

PARISH COUNCIL OF ABBOTTS ANN

MINUTES

OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 6th MARCH 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
Cllr.D.Paffett (from 7.30 p.m.)

In Attendance:
Mr. A.Stokes Clerk Mr. D.Downey Footpaths Officer
Cllr. G.Stallard, TVBC Mr.A.Jackson (to 7.30 p.m.)
Mrs. A.Barham (to 7.30 p.m.) 6 members of the public (7.30 to 7.48 p.m.)

The meeting opened at 7.03 p.m.

1292. Apologies. Apologies were recorded from Cllr. M. Woodhall HCC, Cllr. A.Peters TVBC and Mr. Ray Lucas, Abbots Ann Action.

1293. Co-option of Councillor.

Three candidates (Mrs.A.Barham, Mr.A.Jackson and Mr.D.Paffett) were duly nominated and seconded. After a brief address by each candidate, voting proceeded in accordance with the statutory regulations by show of hands. After two votes an absolute majority was attained by Mr. D. Paffett, who was accordingly declared elected. On signing the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, he took his seat on the Parish Council.

1294. Minutes.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 7th February 2008 were approved, subject to the correction of the date of the Parish Assembly (Minute 1291). *Pro PS/Sec GW*

1295. Planning 1.

TV No 08/00113/FULLN: 18 Kingsmead; New 4-bedroom dwelling.
The Clerk had received copies of letters of objection from members of the public, some of whom were in attendance. After the Clerk had summarised the objections expressed **it was resolved** to suspend standing orders at 7.42 p.m. *Pro PS/Sec DA*
After discussion with members of the public **it was resolved** to lodge an objection on the following grounds: (a) over-development involving departure from the original scale and layout of the area.

- (b) an undesirable increase in density, particularly in the South-west area.
- (c) negative impact on neighbouring properties due to i. blocking of view,
- ii. overlooking, iii. scale, particularly height of roof.
- (d) increase of traffic hazard in narrow driveway and adjacent roads.
- (e) exacerbation of problems with drainage. *Pro PW/Sec GW*

Normal business was resumed at 7.48 p.m.

1296. Matters Arising.

Play Equipment. The Clerk reported that all the repairs to the play equipment had been completed by Trevor Hook, apart from the support to the seat by the Sports Field swings, work on which was in hand.

1297. Planning 2

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

TV No 08/00285/LBWN	Lower Cottage; internal alterations.	<i>Pro GW/Sec PW</i>
08/00551/FULLN	Heron Cottage; replace garage and extend accommodation.	<i>Pro G/Sec SO</i>

Cllr Paffett declared an interest in 08/00285/LBWN and spoke but did not vote

2. Note was taken of the following applications on which delegated decisions to register No Objection had been recorded:

TV No 08/00133/FULLN Temp. gap in hedgerow adjacent to viaduct
 TV No 08/00426/FULLN 80 Berry Way: side extension and conservatory
 TV No 08/00211/TREEN Lane House, Dunkirt Lane: multiple tree work
 TV No 08/00381/TREEN Paddock's End, Little Ann: fell Sycamore
 TV No 08/00414/TREEN Pitt House, Red Rice Road: fell 3 Lilacs
 TV No 09/00463/TREEN The Manor; Remove dead wood from 2 Beeches

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

4. Councillors and members of the public had noticed excavation work being carried out at Abbots Hill House together with construction of a tree-house. The Clerk was instructed to enquire whether these activities required Planning Permission since no applications had been received. *Action Clerk*

5. The Clerk had not received a reply as to whether solar panels required Planning Permission. He was pursuing the matter. *Action Clerk*

1298. Clerk's Report.

a. It had been noted that houses in "Danebury Mews" were being marketed, with the name of the development emblazoned on both sides of the entrance.

b. Professor Gibson had carried out his review of the Accounting System as required by the Audit Commission; the Clerk had received the relevant document.

c. An Agenda of this meeting and of the Annual Assembly had been sent to the Chairman of the Burghclere Down Community Association, with an invitation to attend. No reply had been received.

1299. Parish Organisations.

a. Borough Council. Cllr Stallard briefed the Council on the Borough's Budget policies and Development Framework. He reported that the new ASDA store would open on March 10th and the Cinema on May 10th. He congratulated the Council on the low level of the Precept compared with those of other Parishes. He commented on the difficulties inherent in the position of Borough Councillors on the occasions when there were tensions between Parishes and the Borough.

The Chairman expressed the Council's appreciation of the conscientious and effective way in which Cllrs Stallard and Peters balanced their obligations to the Borough and their constituents in the Parishes and emphasised the value of their contributions to Council Meetings.

b. Footpaths. Mr. Downey reported that all paths were now free of obstructions. He drew attention to the poor condition of the metal "cuckoo-pen" at the western end of Church Path. Cllr Whyte suggested asking Mr. Paul Barham about remedial work; the Chairman requested that he should also be asked to consider the repair and heightening of the War Memorial Hall fence.
Action Cllr Whyte

c. Neighbourhood Watch. Mr. Downey reported on recent break-ins in nearby parishes.

d. Sports Field Committee. Cllr Wilkins reported that the Fun Ride was planned for 14th September. A new roller had been purchased; the Clerk would see that this was included in the insurance cover.
Action Clerk

e. Village Shop. Cllr Whyte reported that the Sunday opening was proving very successful.

f. War Memorial Hall. Cllr Stallard reported that the heating system needed to be replaced and some external re-pointing was required. It was planned to refurbish the Jubilee Room.

The first Film Night had been a great success, and further shows were planned, together with other fund-raising projects. Mr. P. Greenhalgh had joined the Committee, and his valuable experience was much appreciated.

1300. Finance.

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

Cheque No.	414	Administration	£664.71
	415	T.C.Hook	£117.74
	416	HCC Lighting	£309.55
	417	TVBC, dog-bin	£136.56
	418	A.A.P.C.C. (S.137)	£100.00

It was further resolved that the payment of £100 to the P.C.C., for repairs to the Church Clock, was made under the provisions of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.
Pro SO/Sec PW

b. Church Clock. Estimates had been received for the overhaul of the Church Clock's mechanism (£1,918.00 + VAT) and refurbishment of the face and hands (£839.00 + VAT, if carried out at the same time as the overhaul). It was agreed that the Council would underwrite the first estimate, as a donor had come forward to cover the second. The Clerk was instructed to approach Cllr Woodhall for a contribution from his personal fund, and to inform the Churchwardens of these decisions.
Action Clerk

c. Church Road warning sign. The Clerk was instructed to obtain an estimate for the provision of a portable sign, warning of congestion by parked vehicles, for use by the P.C.C.
Action Clerk

1301. Correspondence.

1. The Clerk distributed notices of several training courses and meetings available to Councillors.

2. Notices of meetings of the Test Valley Transport Forum had been received. It was not considered necessary to appoint a representative to attend these on a regular basis.

3. TVBC had given notice that the developer of the bungalow adjacent to Rosebank, Red Rice Road, wished to name it "Treetops". Despite misgivings, Councillors decided not to object.

1302. Other Business.

a. Church Path Lighting. The Chairman was continuing his efforts to have the faulty light repaired for a reasonable sum. *Action Chairman*

b. Dog problems. It was noted that notices and repeated appeals in the Newsletter were having little effect. Several instances had been reported of owners using the appropriate plastic bags, but then leaving them in the hedges or on the roadside. The Clerk undertook to make one more reference in the Newsletter. *Action Clerk*

c. Parish Annual Assembly. Unfortunately an incorrect date had been published in the Newsletter, for which the Clerk apologised; he had taken steps to publish the correct date, March 14th. Cllr Woodhall would be attending.

d. The Chairman was organising the Clean-up Day on March 15th, starting at 2 p.m. *Action Chairman*

e. The Clerk was asked to produce further copies of a map showing the boundaries of the Conservation Area and positions of trees covered by Preservation orders.

Action Clerk

f. Catherine's Walk. Cllr Alleway reported that the gate onto the Manor Close playing Field was no longer obstructed.

g. Consultation TVBC Development Options Cllr Alleway had worked on the document and was asked to co-operate with Dr. John Moon on a possible response.

Action Cllr Alleway; Dr. Moon

h. Van parked at Pill Brook House, Little Ann. Comments had been received that the van, though highly visible, constituted a traffic hazard as well as having a negative effect on the street scene. Speaking as a neighbour, Cllr Stallard assured Councillors that it would shortly be moved to a location further away from the roadside.

1303. Next Meeting.

The Next meeting was scheduled for 3rd April 2008 at 7 p.m. in the Jubilee Room.

The Meeting closed at 9.38 p.m.

THESE MINUTES REMAIN IN DRAFT FORM UNTIL APPROVED AND SIGNED