

PARISH COUNCIL OF ABBOTTS ANN
MINUTES

OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 7TH JANUARY 2010 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

In Attendance:

Mr. A.Stokes, Clerk	Cllr G.Stallard, TVBC
Cllr. A.Peters, TVBC	Mr.D.Downey, Footpaths Officer
	7 members of the Public

The meeting opened at 6.36 p.m.

1001. Apologies. Apologies were recorded from Cllr A. Gibson, HCC, Cllr A. Barham, Mrs. R. Bone, Nursery School, Mr. P. Stanton, School Governor and Mr. T. Tayler, Archivist.

1002. Minutes. The Minutes were approved for signature as amended in draft.

Pro GW Sec PW

1003. Matters Arising.

a. Airfield Development. It was noted that the “STOP” organisation had submitted a reasoned objection to the proposed development.

b. Traffic Survey. Several spreadsheets had been received and circulated to Councillors, detailing the findings of the traffic survey conducted by HCC at St. John’s Cross and on Red Rice Road at the site of the new school. These were considered to be a useful basis for future assessments of traffic volumes.

c. Burghclere Down. In the course of investigating the problems affecting street lighting at Burghclere Down, the Clerk had been informed that at least a part of the streets in the area had been adopted, so that the developers (Bovis) were no longer responsible. Cllr Peters undertook to seek clarification *Action Cllr Peters*

d. Red Rice Road. The Clerk reported that he had not heard from the TVBC Officer since mid-December, and so neither he nor the Chairman had any information about the progress, or results, of any surveys about the re-naming of Red Rice Road either from TVBC or from the residents.

Standing Orders were suspended at 6.59 p.m.

Pro PW Sec DA

Extensive discussion ensued, with contributions from Cllr Peters and members of the public, leading to:

i. Indications that a clear consensus was emerging that the whole stretch of road from St. John’s Cross to the junction with Cattle Lane should be named Duck Street

ii. Acknowledgment that all concerned were doing their best to follow the correct procedures despite a variety of previous experiences, and appreciation of the efforts of the residents and TVBC Councillors to achieve a satisfactory result.

iii. Confirmation that, in accordance with the required procedures, The Parish Council had informed TVBC that it was in favour of the change of name and that regarding the choice of name it would support the wishes, once clearly established through the Borough’s procedures, of a majority of those affected by the change. (Minute 0997b of October 1st 2009).

iv. Confirmation that Mrs. Irwin had been duly authorised by the Parish Council to ascertain the views of affected residents.

v. A request that all relevant correspondence and surveys (including the results of these) should be copied to the Clerk. *Action Mrs. Irwin*

vi. That Cllr Peters, and the Clerk, should press the TVBC Officer for full information on action taken so far. *Action Cllr Peters and Clerk*

Standing Orders were resumed at 7.35 p.m. 7 Members of the public left the meeting.

e. Burghclere Down. After discussion it was affirmed that this Council continued to consider the interests of the residents of Burghclere Down whether or not they were represented at Council meetings.

Cllr Peters left the meeting at 7.44 p.m.

f. Manor Close Playing Field. Mr. Berry HCC had arranged to meet representatives of TVBC Planning Service in mid-December. The Clerk was requested to ask him for a progress report. *Action Clerk*

1004. Planning.

- a. **It was resolved** to register No Objection to the following: *Pro SO Sec GW TV No 09/02556/FULLN: Coach House, Church Road: wall and gates.*
- b. Note was taken of delegated responses and decisions of the Planning Service.

1005. Clerk's Report.

The Clerk reported that the recent disappearance of the “fingers” on the signpost at the Jubilee Tree junction had been reported to the Police, since no-one had any information as to how or why or when they had been removed. Eventually the Chairman had ascertained that they had been taken way for refurbishment by Hampshire Highways, who claimed to have informed “Someone in the Village”.

1006. Organisations.

a. TVBC Councillor. Cllr G. Stallard reported that the Borough's finances would be under severe pressure in the coming year, and various charges would have to be increased, such as those for car-parking and for second and subsequent bags of green waste; a new charge of £400 would be made for future applications for changing the name of a road.

Work on the Army HQ on Monxton Road was on schedule.

b. Footpaths. Mr. Downey expressed his appreciation of the voluntary clearing work by Paul and Anne Kelly on the Drove and for that of Cllr Alleway on Church Path, which had included de-icing the footpath.

c. Neighbourhood Watch. It was noted that car number-plates had been stolen in Salisbury Road.

d. War Memorial Hall. Cllr Stallard reported on the successful holding of a committee meeting by teleconference. He also promised a better-than-ever Burns Night. Cllr Alleway pointed out that this would unfortunately clash with a reception for Village Shop volunteers.

e. Village Shop. Cllr Whyte reported that the recent severe weather had produced an increase in sales, with many new customers coming to the shop. Meanwhile supplies had not been interrupted.

1007. Finance.

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

Cheque No	531:	Administration	£674.70
"	532:	PAYE, NI	£597.30
"	533	T.C.Hook (Oct-Dec)	£130.00
"	534	Andover Mencap (Nov)	£128.00
"	535	War Mem Hall Committee	£155.48
"	536	D.Allleway, Expenses	£ 29.95

b. The Clerk presented a budget statement for the year to 31.12.09.

c. War Memorial Hall Fence. The Chairman presented four tenders for the work, the lowest of which was from Faraday Fabrications. Subject to some clarification and to setting the height at 1100 cm the Chairman was requested (as previously authorised by Minute 09119b) to conclude negotiations with Faraday Fabrications.

Action Chairman

d. County Councillor's Grant. The Clerk was authorised to apply for a grant towards the cost of re-furbishing the roof of the storage shed in the War memorial Hall grounds, and to ask Trevor Hook to undertake the work.

Action Clerk

1008. Correspondence.

a. John Hanson School. The school had decided to discontinue the invitation for sponsors to present prizes in person, but had indicated that it was planned to arrange an event when there would be a chance for representatives to be shown round the school and be entertained by the Head Teacher and Chairman of Governors in March. After discussion it was decided to continue to sponsor a prize at John Hanson School, and Cllr Oram indicated an interest in attending the event.

b. FWAG. It was not considered appropriate to make a contribution to the Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group.

c. PCSO. PCSO Ross Hanley had expressed an interest in attending a Parish Council Meeting, and it was hoped that he would come to the February meeting.

d. Reports from HCC Councillor. Cllr A. Gibson was planning to send monthly reports on issues involving Parish Councils. The first had been received by the Clerk, and it included continuing discussions about St. John's Cross.

1009. General Interest.

a. Extreme Weather. Requests had been received by Cllr Stallard and the Clerk from residents of Abbotts Hill and Burghclere Down for possible provision of grit-bins. After discussion it was decided to ask Cllr Stallard and the Clerk to investigate the implications of such provision with reference to legal liability and Health and Safety regulations.

Action Cllr Stallard and Clerk

b. Bus routes. It had been noted that the latest time-tables showed that the local buses no longer went to the Railway Station. The Clerk was asked to draw this reduction in service to the attention of the County Council.

Action Clerk

1010. Next Meeting. This was scheduled for 4th February 2010.

The meeting closed at 9.09 p.m.

Signed

Date