

ABBOTS MORTON PARISH COUNCIL.

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 16th May 2013 at 8.45pm
in Abbots Morton Village Hall. Meeting No: 203.**

Present: Cllrs. Mr. Ernest, Mr. Humphries, Mr. Clapton, and Mr. Pemberton.
In attendance: Mrs. N. Holland (Clerk), and Dist. Cllrs. Mrs. Steel and Mr. Lee.

203/1 Election of Chairman: proposed by Cllr. Mr. Ernest, seconded by Cllr. Mr. Pemberton that Mr. Clapton be elected as Chairman for the ensuing year. Declaration and acceptance of office duly signed.

203/2 Apologies: Cllr. Mr. Holt, Mr. Smith and Mrs. Ansell (reasons accepted by Council), PC Carter and PCSO Jenny Hawkins.

203/3 Election of Vice-Chairman: proposed by Cllr. Mr. Ernest, seconded by Cllr. Mr. Pemberton that Mr. Humphries be elected as Vice-Chair.

203/4 To consider written requests from Councillors for the Council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) – nil received.

203/5 Declarations of Interest
a) Register of Interests: Cllrs. were reminded of the need to update their register of interests.
b) Personal Interests: Nil.
c) Prejudicial Interests: Nil.

203/6 To review the following policies for 2012/13:
a) Standing Orders – document amended to take into consideration the adoption of ‘The General Power of Competence’.
b) Risk Assessment – reviewed. Assessment updated throughout the year.
c) Asset Register – no change.
d) Financial Regulations – document reviewed with no changes.
e) Freedom of Information policy – document reviewed with no changes.

203/7 Members agreed to serve on the following:
a) Staffing Committee – *Cllrs. Mr. Humphries, Mr. Clapton, Mr. Pemberton and Mr. Ernest.*
b) Finance Group – *Cllrs. Mr. Ernest, Mr. Clapton, Mr. Humphries, and Mr. Pemberton.*
and representatives for the following:
Assets – *Cllr. Mr. Smith.*
Parish Plan – *Cllrs. Mr. Humphries and Mr. Pemberton.*
Village Hall Committee – *Cllr. Mr. Ernest. Further member to be appointed at the next meeting*

203/8 Resolved to pay the following payments:
a) Annual subscription to Worcestershire CALC of £66.84.
b) Insurance policy for 2013/14 of £265.00.

Public Question Time: Meeting adjourned at 9.00pm reconvening at 9.05. Notes appended to these minutes.

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203/9	Minutes: resolved that the minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on 21.03.12 were confirmed as a correct record, with the following correction to 9.4 <i>“The application was refused as one of the District Cllrs had not been approached by the Committee and the other reason was that the District Cllr. felt that the application did not fulfil the criteria required”</i> , duly signed by the Chairman.
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203/10	<p>Clerk’s report:</p> <p><u>Parish Lengthsman</u> – signed contract returned to the County Council. Signed contract for services received from Lengthsman for Parish Council records.</p> <p><u>Highways issue</u> – work ordered to be carried out on the road as you leave the village towards Morton Spirt Farm.</p> <p>a) Maintenance work to headwall on the right hand side and opposite railings to be made safe and eventually replaced.</p> <p>b) Bollards to be replaced close to the Brook opposite the railings above.</p> <p>c) Work on replacing part of the highway close to the ditch before Lower Farm Barn along the Alcester Road has been completed.</p> <p>d) Blue piping to be removed from gully close to Tudor Cottage.</p> <p><u>Wychavon Parish Games</u> – letter received inviting the Council to enter the games. Organiser happy to attend a meeting to give a short presentation to the Council and residents on the scheme.</p> <p><u>External Audit</u> – to take place on the 1st July 2013.</p> <p><u>Wychavon Highways Liaison Officer</u> – has been seconded to another department with immediate effect. No news on replacement.</p> <p><u>Village Hall</u> – email received from the Committee following the decision that the Council did not support their application for a grant from the New Homes Bonus Scheme addressed at the Annual Parish meeting.</p>
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203/11	Correspondence received:
11.1	A proposal for the Lenches and nearby communities’ commemoration of the anniversary of the start of WW1 in 2014 was deferred for discussion to the next meeting as the Council wished to have more time to consider the document.
11.2	<p>Abbots Morton Road: following an onsite meeting with the Highways Liaison Officer, Cllr. Mr. Ernest and the Clerk to look at the condition of the road through the village following its resurfacing the following report was received from the Officer:</p> <p><i>“The area was subsequently inspected by a highways maintenance engineer and some areas were identified where stone chippings were missing and these will require remedial attention, which will occur this summer, but generally the condition of the road was found to be in a satisfactory condition with no overall issues with the quality of the application of surface dressing. The site did require sweeping and arrangements were being made”.</i></p> <p>Decision: to monitor the road and review in 2014.</p>

203/12	Planning matters:
12.1	Resolved that the minutes of the Planning meeting held on 01.05.13 were confirmed as a correct record and duly signed by the Chairman.
12.2	No applications received.
12.3	<p>Correspondence received from the District Council regarding hard copies of applications to cease being sent to Parish Councils as from the 1st September 2103. The Council discussed the proposal and the Clerk was asked to respond with the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Planning Department’s decision predisposes that all members have access to broadband.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An application on a computer screen is too small to be seen accurately. It can only be printed in A4 format which does not give clear and concise details for discussion. No A3 printer is available to the Council. • The large scale plans enables the Parish Council to debate and scrutinise the application so that they can be objective in their response. • The Council has no internet access available to them in the Village Hall where their meetings are held so are unable to use a laptop or have access to a projector to enlarge the plans. • The Council has concerns that these proposals will seriously undermine the ability of the Parish Council to individually and collectively examine, analyse and effectively comment on plans and planning applications, we believe that the consequences of your proposal is anti democratic and will lead to inaccurate decisions. • The Council would remind you that without the open inclusion of the Parish Council in the Planning and Enforcement process, Wychavon District Council intelligence and decision making will be compromised. • The Council appreciates the need to reduce costs where possible but this suggestion only serves to offload a cost burden from the District Council and place it on Parish Councils. This Council would ask that, in order to continue to receive hard copies of planning documents, the applicant should meet the cost of printing the documents.
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203/13	Financial matters.
13.1	Resolved to approve accounts to 31.03.13.
13.2	The Internal Review of effectiveness was reviewed and it was agreed that payment records will be initialled when the cheques are signed by the two signatories.
13.3	The notes from the financial management seminar were duly noted for information.
13.4	Internal Auditor's report received and duly noted. No action required.
13.5	Documents for approval for the external auditor were approved by the Council, duly signed by the Chairman and Clerk. a) Statement of Accounts b) Annual Governance Statement.
13.6	It was resolved to transfer funds from under spend 2012/13: a) £1000 to place in transfer to business account in budget 2013/14 and b) £1000 to the deposit account.
13.7	Resolved to approve the 'Schedule of Payments' as listed.

203/14	Parish Councillors report and items for future agendas: Registering Community Asset; Matters raised at the Annual Parish Meeting; Rural broadband; Jubilee Tree plaque.
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Meeting declared closed at 9.50 pm.

Correspondence for distribution that does not require decision.

1.	Annual Report – Community First.
2.	Clerks and Councils Direct – May 2013.

Signed by the Chairman:Dated: July 18th 2013.

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Public Question Time:

Cllr. Mrs. Steel reported the following:

- *Urging Parish Councils to respond to the letter from the District Council to cease sending hard copies of applications to Parish Councils.*
- *Funding available for Neighbourhood Plans.*
- *South Worcestershire Development Plan will be sent to the Inspector within the next week.*
- *The new Chairman of the District Council is Gerry O'Donnell.*
- *Enforcement Officers are monitoring the situation at 'Woodside'.*

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**Minutes of the Planning meeting held on Monday 10th June 2013 at 8.03pm
in Abbots Morton Village Hall. Meeting No: 204.**

Present:	Cllrs. Mr. Clapton (Chair), Mrs. Ansell, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Holt. In attendance: Mrs. N. Holland (Clerk) and 1 parishioner.
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204/1	Apologies: Cllrs. Mr. Pemberton, Mr. Humphries and Mr. Ernest (reasons accepted by Council) and Dist. Cllr. Mr. Lee.
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204/2	Dispensations: nil received.
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204/3	Declarations of Interest a) Register of Interests: Cllrs. were reminded of the need to update their register of interests. b) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests – Nil. c) Any Other Disclosable Interests – nil declared.
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Public Question Time: meeting adjourned at 8.05pm, reconvening at 8.12pm. Notes appended to these minutes.

204/4	Planning Matters
4.1	It was agreed to comment on the following proposal: Application No: W/13/00834/PP - The Brambles, Abbots Morton, WR7 4LZ. Proposal: Demolition of existing concrete panel double garage and erection of new garage with study and garden store. Comments: The Parish Council supports the proposal in principle but has some concerns: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The proposed garage is in an elevated position close to a Conservation area and will be a prominent structure within the curtilage of the main house. •The materials used are not in keeping with the surroundings, especially the large roller doors and steel cladding, which gives the appearance of an industrial unit rather than a private residential garage. •If permission is granted the Council would request a condition that no commercial or business activities would be run from these premises.
4.2	No further applications received.
4.3	Correspondence received related to Planning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) W/13/ 00705/CU – Morton Spiert Farm, Abbots Morton. WR7 4NA. Application withdrawn. b) W/13/00785/PP & W/13/00786/LB - Butts Cottage, Abbots Morton, WR7 4NA. Permission granted with 16 conditions.

Meeting declared closed at 8.30pm.

Signed by the Chairman:**dated: July 18th 2013.**

*Public Question Time – 1 parishioner in attendance.
Parishioner discussed application no: W/13/00834/PP.*

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**Minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 18th July 2013 at 8.00pm
in Abbots Morton Village Hall. Meeting No: 205.**

Present:	Cllrs. Mr. Clapton (Chair), Mrs. Ansell, Mr. Ernest, Mr. Humphries, Mr. Smith, Mr. Pemberton, and Mr. Holt. In attendance: Mrs. N. Holland, Clerk.
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205/1	Apologies: Dist. Cllrs. Mrs. Steel and Mr. Lee.
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205/2	Dispensations: nil received.
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205/3	Declarations of Interest a) <u>Register of Interests:</u> Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests. b) <u>Disclosable Pecuniary Interests</u> – nil declared. c) <u>Any Other Disclosable Interests</u> – nil declared.
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Public Question Time: Nil.

205/4	Minutes: resolved that the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 16.05.13 were confirmed as a correct record, duly signed by the Chairman.
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205/5	Clerk's report: <u>Training event for Clerks/Councillors</u> – Code of Conduct and the Standards regime to take place on October 2nd and October 7th at the District Council offices starting at 7pm. <u>Training event</u> – Basic Councillors course due to take place at Rous Lench Village Hall on Thursday 25 th July. Members invited to attend the 'Data protection' section at 8.30pm for half an hour. There may be a small charge depending on how many members attend. <u>Evesham Town Plan</u> - The Steering Group are asking for views and ideas from local residents. Please take a few minutes to visit the website www.eveshamourfuture.info to complete the survey.
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205/6	County Cllr, Dist. Cllrs and Police reports: <u>County Cllr. Mr. Holt reported:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Re-elected as the County Councillor for the area for another term. Conservatives remain as the majority party with the other 27 seats made up from other groups.• The Government is looking to renew the Council Tax freeze for the next financial year with an increase of 1%.• Claimants for the Job seekers allowance reduced by 473, the lowest level it has been since 2008.• Jon Fraser, Head of Highways has agreed to look at the traffic issue at Morton Spiert and is willing to meet County Cllr. Mr. Holt on site.• Cllr. Divisional Fund grant available for 2013-14 for local organisations.
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205/7	Resolved to appoint Cllr. Mr. Smith as the second representative to the Village Hall Committee.
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205/8	Speeding Alcester Road: As there is now no Central Government money for a comprehensive
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	review of speed limits on the County's 'C' roads, the Council agreed to write to the Highways Department asking if they would consider a speed limit change at Gooms Hill and Morton Speart. The reasons being that the volume of traffic has increased as used as a 'rat run', narrow road with stationary vehicles parked on the highway, and difficulty for householders to exit and enter their properties.
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205/9	Reports received from representatives: <u>Village Hall Committee</u> – no report. <u>Parish Lengthsman</u> – grips/gullies continue to be maintained. <u>Assets</u> – both the Walkers Notice Board and the Bench require staining. Cllr. Mr. Ernest to obtain quotes.
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205/10	Correspondence received considered:
10.1	Neighbourhood Watch: resolved to purchase 7 pairs of neighbourhood watch signs at a cost of £28 to replace old signage.
10.2	Proposal for the commemoration of the anniversary of the start of WW1 from a resident in Church Lench. After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would not support the proposal as it was felt that it was more suitable for an individual or group participation such as the various drama groups and active village hall organisations in the area.

205/11	Planning matters:
11.1	Minutes: resolved to adopt the minutes of the Planning meeting held on 10.06.13. after they were amended to show that no interests were declared and Cllr. Mr. Humphries was not present at the meeting.
11.2	No applications received.
11.3	Correspondence received duly noted: a) W/13/00002/PP – The Brambles, Abbots Morton. Permission granted with 5 conditions.

205/12	Financial matters.
12.1	Resolved to approve the 'Schedule of Payments' as listed and accounts to 25.06.13. (Treasurer £4397.48 Business A/C £7592.71.
12.2	Resolved that Cllr. Mr. Humphries be added as a signatory to the bank accounts.

205/13	To consider registering the Village Hall as a Community Asset. After a very lengthy discussion it was agreed to defer registering the Hall as a community asset until further information received on the status of the Village Hall.
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205/14	Update on the superfast rural broadband project. Cllr. Mr. Ernest reported the following: The County Council has made a commitment that 90% of households would be able to access superfast broadband with 10% of households only able to receive 2 megabytes. The situation in Abbots Morton is that broadband services are poor. The junction box in Radford has copper piping but not fibre to get the superfast broadband. If the exchange was upgraded then the signal at least would be better in Abbots Morton. Other options like 'Airband' require a critical mass of houses and the cost to install is very expensive. It was agreed to: a) Lobby the County Council as well as BT for fibre to be installed to the Radford junction box as broadband speeds will then increase in the area. b) Ask BT for a plan on how they are going to upgrade the area broadband services.
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205/15	Application to the Woodland Trust for a free pack of trees. It was agreed that Cllrs. Mr. Smith
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	and Mr. Pemberton would assess the area to fulfil the criteria required before submitting an application.
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205/16	Parish Councillors report and items for future agendas: Main Sewer for Gooms Hill, The Low and the Speart; Jubilee Plaque; Village Hall update.
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Meeting declared closed at 9.32pm.

Correspondence for distribution that does not require decision.

12.	Clerks & Councils Direct- July 2013.
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Signed by the Chairman:dated: August 29th 2013.

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Minutes of the Planning meeting held on Monday 5th August 2013 at 8.02pm in Abbots Morton Village Hall. Meeting No: 206.

Present:	Cllrs. Mr. Clapton (Chair), Mr. Humphries, Mr. Pemberton, Mr. Ernest, Mrs. Ansell, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Holt. In attendance: Mrs. N. Holland.
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206/1	Apologies: Nil.
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206/2	Dispensations: nil received.
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206/3	Declarations of Interest a) Register of Interests: Cllrs. were reminded of the need to update their register of interests. b) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Nil. c) Any Other Disclosable Interests – nil declared.
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Public Question Time: nil.

206/4	Planning Matters
4.1	<p>It was agreed to comment on the following proposal: W/13/ 01482/CU – Morton Spiert Farm, Abbots Morton. WR7 4NA.</p> <p>Proposal: Proposed extension to existing dwelling to create display barn for vintage tractors and 2 storey extension to create sun room and en-suite and change of use of land from agricultural to domestic.</p> <p>After a lengthy discussion a decision was taken by Council to vote on two sections of the application.</p> <p>It was resolved by a vote of 6 for with 1 against that the Council would submit the following comment:</p> <p><i>The Council welcome modifications made to the design and a reduction in size. However, there are still concerns that this is a very large extension to what is a large house in terms of height, footprint and visual impact on the Conservation Area.</i></p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr. Mr. Clapton, seconded by Mr. Humphries, with a named vote requested, and resolved by a vote of 4 in favour (Cllrs. Mr. Clapton, Mr. Humphries, Mr. Ernest and Mr Smith) and 3 against (Cllrs. Mr. Holt, Mrs. Ansell and Mr. Pemberton) that the Council would submit the following comment:</p> <p><i>With regard to the change of use of land from agricultural to domestic the majority of the members felt that the extension of the curtilage would be inappropriate and would also set a precedent.</i></p>
4.2	<p>One further application received:</p> <p>a) W13/01455/PP and W/13/01456/LB - The Nook, Abbots Morton. WR7 4NA.</p> <p>Proposal: Proposed kitchen extension and additional window.</p> <p>Comments: The Parish Council supports the proposal.</p>
4.3	No correspondence received related to Planning.

Meeting declared closed at 9.00pm.

Signed by the Chairman:dated: August 29th 2013.

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**Minutes of the Extra meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 29th August 2013 at 8.03pm
in Abbots Morton Village Hall. Meeting No: 207.**

Present:	Cllrs. Mr. Clapton (Chair), Mr. Pemberton and Mr. Holt. In attendance: Dist. Cllrs. Mrs. Steel and Mr. Lee and Mrs. N. Holland (Clerk).
207/1	Apologies: Cllrs. Mrs. Ansell, Mr. Humphries, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Ernest (reasons accepted by Council).
207/2	Dispensations: nil received.
207/3	Declarations of Interest a) Register of Interests: Cllrs. were reminded of the need to update their register of interests. b) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Nil. c) Any Other Disclosable Interests – nil declared.
Public Question Time: nil.	
207/4	Minutes: resolved that the minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on 18.07.13 were confirmed as a correct record, duly signed.
207/5	Clerks report: <u>Invitation to a special screening of the film 'Trashed'</u> (re important issues relating to waste management) - to be held at Wychavon District Council, Civic Centre, Queen Elizabeth Drive, Pershore on THURSDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER AT 2.30 pm. Information circulated by email. <u>Training event for Clerks/Councillors</u> – Code of Conduct and the Standards regime to take place on October 2nd and October 7th at the District Council offices starting at 7pm. <u>Warwickshire Waste Core Strategy</u> – adoption of the document by the County Council on the 9th July 2013. <u>Wychavon District Council has invited parish and town councils</u> to attend an event on Wednesday, 25 September from 6pm to 8pm in the Council Chamber at the Civic Centre in Pershore. This will include an update on the NHB, Council Tax setting for 2014/15 and any other topical issues. Cllrs. Mr. Ernest and Mr. Clapton to attend. <u>Invitation to a Networking Event that CALC</u> is holding at County Hall on September 24th 2013. Elisabeth Skinner will facilitate this evening and it will be an excellent opportunity to share and air views on current issues, legislation and other ideas. Subjects that will be discussed:-How might you approach budget setting this year? How is localism working on the ground? How does your council improve its performance including the contribution of staff and councillors? Cost £5 per member. Cllr. Mr. Ernest will be attending. <u>Invitation to a neighbourhood planning seminar</u> for town and parish councils on Tuesday, 22 October, starting at 5pm at Wychavon District Council offices.
207/6	Planning Matters.
6.1	Minutes: resolved that the minutes of the Planning meeting held on 05.08.13 were confirmed as a correct record and duly signed.
6.2	It was agreed to comment on the following proposals: a) Application No: W/13/01705/PP & W/13/01706/LB – Home Farm Cottage, Abbots Morton. Proposal: Extension to kitchen.

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	Comments: Support. b) W/13/01694/PP - Morton Wood House, Morton Wood Lane, Abbots Morton. WR7 4LU. Proposal: Two storey extension to the south and single storey extension to the east. Comments: Support.
6.3	No further applications received.

207/8	New Homes Bonus: It was agreed to respond to the government technical consultation on the 'New Homes Bonus and the Local Growth Fund'.
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Meeting declared closed at 8.35 pm.

Signed by the Chairman: Dated: 19th September 2013.

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Minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 19th September 2013 at 8.03pm in Abbots Morton Village Hall. Meeting No: 208.

Present:	Cllrs. Mr. Clapton (Chair), Mrs. Ansell, Mr. Ernest, Mr. Humphries, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Holt. In attendance: Mrs. N. Holland, Clerk and Dist. Cllr. Mrs. Steel.
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208/1	Apologies: Cllr. Mr. Pemberton (reasons accepted by Council) and Dist. Cllr. Mr. Lee.
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208/2	Dispensations: nil received.
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208/3	Declarations of Interest a) <u>Register of Interests:</u> Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests. b) <u>Disclosable Pecuniary Interests</u> – Cllr. Mr. Smith in minute no: 29.1 as he lives at the property and in minute no:10.2 as he has supplied a quote for the work. On both occasions Cllr. Mr. Smith left the building whilst both matters were under discussion. c) <u>Any Other Disclosable Interests</u> – nil declared.
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Public Question Time: Nil.

208/4	Minutes: resolved that the minutes of the Extra Parish Council meeting held on 29.08.13 were confirmed as a correct record, duly signed by the Chairman.
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208/5	Clerk's report: <u>Training event for Clerks/Councillors</u> – Code of Conduct and the Standards regime to take place on October 2nd and October 7th at the District Council offices starting at 7pm. <u>Invitation to attend a neighbourhood planning seminar</u> at Wychavon Civic Centre on Tuesday 22nd October 2013 between 5pm and 7.30pm. <u>Invitation to a Networking Event</u> that CALC - County Hall on September 24th 2013. <u>External Audit</u> – Grant Thornton confirm that the information in the return is in accordance with proper practices and no matters have been brought to the auditor's attention. There is no charge for the audit fee this year. <u>Rural Broadband</u> – Letter sent to Cllr. Mr. Geraghty who forwarded it to the broadband team so they can update further on his behalf. Mr. Geraghty said that whilst the County Council has just signed the contract, it will be some time before the details around the phasing of the roll out are known. However, the team will respond directly. <u>CALC AGM</u> – to take place on October 10 th at County Hall, 7pm.
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208/6	County Cllr, Dist. Cllrs and Police reports: <u>County Cllr. Mr. Holt reported:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abbey Bridge is now closed in Evesham to start the replacement works. Road layouts have been altered to try and minimise traffic disruption. • The County Council set up an 'Open for Business' strategy about 2 years ago. They have invested in the Malvern Hills Science Park, Rural Broadband, skills in business growth and investment in roads. A recent survey shows that there has been an increase of 80% in sales and orders; 90% of the workforce is expected to be constant or grow within the next 3 months. <u>District Cllr. Mrs. Steel reported:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District Council has been carrying out a survey to see which services are not needed and asking what charges can be increased, where money can be saved and what businesses can grow.
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	<p>The Council needs to save a further £4 million between now and 2018.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whilst the Abbey Bridge repair is ongoing the charges in the District Council car parks in Evesham have been reduced to 20p for a 3 hour period.
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208/7	<p>Reports received from representatives: <u>Village Hall Committee</u> – ownership of the land that the Hall stands on is still not known but is being pursued. <u>Parish Lengthsman</u> – fly tipping of grass cuttings are being placed in ditches and on verges. Parish Lengthsman had asked if he could receive holiday pay. As he is on a contract for services and not employed by the Parish Council this would not be possible.</p>
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208/8	<p>Correspondence received considered:</p>
8.1	An application for New Homes Bonus money on behalf of the Village Hall Committee was considered for urgent maintenance work required to the fire doors. This was fully supported by the Council and District Councillors.

208/9	<p>Planning matters:</p>
9.1	<p>It was agreed to comment on the following application: a) W/13/01556/PP - Coppice View Barn, Morton Wood Lane, Abbots Morton. WR7 4LU. Proposal: Proposed external patio and pitched roof open sided canopy. Comments: Support.</p>
9.2	No further applications received.
9.3	<p>Correspondence received duly noted: a) W/13/01482/CU – Morton Spiert Farm, Abbots Morton. WR7 4NA. Permission granted with 4 conditions. b) W/13/ 01694/PP – Morton Wood House, Morton Wood Lane, Abbots Morton. WR7 4LU. Permission granted with 5 conditions.</p>
9.4	<p>Correspondence received considered: a) Letter from Wychavon District Council regarding Parish Council’s speaking at a Planning Committee meeting and the outcome of not sending out paper applications to Parish Councils duly noted. b) Proposed Local Enforcement Plan is being sent out for consultation to all Parish and Town Councils for a 6 week consultation. The Parish Council agreed to respond raising issues of ongoing problems in the Parish.</p>

208/10	<p>Financial matters.</p>
10.1	Resolved to approve the ‘Schedule of Payments’ as listed.
10.2	Two quotes received for maintenance work to assets. It was agreed to accept the quote from Mr. Smith (Parish Council £20 + £16 materials; Parochial Church Council £ 10 + £20 materials).

208/11	<p>Date of Finance Group meeting agreed as Thursday 24th October at 8pm at Cllr. Mr. Ernest’s house.</p>
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208/12	<p>Parish Councillors report and items for future agendas</p>
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<p>Meeting declared closed at 9.00pm.</p>

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Signed by the Chairman:dated: 28th November 2013.

Correspondence for distribution that does not require decision.

1.	Clerks & Councils Direct – September 2013.
2.	Community First – Summer edition.
3.	Information relating to connection to main sewer.

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Minutes of the Planning meeting held on Thursday 24th October 2013 at 7.34pm in Abbots Morton Village Hall. Meeting No: 209.

Present:	Cllrs. Mr. Clapton (Chair), Mr. Ernest, Mr. Smith, Mr. Humphries and Mr. Pemberton (209/4.5). In attendance: Mrs. N. Holland (Clerk).
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209/1	Apologies: Cllr. Mrs. Ansell (reason accepted by Council) and Dist. Cllr. Mrs. Steel and Mr. Lee.
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209/2	Dispensations: nil received.
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209/3	Declarations of Interest a) Register of Interests: Cllrs. were reminded of the need to update their register of interests. b) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests – Cllr. Mr. Humphries in minute no: 4.1 as he is the applicant and owner of the property concerned. Cllr. Mr. Humphries left the room whilst the item was under discussion. c) Any Other Disclosable Interests – nil declared.
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Public Question Time: Nil.

209/4	Planning Matters
4.1	It was agreed to comment on the following proposal: Application No: W/13/02054/PP and W/13/02055/LB – Butts Cottage, Abbots Morton. Proposal: Renovation, alterations and erection of a single storey with loft room extension. Resubmission of W/13/00786/LB. Comments: The Parish Council has no objections to the proposal.
4.2	No further applications received.
4.3	Correspondence received related to Planning: a) Letter received from the District Council regarding a planning enforcement issue. Following a discussion it was agreed that the Council wished to respond to the application. Clerk to draft a response and circulate to members for comment.
4.4	To note decision notices received: a) W/13/01456/LB & W/13/01455/PP – Nook Cottage, Abbots Morton. Permission granted with 7 conditions. b) W/13/01705/PP & W/13/01706/LB – Home Farm Cottage, Abbots Morton. Permission granted with 8 conditions. c) W/13/01556/PP – Coppice View Barn, Morton Wood Lane, Abbots Morton. Application withdrawn.
4.5	To receive feedback from Neighbourhood Planning event held on the 22nd October 2013. Deferred to the next meeting.

Meeting declared closed at 8.05pm.

Signed by the Chairman:dated: 28th November 2013.

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Minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 28th November 2013 at 8.05pm in Abbots Morton Village Hall. Meeting No: 210.

Present:	Cllrs. Mr. Clapton (Chair), Mr. Pemberton Mr. Ernest, Mr. Humphries, and Mr. Smith. In attendance: Mrs. N. Holland, Clerk and Dist. Cllr. Mrs. Steel.
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210/1	Apologies: Cllr. Mr. Holt. Mrs. Ansell (reasons accepted by Council), Police representatives and Dist. Cllr. Mr. Lee.
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210/2	Declarations of Interest a) <u>Register of Interests</u> : Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests. b) <u>Disclosable Pecuniary Interests</u> – nil declared. c) <u>Any Other Disclosable Interests</u> – nil declared.
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210/3	Written dispensations: nil received.
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Public Question Time: Nil.

210/4	Minutes: proposed by Cllr. Mr. Ernest, seconded by Cllr. Mr. Pemberton and resolved that the minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on 19.09.13 were confirmed as a correct record, duly signed by the Chairman. Minutes of Staffing Committee meeting held on the 24.10.13 duly noted.
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210/5	Clerk's report: <u>Bank</u> – letter received following the creation of two separate banks from Lloyds TSB. Bank is now Lloyds Bank. <u>New Homes Bonus</u> – application has been successful for a contribution towards the upgrading of three sets of fire doors in the Village Hall. <u>Wychavon Area CALC meeting</u> – to take place on the 5th December 2013. <u>Bank Mandate</u> – confirmation received of changes to signatories. <u>Planning Committee</u> – Wychavon District Council are currently trialling a separate 3 minute slot for Parish Councils if they wish to speak on a Planning Application at Planning Committee. A form must be completed, if the person speaking for the Parish Council is not the Clerk or the Chairman. This form gives authorisation for that person to speak on behalf of the Parish Council. The deadline for public speakers for Planning Committee is noon on the Monday before the Committee on the Thursday. The form is available from the Clerk. <u>Worcestershire Minerals Local Plan:</u> Second stage consultation on draft proposals, call for information about mineral sources and preferred locations for aggregate extraction in Worcestershire. Open days to ask us questions will be at: a) Worcester Woods Country Park from 10am - 3.30pm on Saturday 30th November 2013. b) Spadesbourne Suite at Bromsgrove District Council Offices from 2.30pm - 8.00pm on Wednesday 4th December 2013. c) Kidderminster Library from 10am - 3.30pm on Saturday 7th December 2013. These sessions are designed for residents, Parish Councils and other interested parties to drop-in and ask us any questions about the consultation. <u>Subsidised Bus Services Review 2013</u> – proposals to save £3 million that is currently invested in providing subsidised bus services across the County. Consultation closes 17th January 2014. Further information: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/busservicereview
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	<u>Warwickshire Minerals Update</u> – newsletter providing an update in the emerging Warwickshire Minerals plan. Document also received on email forwarded to members.
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210/6	<p>County Cllr, Dist. Cllrs and Police reports: <u>District Cllr. Mrs. Steel reported:</u> SWDP Inspector is pleased with the professionalism of the plan however he felt that there was not enough provision for housing. The three District Councils therefore have to look at this. He will not say how much more housing provision is required until he has examined the revised plan. <u>Police email report</u> – Numerous burglaries taking place in the Evesham area and surrounding villages. At one burglary a cyclist saw a Black BMW VRM J13 RNK with three occupants in the vehicle. If this vehicle is seen then please do not approach. Call 999 if it is seen in suspicious circumstances quoting reference number 402 s 261113.</p>
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210/7	<p>Reports received from representatives: <u>Village Hall Committee</u> – an extra Village Hall Committee has taken place to discuss sending a questionnaire out to all households in the Parish. They have concerns over declining attendance at events held over the past year and would like residents to step forward to become members. The Committee has joined Community First.</p>
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210/8	Correspondence received considered:
8.1	Letter from Worcestershire County Council regarding Superfast Broadband infrastructure in Worcestershire was discussed. It was agreed to consider the letter again at a future meeting.
8.2	Wychavon District Council requesting nominations for the Diamond Jubilee Community Recognition Award 2013. One name was put forward and it was agreed to nominate the person for the award.

210/9	Planning matters:
9.1	Minutes: proposed by Cllr. Mr. Smith, seconded by Cllr. Mr. Ernest and resolved that the minutes of the Planning meeting held on 24.10.13 were confirmed as a correct record, duly signed by the Chairman.
9.2	No applications received.
9.3	<p>Decision notices noted: a) W/13/01906/LB – Abbots Morton Manor, Gooms Hill, Abbots Morton. Permission granted with 4 conditions. b) W/13/02054/PP and W/13/02055/LB – Butts Cottage, Abbots Morton. Permission granted with 16 conditions.</p>
9.4	<p>Correspondence received considered: a) Statement of Community Involvement Consultation Draft (November 2013) will be available to view and comment between the following dates: Start date: 15/11/13 17:15 End date: 03/01/14 17:00 Document can be viewed: http://swdp-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal/statement_of_community_involvement/sci_consultation The three Councils of Malvern Hills, Worcester City and Wychavon are working together on the joint South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP). In addition, the three authorities have now agreed to produce a number of further joint planning documents and to each review and update their current adopted Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). The Wychavon draft document can be viewed on the above link. The SCI sets out what each Council will do to involve the</p>

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	community and other stakeholders in the preparation and revision of planning policy documents and how the community will be consulted on planning applications. If members feel that the Council should comment on this document please let the Clerk have your comments by the 20th December 2013.
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210/10	Financial matters: Resolved to approve the ‘Schedule of Payments’ as listed and accounts agreed to 29.10.13
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210/11	To note urgent decisions taken: a) W/13/01906/LB – Abbots Morton Manor, Gooms Hill. Proposal: Re slating of existing house roof only. Comments: No objections.
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210/12	Dates of meetings for 2014 were agreed as January 23 rd , March 27 th , May 15 th , July 24 th , September 25 th and November 27 th .
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210/13	Parish Councillors report and items for future agendas: Speeding vehicles Alcester Road.
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Meeting declared closed at 8.55 pm.

Correspondence for distribution that does not require decision.

1.	Clerks & Councils Direct – November 2013.
2.	Wychavon Annual Report – 2012-13
3.	Parish Matters – November 2013.

Signed by the Chairman:dated: 23rd January 2014.

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Minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 23rd January 2014 at 8.00pm in Abbots Morton Village Hall. Meeting No: 211.

Present:	Cllrs. Mr. Clapton (Chair), Mr. Pemberton, Mrs. Ansell, Mr. Humphries, and Mr. Smith. In attendance: Mrs. N. Holland, Clerk and Dist. Cllrs. Mrs. Steel and Mr. Lee.
211/1	Apologies: Cllr. Mr. Holt, Mr. Ernest (reasons accepted by Council), and Police representatives.
211/2	Declarations of Interest a) <u>Register of Interests</u> : Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests. b) <u>Disclosable Pecuniary Interests</u> – Cllr. Mr. Pemberton in minute no: 211/11 (b) as he employs the Lengthsman to carry out work on his behalf. Member to leave the meeting whilst item under discussion. c) <u>Any Other Disclosable Interests</u> – nil declared.
211/3	Written dispensations: nil received.
Public Question Time: Nil.	
211/4	Minutes: proposed by Cllr. Mr. Pemberton, seconded by Cllr. Mr. Smith and resolved that the minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on 25.11.13 were confirmed as a correct record, duly signed by the Chairman.
211/5	Clerk's report: <u>Wychavon District Council Diamond Jubilee Community Recognition Award 2013/14</u> – Mrs. Oddy was put forward as a candidate by the Parish Council in recognition of the hard work she has put into the community. She has been invited to attend a Special Reception which is being held at the Civic Centre on Thursday 6th February 2014, to receive a Certificate of Commendation. Cllr. Mr. Pemberton will be attending on behalf of the Parish Council.
211/6	County Cllr, Dist. Cllrs and Police reports: <u>District Cllr. Mrs. Steel reported:</u> a) <u>Community Grant applications</u> – applicants briefing sessions to be held on March 5 th , 12 th and 19 th for any organisation wishing to apply for a grant. The organisation must attend one of the briefing evenings. For further information go to www.wychavon.gov.uk b) <u>Update on the New Homes Bonus scheme</u> grant applications will take place at the District Council Offices on the evening of March 26 th 2014. c) <u>Paper planning applications</u> will not be distributed to Councils from 1 st April 2014. Mrs. Steel is looking into the possibility of the District Council supplying a laptop or projector to Parish Councils. <u>Police email report</u> –no significant incidents have occurred in Abbots Morton. The following update below is a general overview of incidents which have occurred in other rural areas. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oil thefts- 3 males have been arrested in connection with these thefts. • Several shed/attempt garage burglaries have occurred. • Several Catalytic Convertor thefts have also occurred in various locations.
211/7	Reports received from representatives: <u>Village Hall Committee</u> – Annual General meeting to be held on the 10 th February 2014. Questionnaires have been delivered to each household in the area asking for assistance in the

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	running of the Hall and/or suggestions for the use of the Hall.
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211/8	Correspondence received considered:
8.1	<u>Speed limits Alcester Road</u> – Worcestershire County Council does not consider that the Alcester Road from Gooms Hill through to Morton Spiert warrants any changes and will not be proposing any alterations to the current speed limits. The County Council feels that any changes in the actual limits will not significantly alter current driver behaviour, so have confirmed that there will be no additional enforcement and that the current situation is not considered dangerous. The Council discussed the response and agreed that Cllr. Mr. Pemberton would collate information received, i.e. near misses, from residents to build a case to bring to a future meeting.

211/9	Planning matters:
9.1	No applications received.

211/10	Financial matters.
10.1	Resolved to approve the ‘Schedule of Payments’ as listed and accounts agreed to 30.12.13. (Treasurers AC £4165.81; Business A/C £8595.15).
10.2	Resolved that the budget to form the precept for 2014-15 would be £5764. (LGA 1972 s.150).

211/11	Renewal of the following contracts were considered: a) <u>Internal Auditor</u> – agreed to renew following request for a 5% increase in fee. b) <u>Parish Lengthsman</u> – agreed to renew subject to confirmation of funding from Worcestershire County Council.
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211/12	Annual Parish Meeting. It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting would be held prior to the Annual Parish Council meeting on May 15th 2014 starting at 7.30pm. Organisations would be asked to provide a report which they can present in a 3 minute time slot.
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211/13	Parish Councillors report and items for future agendas: Nil.
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Meeting declared closed at 8.40 pm.

Correspondence for distribution that does not require decision.

1.	Clerks & Councils Direct – January 2014.
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Signed by the Chairman:Dated: 27th March 2014.

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**Minutes of the Planning meeting held on Thursday 20th February 2014 at 7.35pm
in Abbots Morton Village Hall. Meeting No: 212.**

Present:	Cllrs. Mr. Clapton (Chair), Mrs. Ansell, Mr. Holt and Mr. Pemberton. In attendance: Mrs. N. Holland (Clerk).
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212/1	Apologies: Cllr. Mr. Smith and Mr. Ernest (reasons accepted by Council) and Dist. Cllr. Mr. Lee.
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212/2	Dispensations: nil received.
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212/3	Declarations of Interest a) Register of Interests: Cllrs. were reminded of the need to update their register of interests. b) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests – nil. c) Any Other Disclosable Interests – nil declared.
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Public Question Time: Nil.

212/4	Planning Matters
4.1	It was agreed to comment on the following proposal: a) W/14/00236/PP - Coppice View Barn, Morton Wood Lane, Abbots Morton, WR7 4LU. Proposal: Proposed new door and window. Comments: The Parish Council recommends approval of the application.
4.2	No further applications received.
4.3	Correspondence received duly noted: a) Stratford-on-Avon District – proposed Traveller and Gypsy Plan www.stratford.gov.uk/gandt . Chairman gave a brief summary of the proposed sites which may affect Bidford-on-Avon area. b) Stratford-on-Avon District proposed District Core Strategy www.stratford.gov.uk/csfurther2014

Meeting declared closed at 7.53pm.

Signed by the Chairman:.....dated: March 10th 2014.

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Minutes of the Planning meeting held on Monday 10th March 2014 at 8.02pm in Abbots Morton Village Hall. Meeting No: 213.

Present:	Cllrs. Mr. Clapton (Chair), Mr. Smith, Mr. Humphries, Mr. Ernest, Mr. Holt and Mr. Pemberton. In attendance: Mrs. N. Holland (Clerk).
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213/1	Apologies: Mrs. Ansell, (reasons accepted by Council).
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213/2	Dispensations: nil received.
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213/3	Declarations of Interest a) Register of Interests: Cllrs. were reminded of the need to update their register of interests. b) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests – nil. c) Any Other Disclosable Interests – nil declared.
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Public Question Time: Nil.

213/4	Planning Matters
4.1	Minutes: resolved that the minutes of the Planning meeting held on 20.02.14 were confirmed as a correct record, duly signed by the Chairman.
4.2	It was agreed to comment on the following proposal: a) W/14/00271/PP- Morton Spiert Farm, Abbots Morton, WR7 4NA. Proposal: Proposed tennis court and plant room for ground source heat pump(s). Comments: The Parish Council has no objection to the proposed tennis court and plant room for ground source heat pump(s). However, the Council does have strong objections to the installation of two high level floodlights for the following reasons: a) Light pollution will have an intrusive, detrimental visual impact on neighbouring properties, the village and the main highway which will be further exacerbated by the elevated position of the development. There are no streetlights in the area. b) Lighting is not an essential requirement to be able to play tennis, the Council would therefore request recommending refusal preventing the use of floodlights as it is out of character in the open countryside.
4.3	No further applications received.
4.4	A request received from Badsey and Aldington Parish to join with other Parishes to support them in their campaign against the current trend for over development of the Worcestershire countryside was discussed. It was agreed that as the Parish has not received applications of this nature that the Clerk should respond saying that the Council support their sentiment but they require specific details of evidence that is relevant to their campaign in order to discuss this further.
4.5	A proposal from Wychavon District Council to supply the use of a projector in order to view planning applications, which can also be used by the community to be retained at the Village Hall, was considered. It was agreed that the Council would be happy to use a projector for a trial period as it was felt this was unlikely to be adequate provision to be able to 'scale' off plans.

Meeting declared closed at 8.35 pm.

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Following the closure of the meeting Cllr. Mr. Ernest gave a brief update regarding the roll out of Superfast Broadband in the County. He has had various meetings with Karen Lumley, MP, and representatives from the County Council and BT. The Radford junction box is not mentioned in the next 3 phases of the roll out scheme. All Parish Councils have been informed through the CALC Newsletter and asked to contact the Clerk if they wish to be involved with a meeting in which representatives of BT, County and Karen Lumley are to be invited to. There are a large number of businesses and villages that are likely to be affected. Mr. Ernest along with Karen Lumley and others are meeting the Minister, Ed Beasley in London on the 2nd April 2014.

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**Minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 27th March 2014 at 8.03pm
in Abbots Morton Village Hall. Meeting No: 214.**

Present:	Cllrs. Mr. Clapton (Chair), Mr. Pemberton, Mr. Holt, Mr. Humphries, and Mr. Smith. In attendance: Mrs. N. Holland, Clerk and Dist. Cllrs. Mrs. Steel and Mr. Lee.
214/1	Apologies: Cllr. Mrs. Ansell (reasons accepted by Council), and Police representatives.
214/2	Declarations of Interest a) <u>Register of Interests</u> : Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests. b) <u>Disclosable Pecuniary Interests</u> – Nil. c) <u>Any Other Disclosable Interests</u> – Cllr. Mr. Pemberton in minute no: 214/8.2 and 214/11. Member left the room whilst both items were under discussion. d) No written requests received for the Council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) received.
Public Question Time: Nil.	
214/3	Minutes: proposed by Cllr. Mr. Pemberton, seconded by Cllr. Mr. Smith and resolved that the minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on 25.11.13 were confirmed as a correct record, duly signed by the Chairman. <i>Public Question Time notes appended to the Minutes amended to read 'Minister Ed Vaizey'.</i>
214/4	Clerk's report: <u>Wychavon Community Recognition Award</u> – Mrs Oddy has asked to pass on her thanks to all members of Abbots Morton Parish Council for nominating her for the Award. She was very surprised to hear that she had been nominated and delighted to receive her certificate at a reception held at the Civic Centre, Pershore. She also added that since retiring from teaching she has had more time to support local causes, events and residents who often need a helping hand! She feels very honoured and proud that what she does in and around the village has been recognised. <u>Councillor training</u> -Gill Lungley, MICLM, a very experienced Clerk will be delivering 4 x two hour training sessions on the following dates: Tuesday April 8th and Wednesday May 7th - The 4 P's (cover People, Place, Powers and Planning). Tuesday April 15th and Thursday May 15th The 3 M's (cover Meetings, Management and Money). Sessions will contain up to date information in line with all new legislation. Cost £25 per person, per session, at County Hall, Worcester at 7pm to 9pm. <u>South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP)</u> – email received requesting assistance in identifying potential housing sites in the parish. <u>Planning Compliance Officer</u> – new post created for Planning Compliance Officer at Wychavon District Council to ensure planning conditions are being met. <u>Wychavon Games</u> – letter received requesting that the Parish Council are happy for an organiser to enter the village in the Games. As far as the Council are concerned there is now no organiser in the Parish. <u>Badsey & Aldington Parish Council</u> - Further request received for information: a) Parishioner numbers for your Parish Council. b) % increase in village development for past 5/10 years. This will assist in compiling accurate figures for supporting the argument over development for all

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	villages concerned.
214/5	<p>County Cllr, Dist. Cllrs and Police reports: <u>County Cllr. Mr. Holt reported:</u> a) Budget approved. Increase in Council Tax by 1.94%, £4 million raised through this will go towards safe guarding children and to older persons and vulnerable services. b) Bus subsidy review continues following the recent consultation. A report will be issued later in the year to see how the subsidy can be reduced. In the meantime £1 million has been put into the budget. c) The Government has granted £5million towards funding to schools in Worcestershire.</p> <p><u>District Cllr. Mrs. Steel and Mr. Lee reported:</u> a) As from the 1st April there will be a charge for collection of bulky items, £19 for two. b) At the end of April normal car parking charges will be reinstated in Evesham. There are some car parks where the charge will be reduced by 50%. c) Public consultation held in March regarding the South Worcestershire Development Plan. It will be known in April how many extra houses are required in the area up until 2030. Very difficult at the moment for the planning authority as they do not have a figure for land supply for the next 5 years. d) Rural communities – a pilot scheme to be run by the Inkberrow Ward. Meeting to take place on Tuesday 29th April with representatives from each village. Time to be announced at a later date.</p> <p><u>Police email report received:</u> One incident took place within the past month which was a burglary on Saturday 8th March 2014 in a dwelling along the Alcester Road, Abbots Morton.</p>
214/6	<p>Reports received from representatives: <u>Village Hall Committee</u> – Extra General Meeting took place on March 24th 2014 as at the Annual Meeting the majority of the Committee did not stand for election. Two nominations have now been received to represent the Parochial Church Council, Lynda Payne and Lynne Pemberton. Three other nominations received and agreed. The date for the next meeting to decide on officers will be held in the village hall on Monday 14 April at 7:30pm.</p>
214/7	<p>Planning matters:</p>
7.1	<p>Minutes: proposed by Cllr. Mr. Pemberton, seconded by Cllr. Mr. Smith and resolved that the minutes of the Planning meeting held on 10.03.13 confirmed as a correct record, duly signed by the Chairman.</p>
7.2	<p>No applications received. Decision notice noted: a) W/14/00236/PP – Coppice View Barn, Morton Wood Lane, Abbots Morton. Permission granted.</p>
214/8	<p>Financial matters.</p>
8.1	<p>Resolved to approve the ‘Schedule of Payments’ as listed and accounts agreed to 07.03.14. (Treasurers AC £3823.59; Business A/C £8595.90).</p>
8.2	<p>Grant application received from St. Peter’s Parochial Church Council for costs towards the churchyard maintenance. It was proposed to grant £350 but this was not seconded. An amendment was put forward to grant £250, this was seconded and approved. Resolution to grant £250 as a contribution to the churchyard maintenance costs. (LGA 1972 s214 (6)).</p>

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214/9	Ditches: a proposal was put forward to consider writing to a landowner regarding excellent maintenance work to the surrounding ditches in the Parish. It was agreed that a notice should be placed in the Newsletter.
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214/10	Parish Councillors report and items for future agendas: Parish Plan; Sustainable Communities Act.
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214/11	Parish Lengthsman: consideration was given to the Parish Lengthsman request to increase his hourly rate. Resolution: that the Parish Lengthsman hourly rate be increased to £12 per hour as from the 1 st April 2014.
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Meeting declared closed at 9.00 pm.

Correspondence for distribution that does not require decision.

1.	Clerks & Councils Direct – March 2014.
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Signed by the Chairman:Dated: May 15th 2014.