

PARISH COUNCIL OF ABBOTTS ANN

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 8th JANUARY 2009 IN THE JUBILEE ROOM OF THE WAR MEMORIAL HALL

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

In Attendance:

Mr. A.Stokes, Clerk Cllr. G.Stallard, TVBC
Mr. D.Downey, Footpaths Officer Dr.J.Moon, Hon Tree Warden; A.A.Action

The meeting opened at 7.00 p.m. The Vice-Chairman took the Chair.

1388. Apologies. Apologies were recorded from the Chairman, Cllr. M.Woodhall, HCC and Cllr. A. Peters, TVBC.

1389. Police Officer's Visit. P.C.Jewell, the officer responsible for the local area, attended the meeting to introduce himself to the Council and to summarise the current situation. The amount of crime reported in the Parish was seen to consist of a relatively low number of minor offences.

1390. Minutes. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th December 2008 were confirmed and signed. *Pro DA Sec PW*

1301. Matters Arising.

a. Street Lighting. It was reported that the faulty lamp on Church Path was at last in working order.

b. Telephone Kiosk. The Clerk was continuing his attempts to clarify the situation.

c. Bellarmine Jar. Cllr Whyte undertook to see whether this could be displayed in The Eagle. *Action Cllr. Whyte*

d. Parish Magazine funding. It was understood that the Section 137 contribution to the Parish Magazine was paid in consideration of the space taken by the Parish Council for the Newsletter etc; there could therefore be no objection to contributions by the Parish Magazine to other bodies such as the Village Shop.

1302. Planning.

a. **It was resolved** to confirm the registration of no objection to the following applications:

TV No 08/02754/FULLN: Upper Mill House, Monxton, extension etc.

TV No 08/02843/FULLN: Lane House, Dunkirt Lane, extension. *Pro SO SecPW*

- b. **It was resolved** to register No Objection to the following application:
TV No 08/02993/FULLN: 25 Blueberry Gardens, extension. *Pro SO Sec PW*
- c. 20 Cattle Lane. Note was taken of the grounds stated by the Planning Service for the refusal of application No 08/02189/FULLN, which included the following:
“The proposed replacement dwelling, by virtue of its scale, design, height and massing will result in a development that has a greater visual impact from public vantage points in the immediate vicinity than the original dwelling and will detract from the rural character and appearance of this countryside location...”

1303. Clerk's Report.

- a. Dog Bins. As funding was not available from HCC, it was proposed to approach TVBC for financial support for the installation of the three bins. *Action Clerk*
- b. Archivist. As a result of the appeal in the Newsletter, Mr. T. Tayler had offered to undertake the duties of Archivist to the Parish. The Clerk was requested to accept the offer with gratitude.
Action Clerk
- c. Freedom of Information Act. The Clerk had prepared a new schedule covering the availability of information in accordance with recent legislation. Copies were distributed to Councillors and would be available in the Village Shop and, if practicable, on the Website.
- d. Circulation of Agendas etc. Councillors considered it acceptable that Agendas and other documents be circulated by email in future.
- e. Star Energy was offering funding for project which would benefit the community. It was suggested that Parish organisations should be asked for proposals.

1304. Parish Organisations.

- a. TVBC Councillor. Cllr. Stallard reported on the £350,000 refurbishment of the Andover Leisure Centre, which was now open.

He was aware of the importance of the future of the school playing field at Manor Close, and would consider making discreet enquiries at County level. He encouraged the idea that the village, with the consent of the school and the County, should plan to hold public functions on the playing field.

He was closely monitoring the effect of the TVBC Core Strategy on the preservation of the Strategic Gap and the significance of the inclusion of Abbots Ann in the region of “Andover” rather than of “Rural Test Valley”. The next stage to watch would be the plans for “Settlement Boundaries.”

- b. Abbots Ann Action. Dr. Moon reported on continuing action by the STOP organisation in connection with the Airfield development. Particular attention was being given to monitoring the Section 106 agreement; the draft document covering traffic restrictions was considered unsatisfactory.

Upper Clatford Parish Council was drafting an official complaint to TVBC concerning the preparation for, and conduct of, the meeting of the Planning Control Committee which approved the application; this included the minimal attention given to Dr. Moon's own detailed submissions on noise pollution. Such a complaint could be the first step towards an approach to the Local Authority Ombudsman. Dr. Moon was asked to draft a similar letter of complaint for this Council.
Action Dr.Moon

c. Footpaths. Mr. Downey reported on the opening of the permissive path between Penny Path and the Old Coach Road. Cllr Alleway was expecting to put up the “Walkers only” notices on Church Path in the near future.

d. School. Cllr Stanton reported on the progress of the plans for the new school. He explained that the County was funding it without the need to sell the playing field.

e. Tree Warden. Dr. Moon had recently surveyed the trees in the churchyard, several of which were in need of attention. Of particular concern were the chestnut trees alongside Church Path. The Chairman would be asked to contact the landowners.

Action Chairman

1305. Finance.

a. **It was resolved** to authorise the following payments: *Pro PW Sec SO*

Cheque No	466	Administration	£659.41
“	467	PAYE and NI	£642.62
“	468	HCC; lighting	£123.66
“	469	WMH; caretaker	£155.48
“	470	Andover Mencap	£128.00

b. The Clerk reported that the Audit Office had signed off the Accounts for the year 2007-8 without comment. He had posted the statutory notices.

c. The Clerk presented the budget summary for the year to 31st December.

1306. Correspondence.

The Clerk circulated copies of the following:

a. The summary of Improvement Priorities 2008-2011 under the Hampshire Local Area Agreement as received from Community Action Hampshire.

b. Ms J. Dixon’s report on the Test Villages Energy Initiative, in which the Council wished to continue its involvement and support.

c. A paper received from HALC on the Government’s Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Bill.

1307. Other Business.

a. Moles. Councillors commented on the extensive damage in the Burial Ground caused by moles. The Clerk was requested to investigate the possibility of remedial action in conjunction with the Chairman.

Action Clerk & Chairman

b. Bulbery Bus Shelter. Cllr Oram commented that it was impossible to see an approaching bus from inside the shelter. It was explained that the problem was due to the County Council’s insistence on siting the shelter well back from the verge.

c. Bungalow adjacent to “Formosa”. Cllr Stanton reminded the Council that this was to be demolished in accordance with the terms of the original planning permission. The Clerk was requested to alert the Enforcement Officer again.

Action Clerk

1308. Future Meetings.

Meetings for the year 2009 would be held on the first Thursday of each month.

The Annual Parish Assembly would be held on Friday 27th March 2009

The next meeting was scheduled for 5th February 2009.

The meeting closed at 8.53 p.m.