

PARISH COUNCIL OF ABBOTTS ANN

MINUTES
 OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
 HELD ON THURSDAY 5th FEBRUARY 2009
 IN THE JUBILEE ROOM OF THE WAR MEMORIAL HALL

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

In Attendance:

Mr. A.Stokes	Clerk	Cllr.G.Stallard,TVBC
Mr. D.Downey	Footpaths Officer	Mr.T.Tayler, Archivist
Dr. J. Moon, Abbotts Ann Action		

The meeting opened at 7.01 p.m.

0912. Apologies. Apologies were recorded from Cllr. A.Peters, TVBC and Cllr. D. Alleway.

0913. Minutes. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 January 2009 were confirmed and signed. *Pro GW Sec PS*

0914. Matters Arising.

a. Telephone kiosk. The Clerk reported that the kiosk was too unprofitable for BT to keep it in service, despite any objections to its closure from TVBC, and they would not refurbish it in the foreseeable future. Since Councillors wished it to remain as a feature of the street-scene, **it was resolved** that the kiosk be “adopted” by outright purchase from BT. *Pro PS Sec PW*

b. Bellarmine Jar. A descendant of a previous parishioner had offered the loan of a historic “Bellarmine” jar for display in the village. However, the Clerk was requested to decline the offer because of the difficulty of providing a secure place for it.

Action Clerk

c. “Formosa”. TVBC Planning Department had stated that the demolition of the existing bungalow was subject to a Section 106 agreement. The enforcement was suspended pending a further application to retain the bungalow for use by the applicant’s family. Meanwhile the Chief Enforcement Officer was aware of the situation.

d. Moles. At the request of the Clerk, Trevor Hook had cleared away the molehills in the Burial Ground, and successful trapping by the Chairman within the area of his own reserved grave-plot had brought the infestation under control. It was noted that a professional mole-catcher had quoted a charge of £45 per mole caught.

e. Church Lane signs. Cllr Alleway had attached a new sign to the “cuckoo pen” at the western end of the path. It was suggested that another sign should be installed at the eastern end and that the existing signs should be removed.

Action Clerk and Cllr Alleway

0915. Planning.

a. **It was resolved** to register No Objection to the following applications:

TV No 09/00143/LBWN	Constantia Cottage; new window and internal alterations	<i>Pro GW Sec PS</i>
TV No 09/00165/FULLN	15 Red Post Lane; demolish bungalow, replacement dwelling, garages etc.	<i>Pro PW Sec PS</i>
TV No 09/00208/FULLN	Dunromin, Old Salisbury Rd; 2 new dwellings	<i>Pro PS Sec GW</i>

b. Note was taken of delegated responses and decisions of the Planning Authority as set out in the Appendix to these Minutes.

c. Manor Close Playing Field. Councillors and parishioners were concerned about the future of the current Village School Playing Field; Councillors welcomed the Chairman's suggestion for convening an informal meeting to discuss the matter

Action Chairman.

0916. Clerk's Report.

The Clerk reported that a limb had broken off the oak tree close to the swings behind the War Memorial Hall. It was considered essential to have the tree inspected by a qualified tree surgeon to ensure the safety of the playground. Dr. Moon, Tree Warden, was asked to arrange this.

Action Dr. Moon

0917. Parish Organisations.

a. Borough Councillor. Cllr Stallard had attended a full meeting of the Borough Council and had successfully pressed the leadership for assurances on the availability to Councillors of the full details of the legal requirements to be imposed on the developers of the Andover Airfield site.

He also summarised the effects on the Borough of the current economic crisis. The Chairman expressed the thanks of the Council and the community for Cllr Stallard's sterling work on their behalf.

b. Abbotts Ann Action. Dr. Moon reported on the letter of complaint recently sent to the Chief Executive of TVBC about the conduct of the meeting of the Planning Control Committee on December 1st 2008 and the failure to take into account many of the representations concerning the Airfield application. It was noted that other Parish Councils were making similar complaints, but if reference were to be made to the Local Government Ombudsman, the complaint had to be made by a private individual. Councillors were reminded that advice on such procedures was available from HALC.

c. Archivist. The Chairman thanked Mr. Tim Tayler for volunteering to act as Parish Archivist. Mr. Tayler summarised his view of his role as follows:

i. to locate relevant material; ii to organise and store material both in hard copy and on the website; iii. to respond to requests for information; iv. to act as a focus in encouraging members of the public to contribute to the archive. He had already received enthusiastic support for his plans from Mr. Keith Saunders, webmaster of the Parish website.

d. Footpaths. Comment had been received about the muddy condition of footpaths, especially Footpath No2 (Donkey Path).

e. Neighbourhood Watch. Mr. Downey reported on the burglary of a house in Dunkirk Lane while the owners were away.

f. School Governor. Cllr Stanton stated that legal procedures had caused some delays, but the building of the new school was set to start in the near future.

g. War Memorial Hall. Cllr Whyte stated that the latest film show had been cancelled because of bad weather, but the Burns Night had been a great financial success. The Committee was working on plans for up-dating the heating system in the next financial year. It was suggested that an approach for funding could be made to Star Energy.

0918. Finance.

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

Cheque No 471	Administration	£627.80
“ 473	Andover Mencap	£ 64.00
“ 474	T.C.Hook	£140.00
“ 475	Audit Commission	£327.75

Pro GW Sec PW

b. Section 106. The Clerk reported that, under a Section 106 agreement with the developer of “Treetops”, Red Rice Road, sums totalling £3,826.29 were held by TVBC for the benefit of this Parish.

c. War Memorial Hall fence. The Chairman had received an estimate of £3,846 for the repair and raising of the fence on the Duck Street side of the hall grounds. He was seeking further estimates.

Action Chairman

0919. Correspondence.

Street nameplates. i. Little Ann Road. New signs had been installed by TVBC, but the Clerk, on behalf of the Council, had pointed out to the Highway Authority that these did not conform to the Council’s wishes nor did they match the other signs in the village; the lettering was black instead of green and the posts were made of recycled plastic instead of oak. In reply Mr. Drew of TVBC confirmed that in error the signs had been made to an urban specification and would be replaced in due course.

ii. Abbotts Hill. The Clerk had also mentioned (for the second time) the poor condition of the nameplates at the entrance to Abbotts Hill. Mr. Drew would inspect these and list them for attention in April.

0920. Other Business.

Highway Matters. The Clerk was requested to draw the Highway Authority’s attention to blocked drains on Salisbury Road (already notified several times) and in Red Rice Road, where building works were being carried out at Old Swan House.

Also mentioned were large pot-holes at the entrance to the Church car-park and opposite the rear entrance to the Old Manor, and a raised kerb-stone outside the village shop.

Action Clerk

0921. Future Meetings. The next meeting was scheduled for 5th March; the Annual Assembly would take place on 27th March.

The Meeting closed at 9.04 p.m.

THESE MINUTES REMAIN IN DRAFT FORM UNTIL CONFIRMED AND SIGNED