

PARISH COUNCIL OF ABBOTTS ANN**MINUTES**

OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 4th MARCH 2010
IN THE JUBILEE ROOM

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

In Attendance:

Mr. A.Stokes, Clerk Mr. P. Stanton, School Governor
Cllr. G.Stallard, TVBC Mrs. W. Davis, Sustainability Group
Mrs. S. Coffey Mrs. C. Bartholomew PCSO R. Hanley

The meeting opened at 6.35 p.m The Chairman welcomed Mrs. Bartholomew as a resident of Burghclere Down.

1025. Apologies. Apologies were recorded from Cllr A. Gibson, HCC, Cllr D. Alleway, Mr. D. Downey, Footpaths Officer, and Mr. T. Tayler, Archivist.

1026. Minutes. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th February 2010 were confirmed and signed. *Pro AB Sec GW*

1027. Matters Arising.

a. Red Rice Road. Written confirmation had been received from Mr. I. Moodie, TVBC that there would be no changes in postcodes as a result of the changing of the name of the street.

b. Members' Interests and Newsletter Reports Written confirmation had been received from the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, TVBC

i. that, in previous discussions of the re-naming of Red Rice Road, the Code of Conduct did not require Cllrs Wilkins or Barham to declare an interest.

ii. that, since meetings of the Parish Council are open to the public, there were no restrictions on the publication of reports of the proceedings.

c. HCC Councillor's grant. £500 had been received and the Clerk had accordingly placed the order for work to start on re-roofing the shed at the War Memorial Hall.

d. War Memorial Hall fence. Mrs. W. Davis had ascertained from Sarah Chisam, HCC Early Years Advisor, that there was no reason to alter the specified height of the fence as far as HCC were concerned. The Clerk had confirmed that no external funding was available for the project. The Chairman undertook to place the necessary order, as previously authorised.

1028. PCSO's Report.

PCSO R. Hanley reported that in the previous month there had been four burglaries in the local beat area, including the theft of tools from the new school site and a break-in at the Poplar Farm in when a lap-top was stolen. An example of "rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour" by young people had occurred on the Sports Field and disturbance had been caused by a motor-cycle being driven round Timothy's Field. Cllr Wilkins also drew attention to the fact that cars were being driven round the Sports Field. PCSO Hanley asked that people observing such incidents should report them to the Police.

1029. Planning.

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

TV No 10/00166/FULLN: 33-34 Andover Road, 2 new dwellings.

Pro GW Sec AB

“ 10/00312/VARN: Meadow Cottage, change of use (garage to playroom)

Pro AB Sec PW

“ 10/00286./FULLN: Fair Rising, replacement garage, office etc

Pro GW Sec PW

“ 10/00300/FULLN: Silver Birch Farm, Kitchen extension

Pro SO Sec PW

b. **It was resolved** to register an objection to the following applications:

TV No 10/00147/FULLN: at 85 Little Ann Road; New dwelling, on the same grounds as notified on the previous application (05/00814/FULLN). *Pro PW Sec SO*

“ 10/00307/ORD; works at Red Post Bridge, on grounds that the design of the parapet and railings, together with the narrowing of the highway by the construction of kerbed walkways would make the junction even more hazardous than before. In his response the Clerk was also requested

i. to indicate concern over the removal of the weight-limit on heavy vehicles and to re-iterate the Council's request that the priorities should be altered so that Monxton Road traffic would give way to traffic on Red Post Lane.

ii. to suggest that walkways should be added to the outside of the current structure

iii. to request a site meeting with representatives of the County and Borough Councils and of Network Rail.

Pro PW Sec GW

c. Note was taken of delegated responses and decisions of the planning Service.

d. Village “Envelope”. The Chairman presented the map of the village showing the areas to be designated as Open Countryside. This has now been submitted to the Borough authorities in connection with the strategy for local development.

1030. Clerk's Report. The Clerk distributed copies of the new Model Standing Orders as distributed by NALC.

1031. Organisations.

a. TVBC Councillor. Cllr G.Stallard reported that only 9% of the Council Tax was distributed to the Borough and the Parish. The precept for Abbots Ann was the tenth lowest in the County, and £14 less than the new Parish of Andover.

The new computer system at Beech Hurst was ensuring a better level of Customer Service.

Efforts to ensure economic use of the Lower Guildhall were continuing.

b. Primary School. Mr. P.Stanton reported that despite the adverse weather, the new premises were on schedule for opening after Easter. Site visits were not currently being offered, as they caused delays for the builders. A formal opening ceremony was planned for later in the year.

A stretch of the footpath providing access from Bulbery was un-surfaced and was becoming very muddy. It was suggested that the County Council should provide a hard surface. Mr. Stanton would seek advice on approaching HCC.

Mr. Stanton announced that he would shortly be retiring from the Board of Governors of the school. The Chairman, on behalf of the whole Council, paid tribute to his dedicated service to the Council and to the School, especially in connection with the move to the new premises.

c. Sports Field Committee. The Abbotts Ann Players had asked to be allowed to install a container on the Sports Field to house their costumes and props. While agreeing in principle, Councillors hoped that this could be placed in an unobtrusive position behind the Implement Store. The Parish Council would be prepared to offer financial assistance if necessary.

d. Sustainability Group. Mrs. W. Davis reported on the Open Meeting held in the War Memorial Hall on 20th February, which was well attended and much appreciated by those who visited the displays and presentation. Costs were covered, with a small surplus, and the next move was likely to be the formation of a working committee. The Chairman expressed the thanks of the Council for Mrs. Davis's successful launching of this important activity.

e. War Memorial Hall. Cllr Stallard urged everyone to renew membership of the 100 Club. The Committee had decided not to display more than one of the "Best Kept Village" plaques. The Committee also wished to review the signage at the Hall, and asked for this topic to be included in the Agenda for the next meeting.

For the current year it was planned to hold a "Battle of Britain" celebration on 18th September instead of Trafalgar Day.

1032. Finance.

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

Cheque No	538	Administration	£727.47
"	539	A.Stokes: binding Minute Books	£ 28.00
"	540	Portsmouth Council: NHW Signs	£ 55.00
"	541	TVBC: dog-bin emptying	£143.28

Pro SO Sec PW

b. It was noted that the Administration figure included back-pay in accordance with a revised salary scale for Clerks, amounting to an increase of 12p per hour.

1033. Correspondence.

a. John Hanson School. The School had invited a member of the Council to a tour of the school and reception on March 15th. All Councillors declined the invitation.

b. Church yard. The Churchwarden had received the necessary faculty concerning the re-erection of memorials that had fallen or been flattened. The Chairman and Clerk undertook to arrange a meeting with P.C.C. representatives. *Action Chairman and Clerk*

c. CPRE was organising a coach trip to Kew Gardens on 12th May. Several Councillors wished to participate, and the Clerk was asked to see if this could be arranged.

Action Clerk

d. Correspondence between the Chairman of Monxton Parish Council and Dr. John Moon had indicated that Section 106 funds from the developers of the Airfield could be available for traffic-calming measures in Monxton and Abbotts Ann.

1034. Other Business

a. The Clerk reminded Councillors that the Annual Parish Assembly was to take place on 26th March at 6.30 p.m.

b. Mrs. S. Coffey expressed the feelings of herself and other residents of the present Duck Street about the change of name of Red Rice Road, as it was thought that at least as a matter of courtesy they ought to have been consulted. After a lively exchange of views, the Clerk explained that it had been necessary in the circumstances to follow meticulously the procedures laid down by the Borough Council; these procedures required that only those whose addresses would be altered were consulted. According to the Borough Council residents could rest assured that there was no question of changing either the post-codes or the numbering of properties in the old or extended Duck Street.

c. Councillor Barham suggested that the village could assist newcomers to the village by producing a "Welcome Pack" which would cover the types of question to which new residents so far have had to find answers for themselves. In welcoming the idea, Councillors referred to the fact that this had been done before; it was believed to have been an activity of the P.C.C. and current or past members of that committee might be able to help. Councillor Barham undertook to investigate further. *Action Cllr Barham*

d. Councillor Wilkins drew attention to the increasing mount of roadside litter that was disfiguring the Parish. Councillors were asked to consider ways of reducing this problem, perhaps by calling on volunteers, and it was suggested that the subject should be raised at the Annual assembly. *Action all Councillors*

e. The Chairman read out a letter of thanks from the Clerk for the card and good wishes received from all Councillors on the occasion of his recent birthday, as this letter had included a short burst of poetry, the Chairman concluded the proceedings with some verses of his own, which were received with gratitude and acclaim.

1035. Future Meetings. The next Council meeting was scheduled for 1st April. The Annual Assembly was to take place in the main hall at 6.30 p.m. on 26th March.

THESE MINUTES REMAIN IN DRAFT FORM UNTIL APPROVED AND SIGNED