

# PARISH COUNCIL OF ABBOTTS ANN

## MINUTES

### OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2009 IN THE JUBILEE ROOM

Present:	Cllr. B.Griffiths, Chairman	Cllr. D.Paffett
	Cllr. G.Whyte, Vice-chairman	Cllr. P.Wilkins
	Cllr. S.Oram	Cllr. A.Barham (from 7.10 p.m.)

In Attendance:	Mr. A.Stokes, Clerk	Cllr. A.Gibson HCC
	Cllr. A.Peters, TVBC	Mr. D.Downey, Footpaths Officer
	Mrs. R.Bone, Nursery School	Mrs. W.Davis; Mr. G.Howard

*The meeting opened at 6.35 p.m.*

**09103. Apologies.** Apologies were recorded from Cllr. D.Alleway, Cllr. G.Stallard, TVBC and Mr. T.Tayler, Archivist.

**09104. Minutes.** The Minutes of the Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2009 were confirmed and signed.

**09105. Councillors' Reports.**

a. Cllr. A. Gibson, HCC, reported:

i. He had made sure that the proposal for a roundabout at St.John's Cross was to remain on the agenda of the Highways department.

ii. There was no evidence that HCC or TVBC were opposed to the installation of vehicle-activated speed indictor signs; the cost of these was high, at £2-3,000 for purchase, and £750 per year for maintenance.

iii. Stockbridge was committed to the installation of a sign on the approach to the village.

iv. He wished to congratulate Mrs. Sandra Gibson on receiving a County Council Good Neighbour Award.

b. Cllr. A.Peters, TVBC, reported on the situation regarding the request to change the name of Red Rice Road. As a result of extensive research into the Emergency Services' procedures, he emphasised:

i. There was often a time-lag in the up-dating of the databases of internet maps and Sat Nav devices.

ii. It was vital that callers should ensure that the services were given the correct post-code.

iii. Currently Duck street and Red Rice Road were in different post-code areas, with the boundary at the Jubilee Oak. It therefore seemed appropriate that any new name should apply to the south of the Oak, leaving Duck Street unchanged. Procedures should take no more than three months.

iv. TVBC was now consulting residents on a proposal for a new name for the stretch from the Jubilee Oak to St. John's Cross. The meeting was reminded that the continuation of Red Rice Road from St. John's Cross southward was known as Fullerton Road, and the signpost at the Jubilee Oak pointed to Fullerton.

v. By 1912 the relevant information for the Emergency Services, Royal Mail and HCC would be aligned on a single database.

#### **09106. Co-option of Councillor.**

Mr. Gordon Howard and Mrs. Alison Barham stood for co-option to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Mr. Paul Stanton. After hearing a short presentation from each candidate, and discussing the matter *in camera*, the Council co-opted Mrs. Barham by majority vote. Having signed the formal Acceptance of Office, Mrs. Barham took her seat.

*Pro PW Sec SO*

#### **09107. Matters Arising.**

a. Highways. It was noted that an accident involving a motor-cycle had recently occurred on the A343.

b. Manor Close. The Clerk had emailed Mr. Barry, HCC, confirming the Council's acceptance of his proposals as a basis for further discussion and asking for a progress report. He was still awaiting a reply.

c. Village "Envelope". The Chairman had conferred with Mr. Crouch, TVBC. As a result he recommended adjustments to the map as agreed at the special meeting on October 8<sup>th</sup> so as to exclude infilling at the western end of Little Ann Road and Dance's Corner. **It was resolved** to authorise the Chairman to re-draw and re-submit the draft map.

*Pro GW Sec SO*

d. Land Registration. The Clerk was still requiring documentation to confirm the Council's title to the Recreation Ground and War Memorial Hall.

e. "Greening". Cllr Oram had attended a meeting arranged by the Test Valley Energy Initiative; the aim appeared to be to raise awareness of "sustainability" issues at local levels and encourage communities to take practical measures to reduce environmental damage.

*Standing Orders were suspended at 7.48 p.m. Pro SO Sec GW*

Mrs Davis indicated her willingness to become involved in this initiative. The Council thanked her and asked her to undertake a review of any possible contribution which the Parish could make towards the aims of the TVEI. *Action Mrs. Davis*

*Standing Orders were resumed at 7.52 p.m.*

#### **09108. Planning.**

a. TV No 09/02177/LBWN: Beck Cottage; conservatory and alterations.

**It was resolved** to register no objection to this application. *Pro GW Sec BG*

b. TV No 09/02129/FULLN: Folly Cottage; extension and alterations.

**It was resolved** to register no objection to this application. *Pro GW Sec SO*

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

#### **09109. Parish Organisations.**

a. Archivist. The Clerk reported that Mr. Tayler had hosted a tour of the village by the University of the Third Age, and was planning to attend a Training Day at the Hampshire Record Office on 10<sup>th</sup> November. The Chairman was also intending to attend.

b. Footpaths. Mr. Downey reported that a fallen tree on the Drove had been promptly cleared. Two dangerous trees on Webbs Lane had been reported to HCC through Cllr A.Gibson. Action was awaited.

c. Nursery School. Mrs. R. Bone asked about progress on the provision of a store. The Chairman explained that, rather than constructing a new shed, it was recommended that the Nursery School should take over that part of the existing building currently used by the Primary School; this would be vacated on the opening of the new school. Mrs. Bone undertook to obtain a key and arrange for the store to be inspected.

*Action Mrs. Bone*

d. Village Shop. The Shop was seeking funding for replacement of the air-conditioning system. The Clerk was requested to confirm that the Council was empowered to make a contribution.

*Action Clerk*

#### **09110. Finance.**

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

Cheque No 522	Administration	£661.52
“ 523	Andover Mencap	£192.00
“ 524	K. Saunders: Website (Section 137)	£240.00
“ 525	B.Sims: fuel	£ 12.50

*Pro G.W Sec PW*

**It was further resolved** that the subscription to the Website (Cheque No 524) be authorised under the provisions of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1977.

*Pro GW Sec PW*

b. Budget. After discussion the Clerk was instructed to make provision for up to £4,000 for contributions to Village Amenities.

**It was resolved** to set the Precept for 2010-11 at £21,500. *Pro GW Sec PW*

#### **09111. Other Business.**

Attention was drawn to rubbish dumped at Red Post Bridge. The Clerk was requested to notify TVBC and to enquire about provision of a refuse bin. *Action Clerk*

**09112. Next Meeting.** The next meeting was scheduled for 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 6.30 p.m.

*The meeting closed at 8.41 p.m.*

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