

PARISH COUNCIL OF ABBOTTS ANN

MINUTES

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

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

In Attendance:

Mr. A.Stokes, Clerk, Cllr. A.Gibson, HCC; Cllr M.Flood, TVBC; Mr.P.Kelly, Footpaths Officer, Mrs.W.Davis, AAGA; Ms E.Dell; Mr.K.Ayrton and two members of the public.

The meeting opened at 6.37 p.m .

10/109. Apologies. Apologies were recorded from Cllr S.Oram; Cllr G.Stallard, TVBC; Mr.T.Taylor, Archivist and Mr.D.Downey, Neighbourhood Watch.

10/110. Minutes. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th October 2010 as amended by the insertion of the word “possible” before “presence of asbestos” in Minute 10104 e. were confirmed and signed. *Pro AB Sec DA*

10/111. Matters Arising.

a. Jasmine Cottage. The Head of Planning TVBC had written to state that the Planning Service would check whether the height of the retaining wall was such that planning permission was required.

b. Bulbery - activities in possible breach of regulations. The response from the Enforcement Officer was not considered satisfactory. Cllr Flood had supplied the Clerk with the name of a possible contact at Testway Housing. *Action Clerk*

c. 20 Cattle Lane - planning appeal. The Clerk had written to the Planning Inspectorate reiterating the Council’s objections to the design.

d. Land for possible allotments. The Clerk had contacted the owner of the waste land between Penny Path and Abbots Close; this area was neither suitable nor available for allotments.

e. Grit Bins. Cllr Gibson had allocated seven bins for Abbots Ann, but HCC was experiencing difficulty in obtaining supplies.

10/112. Planning.

Standing Orders were suspended by resolution at 6.50 p.m. Pro GW Sec PW

a. Site of the old Primary School. Mr. K Ayrton of Carter Jonas presented the outline plans for the development of the old school site. This comprised conversion of the original school buildings for residential use, and the building of two new houses. The plans appeared to meet the Council’s concerns over the preservation of the yew trees and of the toilet block, because of its use of material taken from the Roman Villa at Abbots Ann Down. While not opposing the plans in principle, the Council expressed grave concern that consideration had not been given to the need for affordable housing.

b. Old Telephone Exchange. The owner, Ms E. Dell, participated in discussion of the results of a post-application consultation. The Council shared Ms Dell's disappointment over the Conservation Officer's insistence on retaining the utilitarian appearance of the building by, for instance, requiring small "Crittall"-type windows, and expressed dismay over the size of the payment imposed under Section 106. The Chairman undertook to write to this effect to the responsible Planning Officer ahead of a scheduled meeting with the owner and the architect. *Action Chairman.*

Standing Orders were resumed at by resolution 7.48 p.m.

Pro GW Sec AB

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

TV No 10/02507/FULLN	33-34 Andover Rd: New Barn	<i>Pro PW Sec DA</i>
" 10/02437/FULLN	Coach House: retain wall	<i>Pro GW Sec PW</i>
" 10/02541/FULLN	Midori: Extensions	<i>Pro PW Sec AB</i>
" 10/00816/FULLN*	Pennymarsh; retain storage building.	

**(The Chairman declared a personal interest and withdrew from the room for this item. Cllr M.Flood also withdrew).*

Pro PW Sec DA

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

10/113. Organisations.

a. HCC Councillor. Cllr A.Gibson reported that despite the current economic situation there would be no increases in Council Tax and no reduction of front-line services.

The Police Station at Stockbridge was losing two officers through retirement, and it was probable that they would not be replaced.

Concerning traffic, he would make enquiries about impending restrictions on the Andover-Monxton Road., and asked that he be kept informed about problems, such as fading white lines, within the Parish. Improvements to the A343 were still in the programme.

b. TVBC Councillor. Cllr M. Flood reported that the impact of the Coalition Government's spending cuts on the Borough Council would be clearer in December.

Testway Housing had undertaken to remove the broken seats from the entrance to the Bulbery bungalows.

Cllr Flood had noted the concern over the recent power cut. Southern Electric had indicated a major fault on the main network and problems with overhead cables.

c. AAGA. Mrs W.Davis raised the question of provision of a cycle path between the Garden Centre and the Hexagon. Cllr Gibson undertook to make enquiries of Hampshire Highways.

Mrs. Davis asked whether the Council had received any formal requests for provision of allotments. The Clerk replied in the negative.

AAGA was pursuing lottery funding for the Wildlife Project.

d. Footpaths. Mr. P. Kelly was still concerned about the footpaths between Bulbery and the new school. The Clerk had instructed Trevor Hook to cut back some of the overgrown hedges.

e. Sports Field. Cllr Wilkins reported that asbestos had been found in the damaged ceilings in the Pavilion. It was recommended that these rooms be sealed for the time being.

10/114. Finance.

a. Discussion and adoption of the budget was deferred to the next meeting.

b. **It was resolved** to authorise the following payments: *Pro GW Sec AB*

Cheque No	581	Administration	£718.19
“	582	Webmaster	£240.00
“	583	Andover Mencap	£140.00
“	584	B.Sims: Fuel	£ 25.55
“	585	T.C.Hook	£360.55

It was further resolved that the payment to the Webmaster (Cheque No 582) be authorised under the provisions of section 137 of the Local Government Act 1977.

Pro PW Sec DP

c. It was agreed in principle to assist the P.C.C. with funding for the repair of the Church Clock.

10/115. Correspondence.

a. Bonfires. The Clerk reported on complaints received from Monxton Parish Council about nuisance alleged to have arisen from bonfires at Silver Birch Farm. As this was strenuously denied by the owner it was suggested that the Clerk should contact other possible persons responsible. *Action Clerk*

b. White lines. Cllr Whyte asked that Hampshire highways be requested to renew white lines that had become invisible at, for instance, the corner at the entrance to Manor Close. *Action Clerk*

10/116. Future Meetings . The next meeting was scheduled for 2nd December 2010.

The meeting closed at 9.02 p.m.

Signed

Date