

# *PARISH COUNCIL OF ABBOTT'S ANN*

## MINUTES

OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2008  
IN THE JUBILEE ROOM OF THE WAR MEMORIAL HALL

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

In Attendance:  
             Mr. A.Stokes                      Clerk                      Mr. D.Downey, Footpaths Officer

*Before the start of official business, the Council unanimously offered warm congratulations to the Chairman on his forthcoming marriage.*

*The meeting opened at 7.03 p.m.*

**1281. Apologies.** Apologies were recorded from Cllrs M. Woodhall HCC, A. Peters TVBC and G. Stallard TVBC.

**1282. Minutes.** The Minutes of the Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2008 were confirmed and signed as amended in para.1275 d. *Pro PS Sec PW*

### **1283. Matters Arising.**

a. Hedgerow, Cattle Lane. The Chairman had attended a site meeting at the Viaduct. Work was likely to continue for a year, and would involve brief closure of the lane for erection and removal of scaffolding. On completion, the hedgerow would be re-instated with suitable species, including spindleberries.

b. Trees in Conservation Area. The Clerk distributed a map showing the trees in the Conservation Area which were subject to Preservation Orders. Note was taken of the current procedure for tree-work within the Conservation Area, namely that the Planning Department should be notified, but had no authority to prevent the work other than by imposing a Preservation Order within six weeks of notification.

c. Planning Policy re change of use and listing. It was noted that the Council had no powers to comment on proposals for change of use of properties unless or until a formal application was received. Applications for the listing of individual properties were handled by TVBC involving a number of formal procedures.

### **1284. Planning.**

a. Applications. i. **It was resolved** to record No Objection to the following:  
TV No 07/03089/FULLN: Westhill House: 1-storey Extension & Conservatory . *Pro SO*  
*Sec DA*

08/00193/VARN : Trout Farm Bungalow: remove restriction to agricultural occupancy  
*Pro SO Sec PS*

08/00202/LBWN: Lower Cottage: Demolish 2 chimneys; add roof-lights. *Pro SO Sec*  
*PW*

08/00229/FULLN: 5 Abbotts Close: Replace conservatory with garden room; add  
2-storey extension *Pro GW Sec SO*

08/00247/FULLN: Down Farm: New grain store. *Pro PW Sec DA*

ii. **It was resolved** to register an Objection to the following:

- link TV No 08/00127/LBWN: Water Cottage: Convert outbuilding to 2-storey residential use and to main house. Objection on grounds that the proposed alterations would:
1. have negative impact on the street-scene in conservation area
  2. detract from the integrity of, and be incompatible with, a listed building by incorporating what is, essentially and visually, an outbuilding.
  3. conflict with the principles of the Village Design Statement regarding the need for development to be “in keeping” with the neighbourhood.

*Pro PW Sec SO*

iii. It was noted that there was no objection to the following delegated applications:

- TV No 08/00216/FULLN: Ridge Cottage, Clatford Lodge: Sunroom to rear  
08/00181/TREEN: Coach House, Church Road: Remove line of Leylandii

b. Decisions. i. It was noted that the Appeal concerning a new dwelling at 9 Farm Road (TV No 07/00363/FULLN) had been dismissed by the inspector, whose views on the obtrusiveness on the rural scene of the proposed dwelling were identical with those expressed in the Council’s previous objections. The Clerk undertook to circulate copies of the inspector’s report.

*Action Clerk*

ii. Note was taken of the decisions listed in the Appendix.

c. TVBC Development Strategy. TVBC had launched a consultation on their Core Strategy - Preferred Development Options, covering plans up to the year 2026, with a deadline for comments set at 14<sup>th</sup> March. Councillors requested that the document be circulated.

*Action All*

## **1285. Clerk’s Report.**

The Clerk reported on the visit of Mr. Wilson-Chalon of Play Safe and Space Consultancy, who had provided useful advice and a comprehensive report involving far less work and expenditure than had been feared. The Clerk had asked Trevor Hook to carry out the necessary work on three urgent items, namely:

1. A loose rubber mat under the swings at the War Memorial Hall.
2. A rusted-through support to the seat at the Sports Field swings.
3. A modification of the latch on the small gate at the War Memorial Hall.

None of the items in the report required the services of outside contractors.

Trevor Hook had also been asked to replace the damaged slates on the wall between the War Memorial Hall and the White House.

The Clerk reported on correspondence between Cllr Stallard and various officers of TVBC concerning the clearing of roadside litter. It appeared that the Abbots Ann area was scheduled to be visited on Tuesdays, but no member of the Council could recall ever observing a team in action.

## **1286. Parish Organisations.**

a. Abbots Ann Action. It was understood that Dr.J.Moon was attending the Public Meeting of the “Stop Alliance”, which was opposing the proposals for development of the Andover Airfield, together with Cllrs Peters and Stallard.

b. Footpaths. Mr. Downey asked that the agents for Abbots Ann Estate be thanked for their action to clear obstructions to Footpath 3 and The Drove. *Action Clerk*

Mr. Downey also reported that an elderly pedestrian had tripped on Short Path, which badly needed re-surfacing with gravel. Also a fingerpost on The Drove had fallen down. The Clerk undertook to contact HCC. *Action Clerk*

Complaints had been received from residents of Abbots Ann and Monxton about the depositing of slurry by contractors using Dunkirt Lane at the junction with Broad Road; the resulting mud had rendered the lane impassable to walkers; also a caravan had been parked at the site. The Chairman had spoken to Mr. Matthew Reed, the farmer concerned, and had been assured that the contractors would make good the damage and remove the caravan which had been installed to house a night-watchman.

c. Neighbourhood Watch. Mr. Downey reported that a vehicle parked outside the War Memorial Hall had been recently broken into, as had another in Salisbury Road.

d. Sports Field. Cllr Wilkins reported that the annual “Fun Ride” would be held, not as previously in May, but in September after the harvest period.

e. Village Shop. Cllr Whyte reported that the Sunday opening had made a successful start.

### 1287. Finance.

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

|               |                        |         |                      |
|---------------|------------------------|---------|----------------------|
| Cheque No 411 | Administration         | £689.43 |                      |
| 412           | Andover Mencap         | £ 57.38 |                      |
| 413           | HALC/NALC Subscription | £372.00 | <i>Pro PW Sec PS</i> |

b. Street Lighting. HCC had reported that Light no 2 on Church Path required a new lantern, costing £291.69. Councillors queried the necessity or replacing the entire lantern. The Chairman, who had been in touch with the officer concerned, undertook to take the matter further. *Action Chairman*

c. Speed Warning Signs. The Chairman and Cllr Alleway had attended a demonstration of vehicle-activated speed-warning signs at Longparish; these were portable, and were capable of a number of extra functions such as recording the number and/or speed of passing vehicles. Councillors agreed with the Chairman that such an instrument could be of great value to the parish and **it was resolved** that the Council considered the acquisition of a speed-warning sign to be desirable in principle and that the Chairman be authorised to negotiate on behalf of the Council. *Pro PS Sec DA*

### 1288. Correspondence.

a. “Danebury Mews.” A letter from the Chief Executive’s office of TVBC explained that due to an oversight on the part of the Street Naming and Numbering Service the developers had acquired the right to give the name of “Danebury Mews” to the old “Out of Town” café site. TVBC had been in sympathy with this Council’s objections to the name, but had failed to notify the developers in writing, for which the Corporate Director apologised.

b. Parking on pavements. An anonymous letter had been received, complaining about the obstruction of pavements by parked cars, especially in Manor Close. While accepting that this was contrary to Section 244 of the Highway Code (Road Traffic Act 1988 amended 1998) it was acknowledged that the Parish Council had no powers of enforcement, and indeed could offer no solution, due to the narrowness of the roadway, other than asking car owners to exercise due care, attention and consideration,

c. "STOP Alliance." Local Parish Councils had been asked by the Chairman of the "STOP" Alliance to make a formal declaration of their support of the campaign against the current development plans for the Andover Airfield site and to allow their Council to be added to the list of supporting organisations to appear on their website and printed publications. After discussion **it was resolved** that this Council supports the current aims of the STOP Alliance.

*Pro GW Sec PW*

However, the Council considered that its appearance on published lists could compromise its independence of action and imply affiliation to an unincorporated association, and Councillors wished to take advice on the propriety or legality of this action.

The Alliance further requested that the village website should post up their literature and provide a link to the Alliance's website. The Council agreed with Cllr Whyte that this was contrary to the website's remit as a forum for village affairs.

The Clerk was instructed to undertake the necessary correspondence.

*Action Clerk*

#### **1289. Other Business.**

a. Listing of Buildings. Cllr Stallard had obtained detailed instructions for requesting the listing of buildings of special historical or architectural interest. The Council was not intending to make such a request at the present time.

b. Village Clean-up Day. It was decided that this should take place on 15<sup>th</sup> March, the day after the Parish Assembly.

*Cllr Oram left the meeting at 9.14 p.m.*

#### **1290. Vacancy for a Councillor.**

The TVBC Electoral Officer had received no requests for a poll, so the Council was obliged to fill the vacancy by co-option. Councillors were asked to bring suggestions about possible candidates to the next meeting.

*Action All*

#### **1291. Future Meetings.**

The next Council meeting was scheduled for 6<sup>th</sup> March and the Parish Assembly for 15<sup>th</sup> March.

*The Meeting closed at 9.26 p.m.*

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