

PARISH COUNCIL OF ABBOTTS ANN

MINUTES

OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 3rd DECEMBER 2009
IN THE JUBILEE ROOM

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

In Attendance:

Mr. A.Stokes, Clerk Cllr. A.Gibson, HCC
Cllr. A.Peters Cllr. G.Stallard, TVBC
Mr. D.Downey, Footpaths Officer Mr. P.Stanton, School Governor
Mrs. R.Bone, Nursery School Mr. Paul Kelly

The meeting opened at 6.34 p.m.

09113. Apologies. Apologies were recorded from Cllr. G. Stallard, Mr. T. Tayler, Archivist, and Mrs. W.Davis.

09114. Minutes. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th November 2009 were confirmed and signed. *Pro DP Sec AB*

09115. Matters Arising.

a. Sustainability Group. Mrs. Wendy Davis had been active in the formation of a Sustainability Group for the Parish and would be in a position to report to future meetings. **It was resolved** to include the group in the list of reporting Parish organisations in future Agendas. *Pro*

PW Sec GW

b. Nursery School. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman had met representatives of the Nursery School at the store in the grounds of the War Memorial Hall, and it had been agreed that once the section currently in use by the Primary School was vacated it could be made available to the Nursery School. This agreement was endorsed by the Council.

c. Archives. Mr.Tayler had attended a Training Day at the County Record Office, and the Chairman and Clerk had attended a meeting of the TVAPC which had been addressed by Record Office staff. Both sessions had been valuable. It had been noted that Abbots Ann was the first Test Valley parish to have its own Archivist.

09116. Planning.

a. It was resolved to raise no objection to the following applications:

i. TV No 09/02303/LBWN: Constantia Cottage; internal alterations, new dormer.

Pro PW Sec DA

ii. TV No 09/02401/CLEN: Roseland, Salisbury Road; Lawful Development Certificate for change of use from tied accommodation. *Pro SO Sec DP*

b. Airfield Development (TV No 09/02392/OUTN). The application had been recorded on disc and forwarded to Dr. John Moon, whose comments were circulated by the Clerk. The Council appreciated the fact that the Section 106 agreement had greatly reduced many of the causes for concern, and wished to thank Dr.Moon and the TVBC Councillors for the important part they had played in achieving this.

Cllr A. Peters assured the meeting that the Section 106 agreements would be rigorously monitored; the plans included adequate provision for overnight parking of HCVs on the premises, and noise-levels would be reduced by the placing of refrigeration units to the northern side of the premises. He recommended that the Parish should be represented on the liaison committee proposed for the site. However, it was not considered appropriate in the context of the current application for this parish to comment on the wider issues such as employment prospects or the effect on traffic on the A303, and after discussion **it was resolved** to register an Objection to this application on the grounds that there was still insufficient protection for this Parish from increased traffic together with noise and light pollution.

Pro PW Sec DP

It was noted that only the Co-op premises were covered in detail in the application, and Cllr Oram, commenting on his recent attendance at a CPRE meeting, drew attention to the fact that businesses in the B2 category could include noisome installations.

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

09117. Organisations.

a. County Councillor. Cllr A.Gibson reported that the roundabout at St.John's Cross was now on the list of HCC Projects. The Chairman suggested that if there was a question of alternatives the possibility of installing peak-time traffic lights should be considered. HCC was to conduct a traffic survey.

Questioned about highway maintenance, Cllr Gibson explained the procedures for reporting faults, but warned of the difficulties arising from budget restrictions.

The County Council was now willing to review 30 m.p.h. speed limits on a more flexible basis than in the past.

Cllr Gibson had been appointed Chairman of the Test Valley HAT (Hampshire Action Team) with a budget not restricted to "routine" projects. The County Council was also able to fund village shops for projects other than maintenance.

Cllr Gibson left the meeting at 8.05 p.m.

b. Borough Councillor. Cllr A. Peters reported on the implications of the establishment of a Parish Council for Andover. An important issue was the fact that Burghclere Down was situated within Millway Ward. The view of Councillors of this Parish was that it would be more appropriate for Burghclere Down to be part of Andover than of Abbots Ann, but considered that if it were to be taken out of this Parish there should be some compensation for the loss of revenue.

Referring to the proposed change of name of Red Rice Road, Cllr Peters reported that the Borough officer was about to initiate the survey of residents affected.

In connection with liaison with the Emergency Services, Cllr Oram reported that the Hampshire Ambulance Service would welcome a visit from Councillors to their headquarters. Several Councillors expressed an interest and Cllr Oram was asked to make the necessary arrangements

Action Cllr Oram

Cllr Peters left the meeting at 8.24 p.m.

c. Footpaths. Mr. Downey referred to the state of the chestnut trees alongside Church Path; one of them had recently shed a large branch blocking the footpath, which had been cleared by the Chairman. Councillors were concerned about safety and as this was the responsibility of the landowners, the Chairman undertook to inform them of the potential hazard. *Action Chairmai*

Cllr Oram stated that CPRE was drawing attention to the use of volunteer litter-pickers in connection with their "Stop the Drop" campaign.

d. Neighbourhood Watch. Cllr Alleway was planning to attend the meeting hosted by the PCSO in Stockbridge on 12th December.

e. Sustainability Group. It was agreed to include the Sustainability Group in the list of reporting organisations

f. Village Shop. The Chairman of the Village Shop Association had asked for the Council's support in funding the replacement of the air-conditioning equipment. **It was resolved** to contribute £1,200. *Pro PW Sec AB*

09118. Clerk's Report.

a. Telephone kiosk. The Clerk had contacted BT to request repainting of the kiosk. BT was to inspect and report back.

b. The headquarters of HALC had moved to an address in Chandlers Ford.

c. The Director of HALC was seriously considering withdrawal from affiliation to NALC on the grounds that it represented poor value for money. Its functions included provision of services, lobbying, information and events. For instance its draft Model Standing Orders were two years overdue, its lobbying had been worse than ineffective, its events were thinly attended and its website was poor. It was agreed to assure the Director of the Council's support. *Action Clerk*

09119. Finance.

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

Cheque No.	526	Administration	£658.65
"	527	HCC Lighting	£246.15
"	528	Andover Mencap	£128.00
"	529	SLCC Sub	£118.00
"	530	Village Shop	£1,200.00

Pro SO Sec GW

b. War Memorial Hall Fence. (*Cllr Barham declared an interest and left the room*). The Chairman had received four tenders, in which the two lowest estimates were almost identical, but some details required clarification. **It was resolved** subject to this clarification, to authorise the Chairman and Clerk to accept the more satisfactory of the proposals. They were instructed to seek external funding before ordering the work to start. *Pro GW Sec SO. Action Chairman and Clerk*

c. It was noted that Cllr Gibson was able to offer £400 from his discretionary budget towards a village project. He had emphasised the possibility of the scheme being wound up early in 2010 and recommended that any application should be made without delay.

09120. General Interest.

a. Manor Close Playing Field. Mr. Barry of HCC was to meet the TVBC Planning Service on 17th December to gauge their response to the proposals and would keep the Clerk informed. It was noted that his latest email indicated that the HCC was more likely to suggest a long lease than outright purchase.

b. Red Post Bridge. Mr Peter Derbyshire had sent an email drawing attention to the fact that Railtrack was engaged in the strengthening of Red Post Bridge, but their plans did not include any re-orientation of the bridge or its approaches, which would therefore remain as hazardous as ever, with the added problem of the use of Red Post Lane by heavier vehicles. Councillors were anxious for some progress towards a solution to this longstanding problem, and for a start the Chairman advocated the alteration of priorities, so that Monxton Road traffic would give way to Red Post Lane traffic. Cllr Gibson had advised on the approach to HCC. The Chairman and Clerk were requested to press for this change.
Action Chairman and Clerk

c. Old School Buildings. Interest was expressed in the future of the old Primary School buildings, and the possibility of having some parts listed.. The Chairman and Clerk were asked to investigate.
Action Chairman and Clerk

d. New School Entrance. At the request of Mr. Stanton **it was resolved** to approve the proposed signs and road markings on the approaches to the new school entrance.
Pro GW Sec SO

09121. Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for 7th January 2010 at 6.30 p.m.

The Chairman wished all present a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and the meeting closed at 9.07 p.m.

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