

PARISH COUNCIL OF ABBOTTS ANN

MINUTES

OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 1st APRIL 2010
IN THE JUBILEE ROOM

Present: Cllr. B.Griffiths, Chairman Cllr. S.Oram
Cllr. G.Whyte, Vice-chairman
Cllr. A. Barham Cllr. P.Wilkins

In Attendance:

Mr. A.Stokes, Clerk Cllr G.Stallard, TVBC
Mr.D.Downey, Footpaths Officer Dr.J.Moon, Abbots Ann Action
12 Members of the Public

The meeting opened at 6.35 p.m .

1036. Apologies. Apologies were recorded from Cllr A. Gibson HCC,
Cllr D.Alleway, Cllr D. Paffett, Mrs. W. Davis, Mrs. A. Nolan and Mr. T.Tayler.

1037. Minutes. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th March 2010 were confirmed and signed.
Pro AB Sec PW

1038. Matters Arising.

a. The Chairman reported on the site meeting at Red Post Bridge on 19th March, which was attended by representatives of the County, Borough and Parish Councils with officials from HCC and TVBC. It was agreed that measures to reduce the dangers of the crossing could no longer be postponed; it was suggested that the problems might be solved either by installing traffic lights or by altering the priorities between Monxton Road and Red Post Lane. A later email from Ray Alborough, Senior Transport Engineer, TVBC, appeared to favour, as a third alternative, providing two mini roundabouts and extending the 30 mph speed limit on the Monxton Road. The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr. Alborough in support of the latter proposal, with traffic lights as a second choice.
Action Clerk

b. Footpath at the new Primary School. As Mr. Stanton had reported to the Assembly, the developers had undertaken to provide a hard surface.

c. Welcome Pack. Cllr Barham distributed copies of a letter to be given to new residents which would be accompanied by copies of the Village Map, the Directory and the Parish Magazine. It was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.

d. War Memorial Hall Fence. The Chairman had instructed Faraday Fabrications to proceed with the installation on the terms agreed. The Clerk was requested to confirm the order in writing.

Action Clerk

1039. Red Rice Road Re-naming.

Cllr Stallard reported on a meeting with Mr. Stephen Lees, Senior Planning Officer, TVBC, attended by the Chairman and the Clerk. Mr. Lees had received some reasoned objections to the proposed change to Duck Street and out of concern at the divisiveness in which the issue had become involved, he had suggested that

representatives of supporters and opponents of the change should hold a meeting in order to try to arrive

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at a compromise. If this gave rise to a second application TVBC would waive the charge of £400.

The Chairman and Cllr Oram had visited the Headquarters of the Ambulance service and they described the way in which the latest technology had eliminated the possibility of ambulances being mis-directed, thus removing some of the anxiety which had prompted the proposal in the first place. The Chairman also explained that challenges to the correctness and legality of the Parish Council's procedures had caused delays, tried everyone's patience and placed a disproportionate burden on himself and the Clerk. Opening the matter to general discussion the Chairman expressed his regret that the issue had been allowed to cause such dissension and hoped that the "breathing space" now offered could be used for restoring damaged relationships and arriving at a reasonable solution.

Standing Orders were suspended at 6.56 p.m.

Pro SO Sec AB

From the extensive discussion that ensued it became clear that no useful purpose would be served by holding the suggested meeting. Cllr Stallard undertook to inform Mr. Lees accordingly.

Standing Orders were resumed at 7.38 p.m.

Pro GW Sec PW

1040. Planning.

a. **It was resolved** to register no objection to the following application:

TV No 10/00499/FULLN: The Manor: gates and driveway. *Pro GW Sec AB*

b. Note was taken of delegated responses and decisions of the planning Service

1041. Organisations.

a. TVBC Councillor. Cllr Stallard reported that work was continuing on the revised Core Strategy for Test Valley. It would be presented for consultation later in the year. Detailed Area Action Plans would follow.

He drew attention to the success of the Borough's "Do it on line" campaign. For instance, 47% of renewals under the scheme for garden waste collection were made on line; this was ten times cheaper than other methods.

b. Footpaths. Mr. Downey pointed out that supplies of the Village Map were running low, and any new issue would have to include road-name changes.

c. Neighbourhood Watch. Mr. Downey reported on local thefts of chickens and oil. Cllr Wilkins's stated that the theft of her Landrover appeared to be the work of an organisation that had already stolen 30 vehicles in Wiltshire as well as some in Hampshire; but the local police had no information about this.

d. Village School. It was understood that the pupils would mark the opening of the new premises on April 19th with a procession from the old school at approximately 9.45 a.m.

e. Sports Field. Mrs. Alex Nolan had sent an email introducing herself as the new Chairman of the Committee. The Committee was negotiating with the Abbotts Ann Players for the siting of a container to house the Players' props and wardrobe.

f. War Memorial Hall. Cllr Stallard reported that the new chairs had been delivered. 14 of the old chairs would be retained for use in the Jubilee Room. Cllr Stallard expressed the concern of the Hall Committee about the lack of adequate signage to help people find the Hall. Mr. Paul Greenhalgh presented a design for a sign, which was approved by the Council; after a site visit, it was decided that it should be fixed to the new railings in front of the existing notice-board. **It was resolved** that the Council

would fund half of the estimated cost of £200.
PW

Pro GW Sec

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1042. Finance.

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| a. | It was resolved to approve the following payments: | | |
| Cheque No | 542 | Adminstration | 680.62 |
| “ | 543 | HAPC/NALC membership | 414.00 |
| “ | 544 | P.O.Ltd: PAYE & NI | 617.58 |
| “ | 545 | AAPCC (Sec 137): clock etc | 160.00 |

It was further resolved to approve the payment of £160.00 to Abbotts Ann Parochial Church Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.
Pro PW Sec SO

b. **It was resolved** to authorise Mr. Paul Stanton to act as the independent assessor to carry out the review of the Council's financial procedures.
Pro SO Sec AB

c. The Clerk had arranged for the internal audit to be carried out by Mr. John Murray on 13th April. He presented a final summary of the accounts for the year 2009-10 for consideration and adoption at the next meeting.

1043. Correspondence.

a. Councillors had been invited to a presentation by the Army at the Museum of Army Flying on 28th April. Councillors Griffiths, Whyte and Oram wished to attend.

b. Mrs. Dashwood, Churchwarden, had requested a meeting to discuss restoration of dangerous memorials. The Chairman and Clerk would represent the Council and arrange this.
Action Chairman and Clerk

c. The Clerk had received an email from Mr. Steven Lugg concerning discussions between executives of NALC and himself as CEO of HALC about the latter's dissatisfaction with NALC's policies and performance. The Clerk was instructed to indicate this Council's support for Mr. Lugg's aims but to caution against total withdrawal from the national organisation.
Action Clerk

1044. Other business.

Litter. In discussion of the general problem of litter, the Chairman stated that he had asked Mr. Paul Kelly to co-ordinate litter-clearing activities; details had yet to be worked out. Cllr Stallard advised that fly-tipping be reported to TVBC on line.

1045. Next Meeting.

The next meeting would be the AGM and would be held on 6th May in the Pavilion.

The meeting closed at 8.57 p.m.

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