

Abbotts Ann Parish Council

Minutes Of the meeting for November 2007

Update provided by Adrian Stokes (Parish Clerk)

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Thursday, 6th December 2007
and held in the Jubilee Room, Abbotts Ann War Memorial Hall, commencing at
7.00 p.m.

All members of the Public are welcome to attend Parish Council Meetings
and are encouraged to do so

November Meeting

Present:

Cllr B.Griffiths, Chairman
Cllr G.Whyte, Vice-chairman
Cllr D.Alleway
Cllr J.Holmes

Cllr S.Oram
Cllr P.Stanton
Cllr P.Wilkins

In

attendance:

Mr. A.Stokes (Parish Clerk)
Mr. D.Downey Footpaths Officer
Mr. R. Lucas Abbotts Ann Action
Dr. J. Moon Abbotts Ann Action
Mrs. R. Osmond Manager, Nursery
School
Cllr. G.Stallard, TVBC

Apologies

Cllrs. M.Woodhall, HCC

A.Peters, TVBC

The Meeting opened at 7.02 p.m. with Cllr G.Whyte, Vice-Chairman, in the Chair.

1249. Minutes. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th October 2007 were confirmed and signed. *Pro DA Sec PW*

Matters Arising

a. Minute 1239b It was agreed that a meeting of the Burial Ground Committee was not necessary at the present time.

b. Minute 1242a Mr. M. Butt, Neighbourhood Watch, had pointed out that it was illegal to park vehicles on pavements, but, in practice, enforcement was not feasible

c. Minute 1244a The Clerk had received an encouraging response from HCC to the request for the installation of bollards along the frontage of Lane Cottage under a partnership arrangement between HCC and the Parish Council. There would be a considerable delay before a scheme could be included in HCC's plans.

d. Minute 1246a Cllr. D.Alleway would represent the Parish Council at the Award Ceremony at John Hanson School on 15th November.

Planning

a. It was resolved to delegate decisions to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman on applications judged by them as uncontroversial, such as conservatories.
Pro PS Sec PW

b. It was resolved to register no objection to the following applications:-

TV No 07/002748/VARN, 23 Red Rice Road, altered parking plan *Pro PW Sec DA*

TV No 07/02892/FULLN, 82 Berry Way, extension. *Pro GW SecPW*

c. Under delegated powers no objections were raised to the following applications:-

TV No 07/02499/FULLN 17 Bluebell Close, conservatory

TV No 07/02843/TPON 16 Abbotts Hill, multiple tree-work

TV No 07/02928/TREEN Bridge Meadow, multiple tree-work

TV No 07/03045/TPON Bridge Meadow, multiple tree-work

TV No 07/03038/TREEN Constantia Cottage, trim two trees

Standing Orders were suspended at 7.20 Pro PW Sec PS

Local Organisations

a. Nursery School. Mrs.R.Osmond, Manager of Abbotts Ann Nursery School, reported that current regulations required her to raise a number of issues which would have to be approved or implemented by the Parish Council, including:-

- a. Provision of a garden area.
- b. Improving security, particularly in relation to the height of the perimeter fence
- c. Use of parking area for play, involving temporary closing of area to public
- d. Prevention of fouling by dogs
- e. Storage of equipment for outside play.

The Council undertook to give sympathetic consideration to practical solutions to the problems involved and to discuss them at the next meeting.

The Chairman and Cllr Stallard emphasised the importance which the village as a whole, and the War Memorial Hall Committee in particular, attach to the Nursery School. The Chairman undertook to investigate the possibilities of raising the height of the roadside fence. **Action Chairman**

At 7.50 p.m. Standing Orders were resumed. Cllr D.Alleway left at the same time

b. Development of Andover Airfield. (a) Abbotts Ann Action. Dr.J.Moon and Mr.R.Lucas presented the draft of a second letter of objection in response to the revised application from the developers (see attached Appendix); this had been circulated to all Councillors, who agreed that it was a masterly document and approved it for signature by the Chairman. Dr. Moon stated that to date it had also been approved for signature by the Chairmen of Monxton, Ampport and Penton Parish Councils. Dr. Moon also presented the plan, to be annexed to the letter, of a revised layout of the access roads to the site, designed to minimise traffic on the Monxton Road. Mr.Lucas emphasised the fact that even if TESCO abandoned the project, eventual development of the site was inevitable; the issue of traffic through the

villages was of paramount importance and should remain the primary concern of local Parish Councils.

After discussion a Vote of Thanks was unanimously passed for the continuing work of Mr. Lucas and Dr. Moon on behalf of this and other Parishes.

(b.) **TVBC Meeting**, 3rd December 2007. A speaker for the local Parish Councils was required to represent their views to the Planning Committee meeting scheduled for 3rd December at The Lights Theatre. Mrs. Katrina Saville, Chairman of Monxton Parish Council was willing to speak; it was resolved that Mrs. Saville be authorised to speak on behalf of this Council.
Pro PS Sec GW

(c) **Petition**. The "Stop Megashed" committee were continuing to organise demonstrations and to collect signatures for their petition; the target was 5,000 signatures, of which 3,000 had been collected so far. All local parishes had been asked to provide volunteers to man a stand at Andover Market on Saturdays. For 3rd November Cllrs P.Wilkins and G.Whyte volunteered for this duty.

(d) **Demonstration**. The "Stop Megashed" committee was asking for 50 volunteers from each of ten parishes to provide an overwhelming presence at the Planning Meeting on 3rd December. Cllr G.Stallard warned that this might be postponed into the New Year if consultations with the Highway authorities had not been completed in time.

Clerk's Report

Speed-warning signs. The Clerk was in the process of collecting information about electronic signs to supplement consideration of other traffic-calming measures.

HAPTC. This organisation had changed its name to HALC (Hampshire Association of Local Councils).

Playground Inspections. Inspection had been delayed due to an accident sustained by the contractor, who had however made arrangements for an expert from TVBC to provide an interim report.

E-planning seminar. The Clerk was planning to attend a seminar devoted to this subject on 6th November at Longstock. It was hoped that he would be able to explain the technicalities involved to the next meeting.

Complaint. The Clerk had been distressed by an anonymous telephone call purporting to express criticism of the October Newsletter in vigorous terms and in a manner which had allowed neither clarification nor response. The Council wished to record its continuing approval and support of the Clerk's approach to the publication of the Newsletter. The Clerk, while unclear about the nature of the objection, wished to express his apologies for any offence caused.

Parish Organisations

a. **TVBC**. Councillor Stallard reported on the proposed local Post Office closures; there was very strong resistance to the closure in Goodworth Clatford. He emphasised the importance of supporting the Village Shop and

Post Office in Abbots Ann.

b. Footpaths. Mr. Downey reported that Footpath 11 was now clear.

c. Village School. Cllr Stanton reported that plans for the move to the new site were up to schedule.

d. Sports Field. Cllr Wilkins gave details of the forthcoming bonfire and firework display in November 4th.

e. Village Shop. Cllr Whyte reported that the Village Shop was short listed for the Hampshire title of Best Local Retailer; it had received a record number of nominations.

f. War Memorial Hall. Cllr Stallard reminded the Council that the Hall Committee's A.G.M. was to take place on 23rd November. Mrs. Alyson Godman would be stepping down after eight years as Chairman. **A Vote of Thanks** to Mrs. Godman was unanimously passed in recognition of her outstanding service to the village in this capacity. *Pro PW Sec SO*

g. Website. Cllr Whyte reported that the Andover Advertiser had asked permission to take copies of archive photographs from the website to use in features concerning local history. The Council raised no objection to the proposal and noted that copyright did not apply to the internet. The Clerk was asked to convey congratulations to the Village Shop management and thanks to the Webmaster for the continuing quality of the Website.

Finance

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

Cheque No 397 Administration £ 692.92

Cheque No 398 Sports Field Grant £1,500.00

Cheque No 399 Andover Mencap, BG Maintenance £ 114.76

Cheque No 386 400 A.A.P.C.C. for Parish Magazine (S.137) £ 240.00

Cheque No 387 K.Saunders for website (S.137) £ 240.00

Cheque No 388 T.C.Hook, grounds maintenance £ 75.00

Pro GW Sec PS

b. **It was resolved** to authorise the payments of cheques nos. 400 and 401 in accordance with the provisions of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972. *Pro GW Sec PS*

Correspondence

a. **Consultations.** It was noted that consultation documents had been received concerning Affordable Housing and Mineral Extraction. The Clerk was not instructed to take action.

b. **Injury from bollards.** Note was taken of a letter to the Chairman from Mr. John Jolley about a minor injury incurred from contact with a bollard outside 50 Abbots Ann. Cllr Stanton suggested that the visibility of these bollards would be enhanced by painting a white ring around the bollards; he was asked to arrange for this to be done. *Action Cllr Stanton*

Other

a. **Wheelchair access to Church Path.** The Chairman and the Clerk undertook

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to explore ways of modifying the "cuckoo pen" on Church Path; it was not considered desirable to remove it altogether. *Action Chairman and Clerk*

b. **Dates of meetings in 2008.** Meetings would normally be held on the first Thursday of each month (including August) with the following exceptions: 10th January and 11th September.

The Annual Assembly would be on Friday 14th March and the meeting on 1st May would be the AGM.

Next Meeting. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 6th December at 7 p.m. in the Jubilee Room

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