

Abbots Morton Parish Council



Meeting of Abbots Morton Parish Council on **Thursday 27th July 2017 at 8PM** at Abbots Morton Village Hall.

Minutes

Present: Nick Humphries (Chairman), Richard Whitlow, Clive Holt

In attendance: David Hunter-Miller (Clerk), Anthony Hopkins (County Councillor)

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Will Hill.

2. Declarations of Interest

Nil declared.

3. Dispensations

Nil received.

4. To consider and adopt the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on the 14th June 2017.

The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

5. Progress reports

1. Transparency funding

The Clerk provided an update on the grant application for transparency funding. It was anticipated that we would know early August if the application for funding had been successful.

2. Casual vacancies

No enquiries had been received. It was agreed to arrange a letter drop throughout the village.

6. Open Session:

1. Public participation (10 minutes)

It was noted that the regular slot for County Councillor, District Councillor and Police reports should be included in the next agenda.

Anthony Hopkins provided an update on County Council matters. He had received a number of enquiries regarding delays resulting from road works in the area.

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There was to be a core maintenance scheme for footway improvements, the Parish Council were asked to consider if there were any footways that they would like prioritised.

The Parish Council reported concerns with the road surface on Goom's Hill.

7. To consider correspondence received

The Parish Council had received an email from Ms Rebecca Owen (ex-Parish Councillor) regarding the wording of the Chairman's Report at the Annual Parish Meeting (11th May 2017). Ms Owen asserts that the statement concerning the resignation of previous Parish Councillors did not accurately reflect the reasons for these resignations. The Parish Council considered these comments but agreed that the Chairman's Report was not the forum to discuss such matters in detail and that the formal processes had already been followed to conclusion.

8. Planning

1. 17/01131/HP - Woodfield, Alcester Road, ABBOTS MORTON, WR7 4LY. Retention of existing outbuilding.

The Parish Council agreed that they would not object in principle to an outbuilding at this location but wished to lodge a number of comments and concerns with the planning department.

It was felt that the height of the building was excessive given its intended use (the plans do not show the true height of the building because of the local topography). The appearance of the building was considered unsympathetic, especially given its proximity to a listed building. It would be requested that access to the site be reviewed as part of the application, in particular the gates should be set further back to afford vehicles opportunity to pull off the carriageway.

Planning conditions should be sought to ensure that the building is only for personal use incidental to the main property and not for any commercial purpose. It would be requested that permitted development rights, that would allow the construction of further outbuildings, be revoked.

It was agreed that plans for an amended scheme should be pursued so as to mitigate these concerns.

2. 17/01100/HP - Whites Close, Abbots Morton Road, ABBOTS MORTON, WR7 4NA. Erection of a single-storey extension to the existing rear garden storage building to provide additional storage. *To note response submitted under planning delegation to Clerk.*

The Clerk confirmed that no objection was raised by the Parish Council for this planning application.

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9. Finance:

1. Clerk's salary and expenses - £357.48
2. HMRC PAYE - £72.60
3. S J Roberts & Co (Tax Services) Ltd - £80.00
4. Allen Farnsworth (Lengthsman) - £202.00

All of the above payments were agreed and cheques duly signed.

5. To consider and approve the bank reconciliation

The bank reconciliation was approved and signed by the Chairman.

10. Councillors' reports and Items for the next agenda

It was agreed that appointment of a website designer should be included on the next agenda.

11. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting would be at 8PM Thursday 28th September 2017.

The meeting closed at 20:47PM

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Clerk and RFO

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