

# ABBOTS MORTON PARISH COUNCIL.

**Draft minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 29th September 2016 at 8.03 pm  
in Abbots Morton Village Hall. Meeting No: 237.**

<b>Present:</b>	Cllrs. Mr. Humphries, Mr. Smith and Mr. Whitlow. <b>In attendance:</b> Mrs. N. Holland (Clerk), Dist. Cllr. Mrs. Steel and 20 parishioners.
<b>237/1</b>	<b>Apologies:</b> Cllrs. Ms Owen, Mr. O’Boyle and Mr. Holt (reasons accepted by Council) and Dist. Cllr. Mr. Wilkinson.
<b>237/2</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest:</b> a) <u>Register of Interests:</u> Cllrs. were reminded of the need to update their register of interests. b) <u>Disclosable Pecuniary Interests</u> – Nil. c) <u>Other Disclosable Interests</u> – Cllr. Mr. Smith declared a Pecuniary Interest in minute no: 11.3 as a Member of Morton Wood Farm Management Association who is in correspondence with the Solar Farm Company re potential financial benefit regarding the private drive leading to the solar farm development.
<b>237/3</b>	<b>Written requests from Councillors for the Council to grant a dispensation</b> (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) –Cllr. Mr. Smith has a dispensation in place until December 2016 regarding minute no: 11.3. A dispensation was presented to allow him to have a vote in regard to this minute for this meeting only as without it the Council would not be quorate.
<b>237/4</b>	<b>Presentation on defibrillators</b> from Richard Shepherd - Community First Responder (Evesham District). Defibrillator (AED) needs to have an electrical supply and be kept in a locked cabinet. Access to the AED can be used either by belonging to a Numbers Plus scheme or secure code. Numbers Plus cost is approx £99 + VAT annually; requires a minimum of 15 persons to be on the scheme. Secure code is when a person calls 999 and is given the location of the AED and a code to access the machine. The AED is fully automatic and gives explicit details telling the person what to do. Life span of the machine is 10 years +; Pads need to be replaced every 2 years (Ambulance Service will do this); Battery guaranteed for 4 -6 years. A responsible person will be asked to look after the equipment and carry out a visual check weekly. An electrician would be required to connect the box to the electrical supply. Hereford & Worcester First Responder Charity and West Midlands Ambulance Service are offering a package for £500 to include an AED, external Heated Cabinet and Training which will be provided as many times as you like.
<b>237/5</b>	<b>Casual Vacancy:</b> application received. <b>Resolved</b> to co-opt Mr. Hill to fill the vacancy.
<b>237/6</b>	<b>Reports from District Cllr. and Police.</b> <u>Dist. Cllr. Mrs. Steel:</u> a) Police and Rural Crime Commissioner invited to attend a meeting to answer questions from members over concerns of services to the rural areas. A meeting will take place at Cookhill Village Hall on the 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 7.30pm. All invited to attend. b) Clean, Green event held at Wychavon District Council was represented by 32 Parish Councils out of 72. Full details of the event circulated to members by email. c) Boundary Commission changes proposed will affect the Inkberrow Ward. Document out for consultation. <u>Police:</u> Email report received that no significant incidents have occurred over the past month in the Abbots Morton area. In surrounding villages there are reports of suspicious vehicles seen

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Prior to Public Question time the Chairman asked residents to talk to each other face to face to try and resolve differences.

<b>Public Question Time:</b> Meeting suspended at 8.35pm reconvening at 8.45pm and again suspended at 9.40pm, reconvening at 10.00 pm.
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<b>237/7</b>	<b>Minutes:</b> proposed Cllr. Mr. Smith seconded Cllr. Mr. Whitlow and <b>resolved</b> that the minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on 28.07.16 be confirmed as a correct record, duly signed by the Chairman.
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<b>237/8</b>	<b>Clerk's report:</b> <u>New Homes Bonus</u> – currently available £1083. <u>Councillor Training sessions</u> - to take place in October. <u>CALC AGM</u> on 26th October at County Hall. <u>Faster Broadband</u> – a new cabinet has been designated to be placed in the area of Gooms Hill during 2017.
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<b>237/9</b>	<b>Reports received from representatives:</b> <u>Village Hall:</u> Various events held in the Hall over the last couple of months. Cooker has had to be replaced temporarily to fulfil the needs of the hirers which is hoped to be replaced with a Range Cooker in the near future. The present one would then be sold. Events arranged for the future which can be viewed on the Abbots Morton website. <u>Clean, Green</u> and safe places event and Wychavon Area CALC meeting. Event slides circulated to members by email.
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<b>237/10</b>	<b>Financial Matters.</b>
10.1	<b>Resolved</b> that the 'Schedule of Payments' be paid as listed. Summary of accounts and bank reconciliation to 31.08.16.approved. Appendix 1
10.2	External Audit report duly noted, no action required.

<b>237/11</b>	<b>Abbots Morton Parish matters for discussion/decision.</b>
11.1	<u>Defibrillator:</u> It was proposed to purchase an AED using the Hereford & Worcester First Responder Charity scheme at a cost of £500 from funds out of the Parish Council account. This was not seconded. Following discussion Cllr. Mr. Smith proposed that the £500 from the charity scheme should be applied for through the New Homes Bonus scheme to be sited on the Village Hall subject to the approval of the Village Hall Committee, any additional costs would be borne by the Parish Council and that consultation be carried out to support the project and suggestion for other ideas for other New Homes Bonus use. This was seconded by Cllr. Mr. Humphries with a proviso that if the Village Hall Committee did not agree to the AED being situated on the Village Hall then the Council would then have to look into placing the AED in the Listed Phone Box and if the NHB application was not supported by the consultation then the application would be put as a project for the Community Fund. <b>Resolved</b> to accept the above action.
11.2	<u>Smart Water:</u> Smart Water Kits have been ordered for all households in the Parish and the Village Hall. A meeting had been held with the Neighbourhood Watch Co-Ordinator and Simon Thompson, Business and Rural Crime Co-ordinator, to discuss the location and size of the signs. It was agreed by all that 2 x A3 size signs with the name 'Abbots Morton' would be placed on the two name plate signs in the Village; 7 A2 signs would be situated at Radford, Gooms Hill x 1 on road narrow sign, Alcester Road on 2 warning signs by Mr. Francis Farm, The Low, and 2 signs at

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	Morton Speart. Simon Thompson also agreed at the request of the Neighbourhood Watch Co-Ordinator to supply SmartWater kits to those houses in Radford that belong to the Neighbourhood Watch scheme.
11.3	<u>Community Fund</u> : results of survey. 128 forms sent to residents on the Abbots Morton Parish electoral roll. 83 responses received. Result: Yes vote 43 - No vote 40. After lengthy discussion it was agreed to distribute a notice to all residents from No: 1 Radford Road to Gooms Hill and to Abbots Morton Parish inviting them to submit bids for projects that fit the criteria for the Community Fund prior to attending a Public Meeting where the bids will be considered. A Parish Council meeting would follow to ratify the decision made at the Public meeting to be submitted to Solarig.
11.4	<u>Planning Enforcement Update</u> re building at Woodfield, Morton Speart. Following site visit Officer believes that as the building is in front of the principle elevation of the original dwelling house that planning permission maybe required.

**237/12** Parish Councillors report and items for future agendas. Nil.

**237/13** **Urgent decision:** W/16/01693/PP – Bank Cottage, Abbots Morton.  
**Proposal:** Replace existing timber casement bedroom window with like for like timber casement window with double glazed units. No meeting called to comment on this application.  
Application has been granted.

**Meeting declared closed at 10.15 pm.**

**Correspondence circulated.**  
**Clerks & Councils Direct** – September 16 issue.  
**Worcestershire Road works Report** – weekly. **Circulated to members via email.**  
**CALC weekly updates.**

## **Appendix 1.**

### **Payments authorised for payment to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016.**

<b>V No.</b>	<b>REASON</b>	<b>INCOME</b>	<b>PAYMENT</b>	<b>VAT</b>
R16-6	Worcestershire CC –Lengthsman grant.	221.20		N/A
P16-12/16	Administration costs (LGA 1972 s.111)		494.84	N/A
P16-17	Lengthsman (LGA 1972 s.101)		202.00	N/A
P16-14	AMVH – Hire costs. (LGA 1972 s.111)		20.00	N/A
P16-11	PWLB (DD)		954.78	N/A
P16/13/15	Cancelled cheques		0.00	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>221.20</b>	<b>1671.62</b>	

### **Notes of Public Question Time**

20 members of the public were in attendance. The following concerns were raised:

- a) Resident stated that following recent Village Hall Committee and Parochial Church Council meetings at which he had offered his resignation because of discord in the community were rejected. He is happy to serve the community.
- b) Resident asked why there was no derstriction sign at the Toll House denoting the end of the 50mph limit.
- c) Concern raised that precept payers in Abbots Morton had to pay for the SmartWater kits yet those in Radford were receiving them free.

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*d) Community fund – various ideas put forward on ways to consult with residents.*

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