

# ABBOTS MORTON PARISH COUNCIL.

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**Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2011 at 8.00pm  
in Abbots Morton Village Hall. Meeting No: 181.**

<b>Present:</b>	Cllrs. Mr. Ernest (Chair), Mrs. Ansell, Mr. Holt, Mr. Clapton and Mr. Smith. <b>In attendance:</b> Mrs. N. Holland (Clerk), and Dist. Cllrs. Mrs. Steel and Mr. Lee.
<b>181/1</b>	<b>Election of Chairman:</b> it was proposed by Cllr. Mrs. Ansell, seconded by Cllr. Mr. Clapton that Cllr. Mr. Ernest be elected as Chairman for the ensuing year. Chairman signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. The Chairman wished to thank the previous members of the Council, Mrs. Brewster, Mr. Humphries, and Mrs. Eason for all their hard work and commitment that they have given to the Parish Council over the years.
<b>181/2</b>	<b>Apologies:</b> Cllr. Mr. Pemberton (reason accepted by Council). Declaration of Acceptance of Office has been signed.
<b>181/3</b>	<b>Election of Vice-Chairman:</b> Cllr. Mr. Clapton was elected as Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.
<b>181/4</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> a) Register of Interests: Cllrs. were reminded of the need to update their register of interests. b) Personal Interests: nil declared. c) Prejudicial Interests: nil declared.
<b>181/5</b>	<b>Co-option:</b> the vacancy has been advertised with no applications received. Further advert to be placed in the Notice Board.
<b>181/6</b>	<b>The following policies for 2011/12 were reviewed:</b> <u>Standing Orders</u> – following recommendation from NALC it was agreed to amend 31 b as follows: <i>A motion to add to or vary or revoke one or more of the Council's standing orders, not mandatory by law, shall be proposed by a special motion, the written notice whereof bears the names of at least 3 councillors.</i> <u>b) Risk Assessment.</u> <u>c) Asset Register.</u> <u>d) Financial regulations.</u>
<b>181/7</b>	<b>To consider appointing members to serve on:</b> a) Staffing Committee – <i>Cllrs. Mr. Ernest, Mrs. Ansell and Mr. Clapton.</i> b) Finance Group – <i>Clerk, Cllrs. Mr. Ernest, Mr. Smith and Mr. Clapton.</i> <b>and representatives for the following:</b> <i>Assets – Cllr. Mr. Ernest.</i> <i>Parish Plan – Cllrs. Mr. Ernest and Mr. Smith.</i> <i>Village Hall Committee x 2 – deferred to the next meeting.</i>
<b>181/8</b>	<b>The following were considered and approved:</b> a) Annual subscription to Worcestershire CALC of £65.28. b) Insurance policy for 2011/12 of £265.00.
<b>181/9</b>	<b>Minutes: resolved</b> that the minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on 22.03.11 were confirmed as a correct record, duly signed by the Chairman.

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<b>181/10</b>	<p><b>Clerk's report:</b></p> <p><u>Parish Lengthsman</u> – new contract for services signed by the Parish Lengthsman and contract between the Parish Council and the County Council duly signed.</p> <p><u>External Audit</u> – to take place on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2011.</p> <p><u>Footpaths</u> – work on the Rights of Way this year will be carried out on the volunteer scheme.</p> <p><u>Evesham Area Forum</u> – to take place on June 16th 2011, 7pm at Evesham Town Hall.</p> <p><u>Land adjacent to the Church</u> – Chairman to contact Landowner.</p> <p><u>Telephone Kiosk</u> – Clerk has contacted BT again re the painting of the Kiosk which was reported in 2008. Apparently no longer on the list, requested that the work is carried out this year.</p>
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<b>181/11</b>	<p><b>Reports received :</b></p> <p><u>County Cllr. Mr. Holt reported:</u></p> <p>BOLD programme is involved with 69 projects resulting in a saving of £57 million. 800 staff numbers will be reduced over the 4 years by staff being redeployed to avoid redundancy. Parish Lengthsman scheme, Footway Enhancement and Rural Roads Initiative programmes will all continue.</p> <p><u>Dist. Cllr. Mrs. Steel:</u> reported the following:</p> <p>Following the Elections the District Council is made up of 45 members (38 Conservative, 5 Liberal Democrats, 1 Labour and 1 vacancy). She remains as a Board member and will be involved with the Localism Bill.</p>
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<b>181/12</b>	<p><b>Correspondence received:</b></p>
12.1	<p><u>Worcestershire County Council</u> – additional consultation until 18.05.11 on bus service review. Clerk to reply with the following comments in regard to the Wychavon Hopper service which is to replace service 564:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is felt that the capacity of the Hopper service will be inadequate to transport the numbers of children to and from Church Lench First School and Evesham Middle/High Schools.</li> <li>• If children are to be standing on this route this raises a safety concern with parents.</li> <li>• How would children get to school if the Hopper service had reached its capacity before its arrival in Evesham?</li> <li>• Concerns were raised over how the Hopper service is to timetable in the different schools as they start/finish at different times. According to the review the Hopper service will be timetabled every two hours.</li> <li>• Does the orbital route mean that it will take a longer period of time for children to get to school and a longer trip home? No details of the proposed route are available.</li> </ul> <p>Most of the children travelling to Pershore/Evesham schools live in rural communities and the Council feel that safety should not be compromised.</p>

<b>181/13</b>	<p><b>Planning matters:</b></p>
13.1	No applications received.
13.2	<p>Correspondence received:</p> <p>a) Email received from the Planning Department at Wychavon District Council saying that they are advising agents to supply copies of applications in CD format due to financial costs. Clerk to respond that the Council wish to continue to receive a copy in hard format of planning applications.</p>

<b>181/14</b>	<p><b>Financial matters.</b></p>
14.1	<b>Resolved</b> to approve the accounts year ending 31.03.11.
14.2	The internal auditors report deferred to the next meeting as not received.

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14.3	<b>Resolved</b> to approve the Statement of Accounts and the Annual Governance Statement for the external auditor:
14.4	<b>Resolved</b> to transfer £2000 into the Business Instant Access A/C, increase the training budget to £200 and the grant budget to £250 from the under spend of the 2010-11 budget figures.
14.5	<b>Resolved</b> that the schedule of payments be paid.

<b>181/15</b>	<b>Training sessions approved:</b> a) Code of Conduct on June 9th 2011 at Civic Centre Offices, Wychavon District Council. Cllrs. Mr. Pemberton and Mr. Smith to attend. b) Cllrs. Mr. Pemberton and Mr. Smith to attend the CALC sessions on the 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2011 at a cost of £120.
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<b>181/16</b>	<b>Urgent decisions</b> taken since last meeting: Nil.
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<b>181/17</b>	<b>Cllrs. reports and items for future agendas:</b> Nil
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<b>181/18</b>	<b>Meetings:</b> it was agreed that the meetings would be held on Thursdays. Dates are: July 21 <sup>st</sup> ; September 22 <sup>nd</sup> and November 24 <sup>th</sup> .
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<b>Meeting declared closed at 9.25 pm.</b>
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**Signed by the Chairman:** ..... **Dated: June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2011.**

**Correspondence items for circulation for which a decision is not required.**

1.	Wychavon Community Grants scheme 2011.
2.	Parish Matters circulated to all members.
3.	Clerks and Councils Direct –
4.	Knowing Wychavon Communities report April 2011.

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<p><b>Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2011 at 8.00pm in Abbots Morton Village Hall. Meeting No: 182.</b></p>
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<b>Present:</b>	Cllrs. Mr. Ernest (Chair), Mrs. Ansell, Mr. Clapton, Mr. Pemberton and Mr. Smith. <b>In attendance:</b> Mrs. N. Holland (Clerk) and 1 parishioner.
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<b>182/1</b>	<b>Apologies:</b> Cllr. Mr. Holt (reasons accepted by Council).
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<b>182/2</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> a) Register of Interests: Cllrs. were reminded of the need to update their register of interests. b) Personal Interests: nil declared. c) Prejudicial Interests: nil declared.
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<b>182/3</b>	<b>Co-option:</b> one application received. It was proposed by Cllr. Mr. Ernest, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Ansell and <b>resolved</b> that Mr. N. Humphries be co-opted as a member.
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<b>182/4</b>	<b>Public Question Time:</b> Nil.
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<b>182/5</b>	<b>Minutes:</b> <b>resolved</b> that the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 12.05.11 were confirmed as a correct record, duly signed by the Chairman.
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<b>182/6</b>	<b>Planning matters:</b>
6.1	No applications received.

<b>182/7</b>	<b>Financial matters.</b>
7.1	The internal auditors report duly noted, no actions required.

<b>182/8</b>	<b>Urgent decisions</b> taken since last meeting: Nil.
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<b>Meeting declared closed at 8.10 pm.</b>
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Signed by the Chairman: .....Dated: July 21<sup>st</sup> 2011.

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<b>Minutes of the Planning meeting held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2011 at 8.00pm in Abbots Morton Village Hall. Meeting No: 183.</b>
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<b>Present:</b>	Cllrs. Mr. Ernest (Chair), Mrs. Ansell, Mr. Clapton, Mr. Pemberton, Mr. Humphries and Mr. Smith. <b>In attendance:</b> Mrs. N. Holland (Clerk) and Dist. Cllr. Mr. Lee.
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<b>183/1</b>	<b>Apologies:</b> Cllr. Mr. Holt (reasons accepted by Council) and Dist. Cllr. Mrs. Steel.
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<b>183/2</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> a) Register of Interests: Cllrs. were reminded of the need to update their register of interests. b) Personal Interests: nil declared. c) Prejudicial Interests: nil declared.
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<b>Public Question Time:</b> Dist. Cllr. Mr. Lee informed the Council that he was no longer a member of the Development Control Committee at Wychavon District Council.
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<b>183/3</b>	<b>Planning Matters</b>
3.1	<p>It was agreed to comment on the following proposal: W/11/01154/PP – The Brambles, Abbots Morton. WR7 4LZ.</p> <p><b>Proposal:</b> Proposed demolition of existing concrete panel double garage unit and construction of proposed garage unit with workshop, study and self contained ancillary accommodation.</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> The overall development is substantial. There is a marked increase on the footprint size which represents a footprint of similar size to the main residence. The building is higher/larger than the original and is situated in a prominent position due to the elevation of the land. The design itself is not in keeping with the main dwelling or surrounding area. No design access statement has been issued to give information on why such a large replacement is required.</p> <p><u>Garage proposal:</u> It is felt that the proposed modern design of the building will have an intrusive visual impact on the approach to the conservation area of the Village. The size of the building could potentially lend itself to commercial and separate residential usage. Its increase in size seems excessive for storage purposes.</p> <p><u>Annexe proposal:</u> Is a substantial area which does not seem to comply with Policies SUR 7 and RES9 of the Wychavon District Local Plan. There has been no previous request to extend the main dwelling to include an annexe. There is a possibility in the design that the proposal could be used as two independent units inside one large building. It is noted that the proposal shows two separate toilet facilities within the building. The back of the building is close to the boundary hedge. On the application form it states that no hedgerow/trees will be removed yet on the plan submitted it says that the hedgerow may be cut back/removed. If the existing hedgerow was removed the proposal, due to its elevated position, would be visible to properties in Gooms Hill and from the C2010. The two doors at the rear of the proposal will not be able to open outwards due to the close proximity of the boundary hedge. The Council would ask that a condition be applied if the application is approved that the proposed development remains within the curtilage of the main property.</p>
3.2	No further applications received.

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3.3	Correspondence related to Planning: a) Consultation document "Landscape Character Assessment". If members have comments to be sent to the Clerk before the next meeting.
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**Meeting declared closed at 9.05 pm.**

Signed by the Chairman .....dated 21<sup>st</sup> July 2011.

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## Minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2011 at 8.05pm in Abbots Morton Village Hall. Meeting No: 184.

<b>Present:</b>	Cllrs. Mr. Ernest (Chair), Mr. Clapton, Mr. Holt, Mr. Pemberton, Mr. Humphries and Mr. Smith (184/7). <b>In attendance:</b> Mrs. N. Holland (Clerk), Dist. Cllrs. Mrs. Steel and Mr. Lee.
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<b>184/1</b>	<b>Apologies:</b> Cllr. Mrs. Ansell (Annual Leave - reason accepted by Council).
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<b>184/2</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> a) Register of Interests: Cllrs. were reminded of the need to update their register of interests. b) Personal Interests: nil declared. c) Prejudicial Interests: nil declared.
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<b>Public Question Time:</b> Nil.
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<b>184/3</b>	<b>Minutes: resolved</b> that the minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on 23.06.11 were confirmed as a correct record, duly signed by the Chairman.
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<b>184/4</b>	<b>Clerk's report:</b> <u>BT telephone box</u> – BT has confirmed that the telephone box is on a list for repainting. They will not confirm when it will be done. Conservation Officer contacted at Wychavon District Council. They would write on behalf of the Council provided that they were given copies of emails and a photograph showing the box in its present state. However they did state that they were not hopeful of a favourable response. Chairman to obtain photographs for the Clerk. <u>Drainage of water from land by the Church on to the highway</u> – meeting held on site with representatives from the Highways Department, Land Drainage Officer at Wychavon District Council, members of the Council, the Clerk and Landowner. The Landowner will put in place 18" cattle trough drain with a 4" outfall pipe by the gate to the entrance of the land so that water/debris off the land will collect in the gulley close to the gate. The Highways Department will arrange for the connection of the pipe, reconfigure the gulley to take a larger sump area and replace the tarmac. <u>Invitation to Local Communities Energy events</u> – three events to be held to discuss bulk purchase discounts of oil and sustainable energy solutions available to households. Numbers restricted to two per parish. <u>Review of polling districts and venues</u> – each member requested to send in their comments on the form provided. <u>Notice Board</u> – new inner boards installed.
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<b>184/5</b>	<b>County, District Cllrs. and Police reports: -</b> <u>County Cllr Mr. Holt reported:</u> Worcestershire County Council has simplified their corporate plan which is available on the website. It has been divided into 4 groups: a) Open for business. b) Children & Families c) Environment d) Health & Well Being. County Cllr. Divisional Fund - £10,000 allocated to each member in order that they can allocate funding in their division to support local projects. It replaces other grant funding that has been lost
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	<p>through recent cuts or allocated elsewhere.</p> <p><u>Dist. Cllr. Mrs. Steel reported:</u></p> <p>Localism Bill – the Committee has had its first meeting, they will be meeting on a monthly basis.</p> <p>South Worcestershire Development Plan – due out for consultation in September. Nothing identified for Abbots Morton in the Plan but landowners could still take forward exception sites.</p> <p>Closure of A44 – road restriction will be severely affected during August to November through Inkberrow due to Severn Trent works. It is expected that the road will be closed completely from 22.09.11 through to October. Main diversion for HGV's will be signposted from Spetchley Road.</p> <p>County Cllr. Mr. Holt is going to request that a temporary weight restriction during this period along the C2010.</p> <p>Community Games event at Inkberrow to take place on the 4<sup>th</sup> August 2011. Notice in the board.</p> <p><u>Police</u> – no report.</p>
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<b>184/6</b>	<b>Resolved</b> that Cllrs. Mr. Holt and Mr. Ernest be appointed as the two representatives to the Village Hall Committee.
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<b>184/7</b>	<b>Correspondence received:</b>
7.1	Worcestershire County Council – consultation document on an agreement between Worcestershire County Council, Worcestershire CALC and Parish and Town Councils of Worcestershire. Cllrs. to forward comments to the Clerk.
7.2	Village Hall funding – letter received from a parishioner requesting that the Parish Council consider charging to the precept standing charges required to run the Village Hall. It was agreed that this was an issue for the Village Hall Committee to decide.
7.3	Speeding/HGV Movements traffic C2010 – copies of letters/information received from the Highways Department and from Abbots Morton Residents Association. Roy Fullee, Highways Engineer, will be attending the September meeting to answer queries the Council may have.

<b>184/8</b>	<b>Planning matters:</b>
8.1	Minutes: <b>resolved</b> that the minutes of the Planning meeting held on 07.07.11 were confirmed as a correct record, duly signed by the Chairman.
8.2	No applications received.
8.3	<p>Chairman/Cllr. Mr. Clapton gave a report regarding the 'New Homes Bonus' event the main points being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government proposal which the District Council are looking at and consulting with Parish Councils.</li> <li>• New Homes Bonus scheme established in February 2011 as an incentive to encourage growth. Financial incentive which will allow some of the money to go to local communities.</li> <li>• New homes once built, or empty homes that become occupied, will attract payment for a period of 6 years amounting to a Band D tax band. Not sure yet how a Parish Council will be able to claim money, many questions still to be answered.</li> </ul> <p>Chairman and Cllr. Mr. Clapton to comment on the proposals as they both attended the briefing. Copy to be given to the Clerk.</p>

<b>184/9</b>	<b>Financial matters.</b>
9.1	<b>Resolved</b> to approve accounts to 21.06.11.
9.2	<b>Resolved</b> to approve the 'Schedule of Payments' and also to pay the Election fee of £25 to Wychavon District Council.

<b>184/10</b>	<b>Reports received from representatives:</b>
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	<p>a) Parish Lengthsman – work continues through the Parish. Gullies have been cleared.</p> <p>b) Assets – all in satisfactory condition.</p> <p>c) Parish Paths Warden – ditch crossing work has been completed at The Low and at Morton Spirt. Strimming work due to commence around stiles and gates in the Parish. A volunteer team from Countryside Services are going to replace the rails and post to the steps leading to the Church.</p> <p>d) Village Hall Committee – no report available.</p>
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<b>184/11</b>	<b>Urgent decisions</b> taken since last meeting: Nil.
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<b>184/12</b>	<b>Parish Councillors report and items for future agendas:</b> Speeding Tree Warden.
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<b>Meeting declared closed at 9.30 pm.</b>
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**Correspondence for distribution that does not require decision.**

1.	Wychavon District Council – Annual Report of the Standards Committee.
2.	Newsline – Spring 2011.
3.	Clerks and Councils Direct – July 2011.

**Signed by the Chairman: .....dated: 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2011.**

# ABBOTS MORTON PARISH COUNCIL.

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**Minutes of the Planning meeting held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at 8.07pm  
in Abbots Morton Village Hall. Meeting No: 185.**

<b>Present:</b>	Cllrs. Mr. Ernest (Chair), Mrs. Ansell, Mr. Pemberton, and Mr. Smith. <b>In attendance:</b> Mrs. N. Holland (Clerk).
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<b>185/1</b>	<b>Apologies:</b> Cllrs. Mr. Holt, Mr. Clapton and Mr. Humphries (reasons accepted by Council) and Dist. Cllr. Mrs. Steel.
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<b>185/2</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> a) Register of Interests: Cllrs. were reminded of the need to update their register of interests. b) Personal Interests: nil declared. c) Prejudicial Interests: nil declared.
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<b>Public Question Time:</b> Nil.
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<b>185/3</b>	<b>Planning Matters</b>
3.1	It was agreed to comment on the following proposals: a) W/11/01823/PP – Home Farm Cottage, Abbots Morton. WR7 4NA. <b>Proposal:</b> Variation of condition 3 of approval of W/05/00681/PP to allow the use of the first floor of garage for habitable accommodation. <b>Comments:</b> The Parish Council supports the application as there is no fundamental change, and the proposal is an improvement to the building. b) AB/11/01792/AB – Morton Wood Farm, Morton Wood Lane. WR7 4LU. <b>Proposal:</b> Lean-to to existing building. <b>Comments:</b> Nil.
3.2	No further applications received.
3.3	Urgent decisions taken since the last meeting related to planning: a) W/11/01648/CU - Morton Spirt Farm, Abbots Morton. <b>Proposal:</b> Retrospective application for ménage. <b>Comments:</b> None.

<b>Meeting declared closed at 8.20 pm.</b>
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Signed by the Chairman: .....dated: 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2011.

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<b>Minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2011 at 8.05pm in Abbots Morton Village Hall. Meeting No: 186.</b>
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<b>Present:</b>	Cllrs. Mr. Ernest (Chair), Mr. Clapton, Mr. Holt, Mr. Pemberton, Mr. Humphries, Mrs. Ansell and Mr. Smith. <b>In attendance:</b> Mrs. N. Holland (Clerk), Dist. Cllr. Mr. Lee, Mr. R. Fullee. Highways Liaison Engineer, Worcestershire County Council and 5 parishioners.
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<b>186/1</b>	<b>Apologies:</b> Cllr. Mrs. Steel, PC Carter and PCSO Jenny Hawkins.
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<b>186/2</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> a) Register of Interests: Cllrs. were reminded of the need to update their register of interests. b) Personal Interests: nil declared. c) Prejudicial Interests: Cllr. Mr. Pemberton in minute no: 10.3a as a member of the Parochial Church Council. Member left the room whilst the item was under discussion.
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<b>186/3</b>	<b>Speeding/ traffic movements on C2010.</b> Mr. Roy Fullee, Senior Highways Liaison Engineer, Worcestershire Highways gave the following report: Roy was first asked to look at the HGV usage along the C2010/C103 from the Warwickshire direction due to the opening of a further quarry at Marsh Farm. In March 2011 a survey was carried out showing the type of vehicles using the C2010 over a 24 hour period for 7 days. HGV usage was less than 1%, this was likely to be due to legitimate access i.e. HGV's to service local farms. It was asked if a weight restriction could be imposed. This is very unlikely as very difficult to police. Another problem that was likely to exacerbate the problem of traffic along the C2010 would be Severn Trent work to be carried out in Inkberrow. Roy pointed out that a temporary weight restriction order would not be put in place as again it would not be policed. Signage has been erected urging HGV's to use the A46 whilst this work is ongoing. The Council can request formally in writing a speed review for Morton Spirt. A speed survey, giving the exact location where the tramlines are to be placed, can also be requested. Vehicle Activated Signage cannot be placed on roads that have speed limits of 60mph. Problems were also raised on the access to the C2010 from properties at Gooms Hill. It was agreed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request that a speed survey is carried out to show the speed of vehicles on both sides of the border.</li> <li>• Deer sign present on Warwickshire side, request Worcestershire put one in place.</li> </ul>
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<b>Public Question Time:</b> Notes appended to these minutes.
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<b>186/4</b>	<b>Minutes: resolved</b> that the minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on 21.07.11 were confirmed as a correct record, duly signed by the Chairman.
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<b>186/5</b>	<b>Clerk's report:</b> <u>Worcestershire County Council</u> – information received on tender information for contractors to store salt and grit in the Parish. <u>External Audit</u> – unqualified audit opinion given. Closure of audit advertised in the notice boards. <u>Drain/Inspection covers</u> – Message received from the Highways Engineer: <i>Unfortunately there appears to be a further spate of drain/inspection covers which are going missing from the public highway, presumably being stolen. Naturally, the actions of those responsible could compromise</i>
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	<p><i>the safety of the public and it is therefore a matter that needs to be dealt with as soon as is reasonably practicable to do so. If you come across, or are informed, of any missing covers in your areas which do not appear to have yet been inspected or made safe by Worcestershire Highways, please can I ask that the Worcestershire Hub is informed as soon as possible. This will ensure a quicker response time. If you are aware that any of these covers form part of utility apparatus (gas/water/electric/telecoms etc), it may also be worth contacting the appropriate utility company direct. Should you happen to catch the offenders in the act, please also inform the Police although I would strongly suggest that you avoid putting yourselves at risk in the process?</i></p> <p><u>Worcestershire Agreement</u> – final version circulated by email. The launch of the agreement will be on the 18<sup>th</sup> October at the Parish conference with a formal signing taking place by Cllr Hardman, Leader of Worcestershire County Council and Keith Perkins, Chairman of Worcestershire CALC.</p> <p><u>South Worcestershire Development Plan</u> – Public consultation to take place from 26<sup>th</sup> September to the 18<sup>th</sup> November 2011. Road show exhibitions to take place throughout the District. For dates and venues contact the Clerk or visit <a href="http://www.swdevelopmentplan.org">www.swdevelopmentplan.org</a></p> <p><u>Wychavon Sport</u> – letter received from the Secretary who was delighted that Abbots Morton entered the ‘Bell Boating’ event this year. They are prepared to waive the entrance charge this year as this was the first time Abbots Morton has entered the games.</p> <p><u>Invitation to Local Communities Energy events</u> – three events to be held to discuss bulk purchase discounts of oil and sustainable energy solutions available to households. Numbers restricted to two per parish.</p> <p><u>CALC AGM</u> – 13<sup>th</sup> October 2011 at 7pm in the Council Chamber at County Hall.</p> <p><u>Road closure</u> – Main Street, Abbots Morton to be closed for repairs operative from 31<sup>st</sup> October 2011.</p>
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<b>186/6</b>	<p><b>County, District Cllrs. and Police reports:</b> -</p> <p><u>County Cllr Mr. Holt reported:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• County Cllr. Divisional Fund - £10,000 allocated to each member in order that they can allocate funding in their division to support local projects. It replaces other grant funding that has been lost through recent cuts or allocated elsewhere.</li> <li>• New ‘Hopper Village’ bus started on the 5<sup>th</sup> September 2011.</li> </ul> <p><u>Dist. Cllr. Mr. Lee</u> – nil to report.</p> <p><u>Police</u> – email received. No crimes reported in the area over the past 8 weeks.</p>
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<b>186/7</b>	<b>Tree Warden:</b> information given to Cllr. Mr. Pemberton as interested in the scheme.
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<b>186/8</b>	<b>Correspondence received:</b>
8.1	Worcestershire County Council – purchase of grit bins. Information duly noted.
8.2	Worcestershire CALC third training session on Wednesday October 5 <sup>th</sup> . No one to attend.
8.3	Church Lench Parish Council regarding purchasing of ‘Vehicle Activated Signage’ with neighbouring Parish Councils. The Council are interested in the scheme and would like to be informed of developments.

<b>186/9</b>	<b>Planning matters:</b>
9.1	<b>Minutes: resolved</b> that the minutes of the Planning meeting held on 07.09.11 were confirmed as a correct record, duly signed by the Chairman.
9.2	It was agreed to defer commenting on this application, W/11/01647/PN - Morton Spirt Farm, Abbots Morton. WR7 4NA, to the next Planning meeting to obtain further information on documents submitted.

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9.3	No further applications received.
9.4	Correspondence received related to planning: a) South Worcestershire Development Plan – Evidence gathering, Village Facilities survey. b) Proposed gypsy application at Broom, Warwickshire, email received. Deadline for comments was 15.09.11. c) Morton Spirt Farm – update received from Enforcement Officer.

<b>186/10</b>	<b>Financial matters.</b>
10.1	<b>Resolved</b> to approve accounts to 15.09.11.
10.2	<b>Resolved</b> to approve the ‘Schedule of Payments’ as listed.
10.3	The following grant applications were considered: a) St. Peter’s Church, maintenance of churchyard. <b>Resolved</b> to grant the sum of £200 towards the maintenance costs for the Churchyard. (LGA 1972 s214 (6)). b) Wychavon Citizens Advice Bureau – refused. c) Village Hall Committee – resurfacing of car park. Application withdrawn.
10.4	External audit report – unqualified audit opinion given.

<b>186/11</b>	<b>Reports received from representatives:</b> a) Parish Lengthsman – work continues through the Parish. b) Village Hall Committee – work in progress to obtain quotes for solar panels to be fitted.
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<b>186/12</b>	<b>Parish Councillors report and items for future agendas:</b> Budget; Morton Spirt speeding issues.
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**Meeting declared closed at 9.55 pm.**

**Correspondence for distribution that does not require decision.**

1.	Events Diary application form for 2012.
2.	Worcestershire Telecare – Summer 2011.
3.	Clerks and Councils Direct – September 2011.

**Signed by the Chairman: .....dated: 24<sup>th</sup> November 2011.**

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**Public Question time with 5 parishioners in attendance.**

*Morton Spirt- problems highlighted with the verge being worn away giving problems to owners of properties accessing vehicles on to the C2010. Bollards that were placed on the verge are continually being knocked into the highway. Warwickshire County Council has been contacted on two occasions re the speed of traffic but no response received from them. It was requested that parishioners provide details of their complaints written to Warwickshire County Council about their grass verges including boundary information the Parish Council would write to the Council and their local member on their behalf.*

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**Minutes of the Planning meeting held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2011 at 8.00pm  
in Abbots Morton Village Hall. Meeting No: 187.**

<b>Present:</b>	Cllrs. Mr. Ernest (Chair), Mr. Holt, Mr. Pemberton, Mr. Clapton, Mr. Humphries and Mr. Smith. <b>In attendance:</b> Mrs. N. Holland (Clerk) and Dist. Cllr. Mrs. Steel.
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<b>187/1</b>	<b>Apologies:</b> Cllrs. Mrs. Ansell (reason accepted by Council).
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<b>187/2</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> a) Register of Interests: Cllrs. were reminded of the need to update their register of interests. b) Personal Interests: nil declared. c) Prejudicial Interests: nil declared.
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<b>Public Question Time:</b> Nil.
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<b>187/3</b>	<b>Planning Matters</b>
3.1	<p>It was agreed to comment on the following proposals:</p> <p>a) W/11/01647/PN – Morton Spirt Farm, Abbots Morton. WR7 4NA. <b>Proposal:</b> Retrospective substitution of house type to include former windows. (Amendment to approved application W/08/01715/PN). <b>Comments:</b> The Parish Council agrees that there has been a breach of planning with regard to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The insertion of dormer windows which were not submitted in the original application W/08/01647/PN.</li> <li>• A possible breach in the amount of habitable space.</li> </ul> <p>The Parish Council is concerned about the extent of building work that has not been approved and feels that the relevant planning approval process should be respected.</p> <p>b) W/11/02046/CU - Morton Spirt Farm, Abbots Morton. WR7 4NA. <b>Proposal:</b> Variation of condition 3 in respect of approved appeal decision W/10/00761/CU retention of internal walls. <b>Comments:</b> Strict conditions were laid down by the Planning Inspector through the appeal decision and a timetable for conversion which has not taken place. The Parish Council agree that there is a breach of condition 3 in the appeal decision and feel that all conversion works stated in the appeal should stand. The dwelling as it is at present is not suitable for use as a cattle pen.</p>
3.2	No further applications received.
3.3	<p>Correspondence related to planning:</p> <p>a) W/11/01823/PP – Home Farm Cottage, Abbots Morton. WR7 4NA. <b>Permission granted.</b> b) Update on planning enforcement issues at Morton Spirt Farm. c) Warwickshire Waste Core Strategy preferred option and policies consultation. d) Worcestershire Waste Core Strategy- consultation period on the addendum to the submission document until 15<sup>th</sup> November 2011. e) 2013 review of parliamentary constituencies in England. For further information on the consultation <a href="http://www.independent.gov.uk/boundarycommissionforengland">www.independent.gov.uk/boundarycommissionforengland</a></p>

<b>Meeting declared closed at 8.55 pm.</b>
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**Signed by the Chairman:** ..... **dated: November 24<sup>th</sup> 2011.**

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**Minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2011 at 8.05pm  
in Abbots Morton Village Hall. Meeting No: 188.**

<b>Present:</b>	Cllrs. Mr. Ernest (Chair), Mr. Clapton, Mr. Humphries, and Mr. Smith. <b>In attendance:</b> Mrs. N. Holland (Clerk).
<b>188/1</b>	<b>Apologies:</b> Cllrs. Mrs. Ansell and Mr. Holt (reasons accepted by Council), Dist. Cllrs. Mrs. Steel and Mr. Lee, PC Carter and PCSO Jenny Hawkins.
<b>188/2</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> a) Register of Interests: Cllrs. were reminded of the need to update their register of interests. b) Personal Interests: Cllrs. Mr. Smith & Mr. Clapton in minute no: 9.4 as both spouses are members of the Village Hall Committee. c) Prejudicial Interests: Cllr. Mr. Ernest in minute no: 9.4 as member of the Village Hall Committee. Member left the room whilst the item was under discussion.
<b>Public Question Time:</b> Nil.	
<b>188/3</b>	<b>Vacancy:</b> no bye election was requested. Co-option notice has been placed in the notice board and on the website.
<b>188/4</b>	<b>Minutes: resolved</b> that the minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on 22.09.11 were confirmed as a correct record, duly signed by the Chairman.
<b>188/5</b>	<b>Clerk's report:</b> <u>Telephone Kiosk</u> – painting completed. <u>Parochial Church Council</u> – letter received thanking the Parish Council for the grant of £200. <u>South Worcestershire Building Control Partnership Manager</u> is inviting Councillors and Parish Councillors to an event on Monday 5 December at The Guildhall in Worcester between 2.00pm and 4.00pm. Cllr. Mr. Clapton to attend. <u>Wychavon Area meeting</u> – to be held on the 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2011. <u>Public Rights of Way</u> - More information explaining how the maintenance prioritisation system works and a map showing the allocated path classifications is now available on the County Council's website. The website address is: <a href="http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/countryside">www.worcestershire.gov.uk/countryside</a> For the map, click on Public Rights of Way tab, then Interactive Map. <u>Wychavon Youth Bus</u> – Free taster sessions to villages and youth groups. Bookings being taken for 2012. <u>Speeding C2010</u> – request sent to Worcestershire Highways to carry out a speed survey at Morton Spirt. Letter written to resident requesting information as stated in the September minutes. Warwickshire Highways have been requested to place white lines on either side of the carriageway. <u>Vehicle Activated Signage</u> – Cllrs. Mr. Ernest and Mr. Smith agreed to be part of a Working Group run by Church Lench Parish Council.
<b>188/6</b>	<b>Reports:</b> - County and Dist. Cllrs. not in attendance. Mrs. Steel has sent information regarding the purchase of bulk buying fuel supplies. If anyone is interested please contact her for information. <u>Police</u> – no incidents in the Parish reported in the past two months.
<b>188/7</b>	<b>Correspondence received:</b>

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7.1	Worcestershire Agreement: to consider at the January 2012 meeting.
7.2	Harvington Parish Council invitation to attend the Evesham Market Town Partnership in Harvington Village Hall on March 15 <sup>th</sup> 2012, 6pm to 8pm. It was agreed that one or two members would attend. No items requested to be considered on the agenda.

<b>188/8</b>	<b>Planning matters:</b>
8.1	<b>Minutes: resolved</b> that the minutes of the Planning meeting held on 05.10.11 were confirmed as a correct record, duly signed by the Chairman.
8.2	No applications received.
8.3	<b>Planning process/feedback following applications that have been presented to the Development Control Committee:</b> a) W/11/01647/PN - Morton Spirt Farm, Abbots Morton. WR7 4NA. <b>Permission refused.</b> b) W/11/02046/CU – Morton Spirt Farm, Abbots Morton. WR7 4NA. <b>Permission refused.</b>

<b>188/9</b>	<b>Financial matters.</b>
9.1	<b>Resolved</b> to approve accounts to 30.10.11.
9.2	<b>Resolved</b> to 'vire' £450 from the Election/Contingency budget into the grant (£350)/training (£100) budget.
9.3	<b>Resolved</b> to approve the 'Schedule of Payments' as listed.
9.4	Following discussion of a grant application received from the Village Hall Committee it was <b>resolved</b> that £200 be granted towards ongoing maintenance costs and repairs. (LGA1972 s 133).
9.5	<b>Resolved</b> to pay £7.50 for the Clerk to attend a training session on the 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2011.
9.6	Worcestershire CALC: no one available to attend training sessions.
9.7	<b>Resolved</b> that the budget to form the precept for 2012/13 would be £5764. (LGA 1972 s.150).

<b>188/10</b>	<b>Reports received from representatives:</b> a) <u>Parish Lengthsman</u> – work continues through the Parish. Extra work carried out collecting leaves. Drain outside 'Long Acres' reported to highways for clearance. b) <u>Village Hall Committee</u> – nil to report. c) <u>Parish Paths Warden</u> – footpaths have now been graded on an A to D basis as well as having a secondary grading of 1 – 6 for maintenance. Most of them in the Parish are classed as C; one in the village is a D, which means that the Countryside Service is not willing to carry out any work on this path. Report requested so that the Council can consider appealing some of the decisions. d) <u>Assets</u> – Chairman to ask contractor to look at the notice board as the inner pads are loose.
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<b>188/11</b>	<b>Parish Councillors report and items for future agendas:</b> Tree Warden and Parish Paths.
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<b>188/12</b>	<b>Meeting dates for 2012:</b> agreed as January 19 <sup>th</sup> , March 22 <sup>nd</sup> , May 17 <sup>th</sup> , July 19 <sup>th</sup> , September 20 <sup>th</sup> and November 15 <sup>th</sup> .
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**Meeting declared closed at 9.05 pm.**

**Correspondence for distribution that does not require decision.**

1.	CPRE – How to respond to planning applications?
2.	Newsline – Autumn 2011.
3.	Clerks and Councils Direct – November 2011.
4.	Parish Matters Newsletter November 2011 circulated to members.

**Signed by the Chairman: ..... dated: 19<sup>th</sup> January 2012.**

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**Minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 19<sup>h</sup> January 2012 at 8.00pm  
in Abbots Morton Village Hall. Meeting No: 189.**

<b>Present:</b>	Cllrs. Mr. Clapton (Chair), Mr. Humphries, Mr. Holt and Mr. Smith. <b>In attendance:</b> Mrs. N. Holland (Clerk), Dist. Cllrs. Mrs. Steel and Mr. Lee.
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<b>189/1</b>	<b>Apologies:</b> Cllrs. Mrs. Ansell and Mr. Ernest (reasons accepted by Council), PC Carter and PCSO Jenny Hawkins.
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<b>189/2</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> a) Register of Interests: Cllrs. were reminded of the need to update their register of interests. b) Personal Interests: Nil. c) Prejudicial Interests: Nil.
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<b>Public Question Time:</b>	Nil.
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<b>189/3</b>	<b>Vacancy:</b> advertising continues to fill the post. Co-option notice has been placed in the notice board, in the Arch Messenger magazine and on the website.
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<b>189/4</b>	<b>Minutes: resolved</b> that the minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on 24.11.11 were confirmed as a correct record, duly signed by the Chairman.
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<b>189/5</b>	<b>Clerk's report:</b> <u>Parish Lengthsman</u> – Certificate of public liability insurance document received which covers the Lengthsman until November 2012. <u>Worcestershire County Council</u> - Budget consultation meeting held on the 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2012. <u>Wychavon Community Grants 2012</u> – application packs available from the 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2012. Closing date for receipt of applications is noon on the 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2012. <u>Harvington Parish Council invitation</u> to attend the Evesham Market Town Partnership in Harvington Village Hall has been altered to March 1 <sup>st</sup> 2012, 6pm to 8pm. <u>Wychavon Area CALC meeting</u> – to take place on March 8 <sup>th</sup> 2012. <u>New Homes Bonus scheme</u> – Abbots Morton has been allocated £307 for this year and for a further 5 years. A seminar will be held in March at Wychavon District Council giving ideas on how the money can be spent to benefit the community. The Localism Act will also be discussed.
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<b>189/6</b>	<b>County Cllr, Dist. Cllrs and Police reports: -</b> <u>County Cllr. Mr. Holt:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budget is the main issue at present. Over the current year the BOLD programme has made approximately 30million in savings. The same amount has to be saved in the next financial year. Already the BOLD group are on track with this without having an impact on front line services.</li> <li>• The County Council will take up the Government incentive to hold the Council Tax for 2012/13. Worcestershire County Council has the 5<sup>th</sup> lowest Council Tax in the country.</li> <li>• £600 has been allocated to the Village Hall from the County Cllr. Divisional Fund grant.</li> </ul> <u>Dist. Cllr. Mrs. Steel:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With regard to the New Homes Bonus scheme if more houses are built or come back into use then the Parish would be allocated more money.</li> <li>• 45 households have now joined the Bulk Oil scheme. Anyone interested in joining please contact Mrs. Steel.</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Following the introduction of the Localism Act the Standards Board will be abolished as from the 31/01/12. Wychavon District Council is looking to put something else in place. District members that sit on the Development Control Committee will find that the process of 'Pre-determination' on planning applications will now be made easier.</li> </ul> <p><u>Police:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No incidents in the Parish reported in the past month. If you wish to contact the Police regarding a less urgent matter please telephone 101.</li> </ul>
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<b>189/7</b>	<b>Correspondence received:</b>
7.1	Worcestershire Agreement: it was <b>resolved</b> to sign the Agreement and review annually.
7.2	Hire of Village Hall: it was agreed in principle to pay for the hire of the Hall. Cllrs. Mr. Holt and Mr. Ernest to discuss further with members of the Village Hall Committee at their next meeting.
7.3	Local Co-Ordinator for Sports Relief is looking for organisations that might be interested in getting involved in the 2012 campaign. It was felt that there was not an organisation in the Parish who would be willing to run this event.

<b>189/8</b>	<b>Planning matters:</b>
8.1	No applications received.

<b>189/9</b>	<b>Financial matters.</b>
9.1	<b>Resolved</b> to approve accounts to 23.12.11. Current A/C £ 3583.21; Business A/C £7587.37.
9.2	Proposed by Cllr. Mr. Smith, seconded by Cllr. Mr. Holt and <b>resolved</b> to approve the 'Schedule of Payments' as listed.
9.3	It was agreed that Mrs. Roberts act as the Internal Auditor for 2012/13; the charge for the work carried out would remain the same as last year.

<b>189/10</b>	<b>Parish Paths:</b> Cllr. Mr. Smith, Parish Paths Warden, submitted a written report on the reasons why the bridleway along 'The Low' should be graded as an A rated path in line with path number 501/502. It was agreed that the Clerk should write requesting that the grading of this path is reviewed due to its high usage.
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<b>189/11</b>	<b>Tree Warden:</b> it was agreed that Mr. Pemberton be asked to continue in his role as Tree Warden to the Parish. Clerk to notify the County Council.
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<b>189/12</b>	<b>Reports received from representatives:</b>
	a) <u>South Worcestershire Building Control Partnership</u> – the event was attended by approximately 100 people. The subject was varied and very interesting covering aspects on building regulations and green issues. Booklet to be circulated to all members.
	b) <u>Parish Lengthsman</u> – work continues through the Parish. Extra work carried out collecting leaves. Drain outside 'Long Acres' reported to highways for clearance.
	c) <u>Village Hall Committee</u> – nil to report.

<b>189/13</b>	<b>Queen's Jubilee celebrations:</b> it was agreed that Cllr. Mr. Smith would join a Steering Group to represent the Parish Council run by Mr. Pemberton with a member from the Village Hall Committee in order to organise events.
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<b>189/14</b>	<b>Parish Councillors report and items for future agendas:</b> White line markings Morton Spirt; Village Hall hire.
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Meeting declared closed at 8.55 pm.

**Correspondence for distribution that does not require decision.**

1.	Site Lines – Winter 2011.
2.	CPRE – ‘Planning explained’ and ‘Neighbourhood Plans booklets’.
3.	Clerks and Councils Direct – January 2012.

Signed by the Chairman: .....dated: 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2012

# ABBOTS MORTON PARISH COUNCIL.

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**Minutes of the Planning meeting held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2012 at 8.00pm  
in Abbots Morton Village Hall. Meeting No: 190.**

<b>Present:</b>	Cllrs. Mr. Ernest (Chair), Mrs. Ansell, Mr. Clapton, and Mr. Smith. <b>In attendance:</b> Mrs. N. Holland (Clerk).
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<b>190/1</b>	<b>Apologies:</b> Cllrs. Mr. Humphries and Mr. Holt (reasons accepted by Council).
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<b>190/2</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> a) Register of Interests: Cllrs. were reminded of the need to update their register of interests. b) Personal Interests: nil declared. c) Prejudicial Interests: nil declared.
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<b>Public Question Time:</b> Nil.
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<b>190/3</b>	<b>Planning Matters</b>
3.1	It was agreed to comment on the following proposal: a) AB/12/00201/AB – High House Farm, Abbots Morton. WR7 4NA. <b>Proposal:</b> Portal frame agricultural building. <b>Comments:</b> No objection in principle to the demolition of existing building and construction of an agricultural barn. The Council has concern regarding the siting of the barn in relation to the 'significant view', which specifically refers to the view through High House Farm from the village road, as laid out in the Conservation Area Character Appraisal document (P.16), and would ask that the Planning Officer looks at this issue.

<b>Meeting declared closed at 8.20 pm.</b>
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Signed by the Chairman: ..... dated: 5<sup>th</sup> March 2012.

# ABBOTS MORTON PARISH COUNCIL.

**Minutes of the Planning meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at 8.00pm  
in Abbots Morton Village Hall. Meeting No: 191.**

<b>Present:</b>	Cllrs. Mr. Ernest (Chair), Mrs. Ansell, Mr. Clapton, Mr. Holt and Mr. Smith. <b>In attendance:</b> Mrs. N. Holland (Clerk).
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<b>191/1</b>	<b>Apologies:</b> Cllrs. Mr. Humphries (reasons accepted by Council) and Dist. Cllrs. Mrs. Steel and Mr. Lee.
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<b>191/2</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> a) Register of Interests: Cllrs. were reminded of the need to update their register of interests. b) Personal Interests: nil declared. c) Prejudicial Interests: nil declared.
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<b>Public Question Time:</b> Nil.
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<b>191/3</b>	<b>Planning Matters</b>
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3.1	Minutes: <b>resolved</b> that the minutes of the Planning meeting held on 15.02.12 were confirmed as a correct record, duly signed by the Chairman
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3.2	<p>It was agreed to comment on the following proposal:</p> <p>a) W/12/00226/PN – Morton Spirt Farm, Abbots Morton. WR7 4NA.</p> <p><b>Proposal:</b> Removal of condition 4 of planning permission W/08/01715/PN to remove agricultural occupancy tie.</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> After carefully considering the application to withdraw the agricultural tie and after a contextual review of the history of the site and previous planning applications, the Parish Council would like to submit the following concerns in relation to this application.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The site has for many years operated as an agricultural holding by a number of different owners. It was consistently operated as such from the date of purchase of the Farm by the applicant, who has since submitted various planning applications of a related agricultural requirement (e.g. agricultural building, water reservoir etc) all of which are substantial investments in the Farm. Therefore, this is possibly contradictory to the argument by the applicant’s legal advisor that his client believes the Farm to be unviable.</li> <li>2. The Parish Council believes that such a farming activity continues and that the applicant is directly involved with the running of the Farm. Indeed it is understood that the applicant was originally involved in a business supplying bedding to animals. His commitment to the herd of Dexter cattle has been cited in planning applications.</li> <li>3. In light of the above, the assertions by the applicant’s legal advisor that neither functional tests nor that the Farm is viable may be compromised.</li> <li>4. As to the issue raised of the appropriateness of size of the replacement dwelling versus the size of the Farm, it is understood that the applicant had originally applied for a larger footprint of building. This was subsequently reduced after discussion with Wychavon District Council planning department. However, the Parish Council now understands that this agreed finished living space of the building has been significantly exceeded in the completed building and is now subject to investigation by the planning department of Wychavon District Council.</li> <li>5. It is recalled by the Parish Council that the applicant had argued for a larger footprint for the replacement dwelling. Therefore, it is viewed as disingenuous to challenge that decision.</li> <li>6. When application number W/08/01715/PN was first considered at a Parish Council meeting, the minutes show that the applicant was in attendance. In Public Question Time he confirmed to the Parish Council “that the agricultural tie will remain on the property”. With that in mind the Parish</li> </ol>
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	<p>Council fully supported the proposal and was pleased to note that the agricultural tie would remain in place.</p> <p>7. It is also noted that the previous owner of the property submitted an application for the site to be used for light industrial use as an alternative measure which was refused.</p> <p>8. Finally, as stated previously the Parish Council are concerned about the recent planning history of the site. In light of the above, it takes the strong view that such an application cannot be supported. Indeed the proposal to off lift such an agricultural tie seems inappropriate and causes concern for the future.</p> <p>b) W/11/01647/PN – Morton Spirt Farm, Abbots Morton. WR7 4NA. Retrospective substitution of house type to include dormer windows. Appeal received regarding the above. No further comments.</p>
3.3	<p>To receive correspondence related to Planning:</p> <p>a) AB/12/00201/AB – High House Farm, Abbots Morton. WR7 4NA. <b>Permission granted.</b></p> <p>b) Warwickshire County Council – updated version of sustainability appraisal scoping report out for consultation up to 6<sup>th</sup> March 2012.</p> <p>c) Stratford-on-Avon District Council – comments invited on the Draft Core Strategy and Sustainability Appraisal to be returned by 30<sup>th</sup> March 2012.</p>

**Meeting declared closed at 8.23pm.**

Signed by the Chairman: ..... dated: 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2012.

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**Minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2012 at 8.02pm  
in Abbots Morton Village Hall. Meeting No: 192.**

<b>Present:</b>	Cllrs. Mr. Ernest (Chair), Mr. Humphries, Mrs. Ansell, Mr. Clapton, Mr. Holt and Mr. Smith. <b>In attendance:</b> Mrs. N. Holland (Clerk), Dist. Cllrs. Mrs. Steel, Mr. Lee, PCSO Jenny Hawkins and 1 parishioner.
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<b>192/1</b>	<b>Apologies:</b> PC Carter.
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<b>192/2</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> a) Register of Interests: Cllrs. were reminded of the need to update their register of interests. b) Personal Interests: Nil. c) Prejudicial Interests: Nil.
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<b>Public Question Time:</b>	Nil.
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<b>192/3</b>	<b>Vacancy:</b> one application received. It was <b>resolved</b> by all that Mr. Pemberton be co-opted to the Parish Council.
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<b>192/4</b>	<b>Minutes:</b> <b>resolved</b> that the minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on 19.01.12 were confirmed as a correct record, duly signed by the Chairman.
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<b>192/5</b>	<b>Clerk's report:</b> <u>Wychavon Community Grants 2012</u> – application packs available from the 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2012. Closing date for receipt of applications is noon on the 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2012. <u>Harvington Parish Council invitation</u> held on 1 <sup>st</sup> March in Harvington was an interesting informative event. Very interested to know what is happening in rural villages and keen to assist in funding and where to obtain, marketing and to give their input on where to go for information. Seventeen of the Forum was present; the group consists of not only Cllrs, but managers from voluntary groups, colleges, businesses et al. <u>CALC Update issue 7</u> – members please note: Under the Localism Act the present code of conduct and standards committee arrangements will cease on 30th June 2012, and the new code of conduct arrangements will start on 1st July 2012. The government is not issuing a model code, but in Worcestershire, monitoring officers are drafting a code which it is hoped all councils will adopt. CALC is being consulted about the draft code, which at this stage seems to be perfectly fit for parish and town councils. Unless the tenor of it changes radically, CALC will be able wholeheartedly to recommend that its members adopt it. <u>New Homes Bonus scheme and Neighbourhood Planning</u> – seminar to be held on March 28 <sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Civic Centre, Wychavon District Council. Cllrs. Mr. Holt and Mr. Clapton have requested to attend. <u>Democracy and Elections Scrutiny Team</u> – letter circulated to members by email. District Cllr. will be approaching members to discuss issues of why people stand for election and for ideas about increasing voter choice. <u>Tree Warden</u> – Mr. Pemberton has attended the introductory course on the role at Worcestershire County Council. <u>Speed survey Morton Spirt</u> – to be carried out after the Easter holidays. The survey has been delayed due to a high demand and equipment in need of repair.
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<b>192/6</b>	<b>County Cllr, Dist. Cllrs and Police reports:</b> -
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	<p><u>County Cllr. Mr. Holt reported:</u> Council Tax has been frozen again for 2012-13. The BOLD programme has achieved £30 million in savings this current financial year. A further £20 million in savings is planned for 2012/13. This is due to efficient use of resources.</p> <p><u>Dist. Cllr. Mrs. Steel reported:</u> <u>Localism Act</u> – plans for a new Code of Conduct are in the process of being formulated. All cases will be decided locally and the Code of Practice will be the same for the whole County. A seminar will be held in June 2012. Neighbourhood Planning and New Homes Bonus seminar to be held on the 28<sup>th</sup> March. Seminar on Community Right to Build and Community Right to Challenge will be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2012 at 6pm, Wychavon District Council offices. <u>Democracy and Elections Scrutiny</u> team – any comments on why parishioners do not put themselves forward for election to be given to Mrs. Steel/Mr. Lee as soon as possible. <u>Planning</u> – Gill Collin, Head of Planning, will be retiring from her post at the end of March. A new Head of Planning has been appointed and will start in post on the 1st May 2012. Jack Hegarty will take over the role for the interim period. <u>Police:</u> No crimes reported for the past month. However, “break ins” have been reported in the Lenches villages. Jenny has information on low cost devices to assist in protection of outbuildings.</p>
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<b>192/7</b>	<p><b>Representatives reports received:</b> <u>Queen’s Diamond Jubilee celebration</u> – the event organisations is going well. In brief:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Main Street will be closed for the event to all traffic.</li> <li>• Gas burners have been successfully tested.</li> <li>• A bank account has been set up.</li> <li>• Coffee morning on April 14<sup>th</sup> at The Spinney to raise funds for the event starting at 11am to 12.30pm. Entrance £5.</li> <li>• Also available to purchase at a cost of £6 a commemorative coin.</li> <li>• Donations have also been received.</li> </ul> <p><u>Village Hall Committee</u> – AGM held on the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2012. <u>Parish Lengthsman</u> – reports of gullies blocked along the Alcester Road and in the village have been reported to the Hub. <u>Assets</u> – all reported to be in a satisfactory condition.</p>
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<b>192/8</b>	<b>Planning matters:</b>
8.1	Minutes: <b>resolved</b> that the minutes of the Planning meeting held on 05.03.12 were a correct record, duly signed by the Chairman.
8.2	No applications received.
8.3	<b>Planning process/feedback received following applications that has been presented to the Development Control Committee:</b> a) W/12/00226/PN - Morton Spiert Farm, Abbots Morton. <b>Permission refused.</b>
8.4	Correspondence considered: Stratford-on-Avon District Council – the Draft Core Strategy and Sustainability Appraisal. No comment.

<b>192/9</b>	<b>Financial matters.</b>
9.1	<b>Resolved</b> to approve accounts to 09.02.12.11.
9.2	<b>Resolved</b> to approve the ‘Schedule of Payments’ as listed.

<b>192/10</b>	<b>Village Hall Hire:</b> it was agreed that as from the 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2012 the Parish Council would pay an
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	hourly rate of £10 per hour, or part of, for the hire of the Hall to hold its meetings.
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<b>192/11</b>	<b>Annual Parish Meeting:</b> it was agreed to hold the meeting on May 2 <sup>nd</sup> starting at 7pm. Organisations in the village would be requested to supply a written report and to be available to answer any questions in the Q & A session. Dis. Cllr. Mrs. Steel to arrange a speaker to talk on the Localism Act and how it will affect the community.
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<b>192/12</b>	<b>Vehicle Activated signage:</b> it was agreed in principle to continue working with neighbouring Parish Councils to support the initiative.
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<b>192/13</b>	<b>Dates of July and November meetings:</b> the July meeting date would not change; Cllr. Mrs. Ansell would record the minutes on behalf of the Clerk. November meeting changed to the 29 <sup>th</sup> due to the Election of the Police Commissioner which will be taking place on the 15 <sup>th</sup> .
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<b>192/14</b>	<b>Parish Councillors report and items for future agendas:</b> <u>Directional sign missing C2010</u> – Clerk to report to the highways department. <u>Grant applications</u> – the Council decided in November 2010 that applications would be considered twice yearly, in March and September. <u>Rural Broadband</u> – Chairman to liaise with the Clerk re inviting partners concerned with implementing faster broadband speeds to a meeting with neighbouring Parish Councils. Clerk to contact the Regeneration Manager at Wychavon District Council for further information and to express an interest that the Parish Council would be interested in the scheme to improve rural broadband to the Parish.
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<b>193/15</b>	<b>Urgent decisions:</b> <u>HGV C2010</u> – following complaints received from residents regarding HGV's using the C2010 to access the quarry site at Salford Priors the matter was satisfactorily resolved after Warwickshire County Council contacted the Quarry site.
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<b>Meeting declared closed at 9.20 pm.</b>
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## Correspondence for distribution that does not require decision.

1.	Clerks and Councils Direct – March 2012.
2.	Newsline – Winter 2012.

Signed by the Chairman: ..... dated: 17<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

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Following the closure of the meeting it was agreed to rollover the Parish Lengthsman contract to 2012/13.