

ABBOTS MORTON PARISH COUNCIL.

**Draft minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 28th July 2016 at 8.00 pm
in Abbots Morton Village Hall. Meeting No: 236.**

Present:	Cllrs. Mr. Humphries, Mr. Smith, Ms Owen, Mr. O'Boyle, Mr. Whitlow and Mr. Holt. In attendance: Mrs. N. Holland (Clerk), Dist. Cllr. Mrs. Steel and 15 parishioners.
236/1	Apologies: Mr. G. Barker, Neighbourhood Watch Co-Ordinator and Ms Eason (Parishioner).
236/2	Declarations of Interest: a) <u>Register of Interests</u> : Cllrs. were reminded of the need to update their register of interests. b) <u>Disclosable Pecuniary Interests</u> – Cllrs. Ms Owen, Mr. Smith and Mr. O'Boyle declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in minute no: 11.3 and 11.4b as all share a responsibility for the private drive leading to the solar farm development. c) <u>Other Disclosable Interests</u> – nil declared.
236/3	Written requests from Councillors for the Council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) – no new dispensations received. Cllrs. Ms Owen, Mr. Smith and Mr. O'Boyle have a dispensation in place until December 2016 to allow them to speak, but not vote, on items related to the Solar Farm.
236/4	Casual Vacancy: resignation received from Mr. Ernest. Applications invited for co-option. A vote of thanks was given to Mr. Ernest for serving on the Parish Council and especially for all his work on improving Broadband access to the area.
236/5	Reports from District Cllr. and Police. a) Unemployment figures continue to fall with number of claimants down by 250 since May 2015. b) Worcestershire Parkway Station – County Council now owns all land needed for construction of the site. Four companies have been invited to bid for the contract. Work should start early 2017 with completion March 2018. c) With a new leader in place there has been a reshuffle in cabinet positions. Full details can be seen on the County Council website. d) Anthony Hopkins will be the Conservative candidate for next May Elections for the Inkberrow Ward. e) The County Council has allocated £12 million to its budget for highways maintenance over the next 2 years, known as the 'Driving Home Scheme'. Mr. Holt confirmed that he has asked for the C2010 and C2011 to be added to the list for attention within the next 12 months. <u>Dist. Cllr. Mrs. Steel:</u> f) 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 th November 2016 at 7.30pm. All invited to attend.
Public Question Time: Meeting suspended at 8.15pm reconvening at 8.25pm and again suspended at 9.25pm, reconvening at 9.35pm.	
236/6	Minutes: proposed Cllr. Mr. O'Boyle, seconded Cllr. Ms. Owen and resolved that the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 26.05.16 be confirmed as a correct record, duly signed by the Chairman.

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236/7	<p>Representative appointed for the following:</p> <p>a) Report on condition of Assets. <i>Cllr. Mr. D. Smith.</i></p> <p>b) Staffing Committee and Finance Group. <i>Cllr. Ms Owen.</i></p> <p>c) Wychavon CALC representative. <i>Cllrs. Ms Owen and Mr. O'Boyle.</i></p>
236/8	<p>Clerk's report:</p> <p><u>New Homes Bonus</u> – currently available £1083.</p> <p><u>Invitation to Clean, green and safe places parishes' event</u> - 15 September 2016 at Civic Centre, Wychavon District Council Offices. Cllrs. Ms Owen and Mr. O'Boyle to attend.</p>
236/9	<p>Reports received from representatives:</p> <p><u>Village Hall:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A young resident of the Village has been appointed as a representative for a period of 3 months as part of the Duke of Edinburgh scheme. • Bookings continue to do well with interest from the 'Hall to Hire' website. • 'Easy Fund' scheme has raised £189 in the last 18 months.
236/10	<p>Financial Matters: resolved that the 'Schedule of Payments' be paid as listed. Summary of accounts and bank reconciliation to 23.06.16 approved. Appendix 1</p>
236/11	<p>Abbots Morton Parish matters for discussion/decision.</p>
11.1	<p><u>Defibrillator:</u> item has not been advanced due to resignation of member. Clerk to invite the Community First Responder to the September meeting. Cllr. Mr. Whitlow to ask the Village Hall Committee if there is a preferred site to place a defibrillator on the external wall of the Hall.</p>
11.2	<p><u>Smart Water:</u></p> <p>a) Correspondence from residents duly noted regarding the allocation of the Smart Water Kits.</p> <p>b) Application for kits and signage. Following a lengthy discussion it was proposed by Cllr. Mr. O'Boyle, seconded by Cllr. Ms Owen to purchase Smart Water kits at the cost of £8.90 each for all properties in the parish of Abbots Morton. An amendment to the proposal by Cllr. Mr. Holt, seconded by Cllr. Mr. Whitlow, to abandon the purchase of Smart Water kits was put to the vote with a result of 2 for and 4 against. The original proposal to purchase Smart Water at the cost of £8.90 each for all properties in the parish of Abbots Morton was put to the vote with 4 in favour and 2 against. Resolved to purchase Smart Water Kits for all properties in the Parish of Abbots Morton at a cost of £8.90 each with appropriate signage. (s 31 of the Local Government and Rating Act 1997).</p>
11.3	<p><u>Update on Solar Farm development:</u> Cllr. Mr. Smith reported that technical breaches had occurred i.e. starting work before 8am and blocking a bridleway (AM 558) with stone. All had been reported to the District Council and the County Council and no formal enforcement action would be taken at this time.</p>
11.4	<p><u>Community Fund:</u></p> <p>a) Notification of the Village Hall Committee change in funding request to purchase and install a range cooker to replace the existing cooker and to purchase 80 new chairs in the Village Hall at a cost of £7,000 duly noted.</p> <p>b) Wording for the community fund survey, circulated to all members prior to the meeting, was agreed subject to a few word alterations to be sent out to all properties within the Parish. The Parish Council, if accepting the funds, is unable to survey residents outside the Parish as only the people who live in the parish, who pay towards parish funds through the council tax, should be asked if they want the council to accept the money or not, and if it does accept, asked what they think the Parish Council should do with it as they are the people who have a legitimate interest in</p>

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	the council's finances. It was proposed by Cllr. Ms Owen, seconded by Cllr. Mr. O'Boyle and resolved by a vote of 5 in favour with 1 abstention that the survey be circulated to all residents that are on the Electoral Roll for the Parish.
11.5	<u>Church directional sign</u> : following information received from the Highways Authority on the type of sign to be erected the Council decided not to proceed with the purchase of a sign.
11.6	<u>Worcestershire County Council</u> : correspondence received that License now approved for Planters in the Village.

236/12	Parish Councillors report and items for future agendas. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broadband update shows a new cabinet to be sited in Gooms Hill. • Clerk to request that Lengthsman clears moss on footway though the Village.
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236/13	Resolved to exclude the public and press in the public interest for consideration of the following items: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Personnel issues relating to the NALC recommended salary award. Resolved that the salary recommendation increase from April 2016 and April 2017 be awarded, and to increase pay scale to SCP 24 and working hours to 4.5 per week as from 1st August 2016.
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Meeting declared closed at 9.50 pm.

Correspondence circulated.
Clerks & Councils Direct – July 16 issue.
Worcestershire Road works Report – weekly. Circulated to members via email.
CALC weekly updates.
Parish Matters June issue.
New Homes Bonus and Smart Water – guidance received from WDC on using NHB funding to purchase Smart Water. Emailed to members.
Neighbourhood Planning promotional campaign. The Government have created a new neighbourhood planning micro site which provides helpful information on how to get started. The micro site is hosted on the My Community website. Emailed to members 31st May 2016.
<u>Wychavon District Council</u> is proposing to adopt Policy and Guidelines in relation to its licensing responsibilities under the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013. Comments on the draft document can be emailed to wrsenquiries@wocscrgservices.gov.uk –subject line “Wychavon District Council Scrap Metal Consultation.” Consultation will remain open until 30 September 2016. Emailed to members 21st July 2016.
Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, as amended Stratford-on-Avon District Core Strategy - Adoption Statement. Stratford-on-Avon District Council resolved to adopt the Stratford-on-Avon District Core Strategy (SDCS). Copies of the Submission Core Strategy with the Main Modifications, Policies Map; the Inspector's Report, the Strategic Environmental Assessment/Sustainability Appraisal Adoption Statement and Statement of Adoption are on the Council's website at: www.stratford-dc.gov.uk/corestratey Emailed to members 20th July 2016.
Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Regulation 19 Stage Submission for Examination (2016) and consultation on the statement of modifications to the CIL Draft Charging Schedule Regulation 19(4). Consultation from Monday 25 July to Monday 22 August 2016. http://www.swdevelopmentplan.org/?page_id=12731 Emailed to members 25.07.16.

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Appendix 1.

Payments authorised for payment to 28th July 2016.

V No.	REASON	INCOME	PAYMENT	VAT
P16-8	Administration costs (LGA 1972 s.111)		343.03	N/A
P16-9	Lengthsman (LGA 1972 s.101)		202.00	N/A
P16-10	AMVH – Hire costs. (LGA 1972 s.111)		20.00	N/A
TOTAL		0.00	565.03	

Notes of Public Question Time

Fifteen members of the public were in attendance. The following concerns were raised during Public Question Time:

- 1. Solar Farm – questions raised regarding alleged conflict with residents and contractors.*
- 2. Smart Water – Council requested to define the area of the Abbots Morton community to include residents in the scheme outside the parish boundary.*
- 3. Community Survey – if Parish rejected offer could an organisation then ask for the fund. This was confirmed. Parishioner stated that no community fund was available due to increased costs and change in exchange rates.*