

PARISH COUNCIL OF ABBOTTS ANN

MINUTES

OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 5th AUGUST 2010
IN THE JUBILEE ROOM

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

In Attendance:

Mr. A.Stokes, Clerk; Cllr A. Gibson HCC; Cllr G.Stallard TVBC; Cllr M.Flood TVBC; Mrs. W. Davis, Sustainability Group; Mr.P.Kelly, Footpaths Officer; Mr. R.Chattell, Friends of Manor Close; 10 Members of the Public.

The meeting opened at 6.32 p.m. .

1079. Apologies. Apologies were recorded from Mr.T.Tayler, Archivist.

1080. Minutes. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 1st July 2010 were confirmed and signed. *Pro AB Sec DP*

1081. Matters Arising.

a. Footpaths Officer. The Chairman welcomed Mr. Paul Kelly as the new Footpaths Officer.

b. Shed in WMH Grounds. The work was now completed. Various minor repairs had been included. This was largely financed by the previous year's devolved County Councillor's grant of £500.

c. Planning enforcement. The Enforcement Officer had investigated possible breaches of planning procedures. He was satisfied that there was no breach at 85 Little Ann Road. The sign at Silver Birch Farm had been removed and the owner had been advised to seek retrospective planning permission for use of the building to which the sign was attached. The Clerk had been asked to let the Officer know why it was thought that outbuildings were being used for accommodation at 9 Little Park. Cllr Wilkins indicated that the information had come from local observation; the evidence was not visible from the road.

d. Community Wildlife. Dr. John Moon had given consideration to the offer of funding; he had noted that the main work would involve volunteers from the village. Discussion was deferred to the next meeting.

Standing Orders were suspended at 6.50 p.m.

Pro GW Sec SO

1082. Manor Close Playing Field. Following a summary by the Chairman of the Council's negotiations with HCC and supported by many residents of the area, Mr. R.Chattell reported on the activities of the newly-established group known as the Friends of Manor Close and its committee. With legal advice, they had collected evidence of at least 20 years of recreational use of the playing field by members of the public and were submitting applications for the registration of the field as a Village Green. It was clear

that the local residents were not in favour of any development or of use of the area for allotments; these would be precluded if the application were successful.

Apart from the question of provision of allotments, for which other solutions were possible, it was noted that there was no fundamental conflict between these proposals and the aims of the Council for the retention of the area as a green open space and the Chairman expressed the thanks of the Council for the group's activities.

Standing Orders were resumed at 7.15p.m.

Pro GW Sec SO

1083. Planning.

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

TV No 10/01566/FULLN: Midori, Cattle Lane; Extensions. *Pro SO Sec GW*

b. It was noted that the Planning Service had refused permission for the proposed new dwelling at 20 Cattle Lane on grounds that were in close accordance with the objections expressed by this Council. Councillors were, however, surprised by Cllr Stallard's report that the Planning Committee had been split 50-50 on the decision to refuse, which had been passed on the Chairman's casting vote.

c. Andover Tennis Club. Councillors were concerned to hear from Cllr Stallard that permission had been granted on appeal for new premises for the Andover Tennis Club to be built within the Local Gap at Upper Clatford.

c. Note was taken of delegated responses and decisions of the Planning Service.

1084. Clerk's Report

. In commenting on the new islands on the A343, he had asked Cllr Gibson to continue to press for a 40 mph speed limit and for the moving of the telegraph pole which obstructs visibility for drivers approaching St. John's Cross from Red Rice.

1085. Finance.

a. **It was resolved** to approve the following payments:

Cheque No.	566	Administration	£749.43
"	567	Faraday Fabrications	£5,287.50
"	568	WMH Committee	£155.48
"	569	Audit Commission	£334.88
"	570	Andover Mencap (June)	£140.00
"	571	T.C.Hook	£1,028.07

Pro SO Sec GW

b. The Clerk reported that the Audit Commission had completed the audit of the accounts for 2009-10 without comment. The Annual Return would be made available for public inspection in September.

c. Grants of up to £5,000 were available through HCC for 50% of the cost of schemes such as the improvement of footpaths. Councillors were asked to put forward suggestions at the next meeting.

Action All

1086. Correspondence.

Community Wildlife. Lottery funding was available for projects connected with wildlife (such as ecological surveys) which would involve sustained voluntary activity by members of the community. Discussion was deferred to a later meeting.

1087. Other Business.

a. Footpath matters. Mr. Kelly reported that the stile on Footpath 11 had been repaired. It was considered that, thanks to his, and Mrs. Kelly's, efforts, there was no need for any further organisation for litter-clearing.

A letter from Lady Johnson-Ferguson had drawn attention to the problem of dog-fouling on Webbs Lane. The Council, however, was not in favour of provision of a dog-bin, given the proximity of the one in the adjacent Sports Field. The Clerk was asked to mention the problem once again in the next Newsletter. *Action Clerk*

b. Bulbery seating area. Cllr Flood had obtained an undertaking from Testway Housing to look into the possibility of restoring the area to acceptable condition. She had also organised the replacement of the litter-bin at the entrance to the old school site.

c. Welcome Pack. Cllr Barham had issued a pack to new residents in Little Ann, and had received valuable support from the PCC, the Village Shop and the editor of the Parish Magazine.

d. Jubilee Tree. Cllr Barham drew attention to the unkempt state of the island. The Clerk undertook to ask Trevor Hook to keep it tidy. *Action Clerk*

Dr. Moon had reported on the damage caused by the breaking off of a limb, and it was recommended that the stump of the limb should be tidied and treated against fungal infection. *Action Dr. Moon*

1088. Next Meeting. The next meeting was scheduled for 2nd September 2010.

The meeting closed at 8.21 p.m.

Signed

Date