

PARISH COUNCIL OF ABBOTTS ANN

MINUTES

OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 4th DECEMBER 2008
IN THE SPORTS FIELD PAVILION

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| Present: | Cllr. B.Griffiths, Chairman | Cllr. D.Paffett |
| | Cllr. G.Whyte, Vice-chairman | |
| | Cllr. D.Alleway | Cllr. P.Wilkins |

In Attendance:
Mr. A.Stokes, Clerk

The meeting opened at 7.07 p.m.

1388. Apologies. Apologies were recorded from Cllrs. S.Oram, P.Stanton, A.Peters TVBC, G.Stallard TVBC and M.Woodhall HCC. An apology had also been received from Mr.D.Downey, Footpaths Officer.

1389. Minutes. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th November 2008 were confirmed and signed. *Pro PW Sec DA*

1390. Matters Arising.

- a. Telephone Kiosk. No action had yet been taken by either BT or TVBC.
- b. Street Lighting. Despite further correspondence and the intervention of Cllr Woodhall, the faulty light was still not working. See under "Finance" below.
- c. War Memorial Plaque. The Chairman was continuing to seek economical ways of restoring the lettering. *Action Chairman*
- d. Telegraph Pole, Duck Street. The matter was now in the hands of the County Council, who had been alerted to the fact that the pole had been planted on Highway land.
- e. Star Energy. The Clerk had been informed that Abbotts Ann would qualify for grants for community projects; the Clerk was obtaining application forms.

1391. Planning.

- a. TV No 08/02747/VARN: Remove restriction to agricultural occupancy.
- It was resolved** to register no objection to this application. *Pro PW Sec GW*
- b. TV No 08/02717/LBWN: Alterations to windows etc.
- It was resolved** to register no objection to this application. *Pro PW Sec DA*
- c. Note was taken of delegated responses and decisions of the Planning Service as detailed in the Appendix to these Minutes.
- d. A letter from Mr.R.Kemp of Hayfields, Little Ann, querying the justification for objecting to TV Application No 08/02189/FULLN for a substantial dwelling to replace the bungalow at 20 Cattle Lane, since the 2-storey dwelling at Formosa had received Planning Permission. The Clerk was instructed to reply, explaining that strong objections to the Formosa application from the Parish Council and from the Borough Councillors had been over-ruled by Test Valley Planning Service; technically, also, the property was outside the original Land Settlement area.

e. The Clerk had written to the Planning Service emphasising the Council's view that the policy on dwellings on Cattle Lane was in agreement with the Village Design Statement (see Minute 1381 3).

f. Note was taken of the TVBC Planning Control Committee's decision to approve the application for a distribution and business park on the Andover Airfield site. The Council wished to express appreciation for the efforts of this and other Parish Councils, the Borough Councillors and the "Stop" organisation to achieve the rejection of the application. Although these efforts had in the end been unsuccessful, they had ensured the imposition of many stringent conditions regarding traffic control and environmental damage.

g. A letter from Therese Coffey had drawn attention to the following planning issues:

i. References by the Planning Officers, in connection with the development of the Airfield site, to the "Western expansion of Andover."

ii. The fact that the villages around Andover are included in the "Andover" plan rather than in the "Rural Test Valley" plan.

iii. The policy of the Planning Service of taking previous use of land into consideration when deciding on applications for development; this could be important for the future of the Village School Playing Field.

Councillors were asked to give thought to these issues for discussion at a later date.

Action all Councillors

1392. Parish Organisations.

a. Abbotts Ann Action. The Council wished to commend Dr. Moon for the extensive and highly professional work entailed in his reports in connection with the Airfield application.

b. Burghclere Down. It was no longer considered appropriate to request representation from the trustees of the Burghclere Down Community Centre.

c. Footpaths. Cllr Alleway was undertaking the fixing of "Walkers Only" signs on Church Path.

Action Cllr Alleway

d. Neighbourhood Watch. Mr. Butt had reported that the Police had apprehended a group of young persons in possession of illegal substances in the War Memorial Hall grounds. Neighbourhood Watch had also referred to dealers coming to the village by car.

e. Village Shop. A question had arisen over the donation to the Village Shop from the Parish Magazine. It was noted that the Council was already subsidising the magazine under Section 137 and was servicing the PWLB loan for the shop. The Clerk was asked to investigate the apparent anomaly.

Action Clerk

1393. Finance.

a. **It was resolved** to authorise the following payments: *Pro GW Sec DA*

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| Cheque no. 462 | T.C.Hook | £ 63.00 |
| " 463 | Andover Mencap | £128.00 |
| " 464 | Administration | £694.33 |
| " 465 | HCC Lighting | £123.65 |

Cheque No 460 was cancelled.

1394. General.

a. Freedom of Information. **It was resolved** to adopt the Model Publication Scheme as required by the Freedom of Information Act. The scheme and the Council's regulations for its application were to be available to the public by 1st January 2009.

b. Dog-bins. As the request for funding from the Countryside Access Forum had been turned down, the Clerk was requested to investigate other sources. *Action Clerk*

c. Burial Ground. A request for the installation of a cross, rather than a standard headstone, had been received for the grave of the late Major H.W.B. Sykes. The Council considered it inappropriate to refuse permission for the main symbol of the Christian religion and approved the design. The Clerk was instructed to review the regulations on the design of memorials in the Burial Ground so as not to exclude crosses, provided that the height and stability were in accordance with Health and Safety requirements.

Action Clerk

d. Archives. The Clerk reported that he had been offered two items of historical interest to the village, namely a set of four photographs of soldiers whose names appeared on the War Memorial plaques and a Bellarmine jar which had been unearthed some fifty years ago - the latter as a possible loan. It was acknowledged that there is a quantity of archival material, especially photographs, in various parts of the village and it was agreed that it was a matter of great importance for the village to have a central depository for such material as well as for an interested person to act as archivist. The Clerk was asked to appeal for a volunteer in the Newsletter.

Action Clerk

e. Fun Club. Cllr Alleway mentioned that Mr. R. Scriven and others connected with the PCC were interested in organising some constructive projects for the Fun Club. The Council asked Cllr Alleway to let it be known that requests for funding would have a sympathetic hearing; Councillors looked forward and looked forward to receiving more details.

Action Cllr Alleway

f. Jubilee Tree. A notice from another village had been planted on the Jubilee Tree Roundabout; this was not considered acceptable by Councillors in terms of either courtesy or safety and was therefore to be removed.

1395. Next Meeting.

The next meeting was scheduled for 8th January 2009 at 7.00 p.m.

The Meeting closed at 8.57 p.m.

THESE MINUTES REMAIN IN DRAFT FORM UNTIL APPROVED AND SIGNED