

PARISH COUNCIL OF ABBOTTS ANN

MINUTES

OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 10th JANUARY 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 Cllr. G.Stallard, TVBC (from 8.47 p.m.)
Mr. D.Downey, Footpaths Officer
Dr.J.Moon, Abbots Ann Action /Hon. Tree Warden (from 8.29 p.m.)

The meeting opened at 7.00 p.m.

1270. Apologies. Apologies were recorded on behalf of Cllr. M. Woodhall, HCC and Cllr.A.Peters, TVBC.

1271. Minutes. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th December 2007 were confirmed and signed. *Pro GW Sec DA*

1272. Matters Arising.

a. Airfield Application. It was noted that the TVBC Planning Committee meeting scheduled for December 3rd 2007 had been re-scheduled for 25th February 2008.

b. Catherine's Walk gate. Cllr. Alleway had not yet received a response from either HCC or Mr. D.Li.

c. Church Road parking. The PCC had would be discussing the proposal at their next meeting. The Police had responded favourably, provided there was no permanent installation.

1273. Planning.

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

TV No 07/03545/FULLN 4, Honeysuckle Gardens: rear extension
07/03570/FULLN Robins, Salisbury Rd: 1st Floor extension

Pro GW Sec SO

b. **It was resolved** to register an objection to:

TV No 07/03555/FULLN 33 Andover Rd, Red Post Bridge: New 3-storey dwelling, on the following grounds:

i. The modified design, by reason of its scale, still represented an undesirable intrusion into the rural scene.

ii. As the proposed dwelling still contained 3 storeys it remained in conflict with the long-standing policy that buildings in Little Park should be of single-storey design.

Pro PW Sec PS

c. It was noted that the applicant had registered an appeal in respect of the above property with reference to the previous application (TV No 07/01355/FULLN) .

d. It was noted that Application 07/1489/LBWN (Water Cottage: Extension) was to be the subject of an appeal. The Council had already raised no objection to the application.

e. Application 07/03409/HRWN (Removal of 10 m. of hedgerow adjacent to the viaduct, Cattle Lane). The engineers for Network Rail had written promising re-instatement of the hedgerow on completion of their work. They would welcome suggestions on species of hedging plants; it was suggested that they should be asked to include spindleberries.
Action Clerk

f. The decision listed in the Appendix was noted.

1274. Clerk's Report.

a. Councillors were reminded of the demonstration of Electronic Speed Indicators arranged for 11th January at Longparish. Cllrs. Griffiths and Alleway were planning to attend.

b. A vandal had set fire to the notices on the Little Ann notice-board; the board itself was undamaged.

c. Playground surfaces. The Clerk had asked Trevor Hook to clear and re-fix the rubber mats in the War Memorial Hall playground as soon as weather permitted.

d. Lighting on Church Path. Efforts were continuing to have the defective street-lamp repaired.
Action Clerk

1275. Parish Organisations.

a. Abbots Ann Action. Dr. Moon reported on the proposals of the TVBC Executive for long-term housing plans; regarding housing requirements for future years Little Park had been considered, but not adopted, as an area for development.

He also confirmed that the developers of the airfield site had still not met the objections of the highway authorities.

b. Footpaths. Mr. Downey provided a map showing the location of a decayed tree on The Drove. The Clerk was requested to contact the landowners. *Action Clerk*

Cllr Wilkins had observed a parishioner lopping one of the trees on the Coach Road. The Clerk was requested to check whether these trees were within the Conservation Area.
Action Clerk

c. Neighbourhood Watch. Mr. Downey reminded the Council that the number 112 was available as an alternative to 999 for emergency calls.

He reported that several nearby churches had had their lead roofs stripped by thieves.

A motor-cycle, later abandoned, had been ridden around the Sports Field, and a car, so far unidentified, had been driven at speed around Bulbery.

d. School Governor. Cllr Stanton reported on the consultation exercise organised on 10th January at the village school, which had been attended by himself and the Chairman. The plans were well advanced and building could begin in April; the Council's main concerns, focussed on traffic management, had been made clear to the county authorities. There had been no discussion of the future of the present school site or of the playing field.

e. Sports Field Committee. Cllr Wilkins confirmed that the Committee was arranging for the work required on the edging of the Skate Park to be carried out over a period of time.

f. Village Shop. Cllr Whyte reported that the Village Shop had not won the Regional Competition for Best Rural Retailer. The award had been given to another shop which had given outstanding service to the local community during a flooding emergency. The judges had been so favourably impressed that they suggested that the Village Shop should be entered for another competition staged by "The Grocer" magazine.

g. War Memorial Hall. Cllr. Stallard reported that Mr. Andrew Hayter had been elected Chairman of the committee. A new enterprise, the showing of films, was starting shortly; various village organisations would be providing refreshments for the benefit of their own funds.

A number of slates had been dislodged from the wall between the playground and the White House. It was considered appropriate that the Parish Council should undertake the necessary repairs, to be arranged by the Clerk.

Action Clerk

h. TVBC Councillor. Cllr Stallard drew attention to TVBC's Local Development Framework, which would embody the Borough's plans for many years ahead. It would be important to take careful note of its content during the consultation period.

The Borough had been particularly impressed by Amport's Design Statement, and Cllr. Stallard commended it as an example of best practice.

1276. Finance.

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

Cheque No. 407	Administration	£657.99
408	Post Office Ltd.: PAYE & NI	£664.33
409	Mencap: Grass-cutting (November)	£114.76
410	War Mem. Hall: Cleaner (July-Dec)	£149.50
<i>Pro PS Sec P W</i>		

b. The Clerk presented a Budget Statement for the period ended 31.12.07. It was noted that it contained provision for election expenses.

1277. Correspondence.

a. Airfield Development. A meeting to provide an update on the status of the Airfield Application was scheduled for 8 p.m. on 16th January in Penton Mewsey Village Hall. The Planning Committee meeting was scheduled for 25th February.

b. An appeal for funding for the Hampshire Youth Band had been received. The Clerk was instructed to enquire whether any Abbots Ann residents were involved.

Action Clerk

c. The Clerk drew attention to a number of training courses and seminars notified by HALC.

1279. Other Business

a. Cllr Wilkins drew attention to the question of proper authorisation of alterations to buildings which were either listed or located within the Conservation Area. The Clerk undertook to make enquiries and to provide relevant information. *Action Clerk*

b. Cllr Whyte raised the issue of planning policy concerning change of use of properties.

Cllr Stallard undertook to make enquiries about the above items.

c. The Nursery School had expressed concern over flooding at the entrance to the War Memorial Hall. The Clerk undertook to see to the possible clearance of the drain.

Action Clerk

1279. Vacancy for new Parish Councillor.

The Chairman announced with regret that Miss Joanna Holmes had resigned from the Council for personal reasons.

The Clerk had set in motion the statutory procedures for advertising the vacancy. Councillors were asked to bring suggestions for potential candidates to the next meeting.

1280. Next Meeting.

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Thursday 7th February 2008 at 7 p.m. in the War Memorial Hall.

The Meeting closed at 9.12 p.m.

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