
VAT recoverable	46.10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5655.34</b>

### Balance as at 01.04.11:

Current A/C £2995.72.

Business access A/C £5584.77.

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