

PARISH COUNCIL OF ABBOTTS ANN

MINUTES

OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2008
IN THE JUBILEE ROOM OF THE WAR MEMORIAL HALL

Present:	Cllr. B.Griffiths, Chairman	Cllr. D.Paffett
	Cllr. G.Whyte, Vice-chairman	Cllr. P.Stanton
	Cllr. D.Alleway	Cllr.S.Oram

In Attendance:		
Mr. A.Stokes	Clerk	Dr.J.Moon (from 8 p.m.)
Mr. D.Downey	Footpaths Officer	

The meeting opened at 7.04 p.m.

1368. Apologies. Apologies were recorded from Cllrs A.Peters, G.Stallard and P.Wilkins.

1369. Minutes. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th September 2008 were confirmed and signed. *Pro PS Sec DP*

1370. Matters Arising.

a. War Memorial Hall Plaque. The Chairman undertook to see to the repainting of the lettering, provided that the correct material could be obtained. *Action Chairman*

b. Telephone Kiosk. The Clerk had forwarded the contract for the “Adopt a Kiosk” scheme to BT, but on hearing from TVBC Planning Service that the deadline had been extended to 31st October, had followed this with a further letter asking that implementation should be delayed pending the result of the consultation. He had protested at the short time allowed for response, the fact that a commitment to a contract was required before the consultation process was completed and the poor state of repair of the kiosk. He had passed these complaints to TVBC Planning Service and to HALC, and the Director of HALC had written strongly to BT in support.

c. Long Vehicles. The Clerk had written to Hampshire Highways requesting a possible re-siting of the notices at St. John’s Cross. Cllr Paffett had spoken to Siteweld Ltd asking them to ensure that drivers of delivery lorries should avoid the village.

1371. Planning.

a. TV No 08/02189/FULLN, 20, Cattle Lane: demolish bungalow and erect new 5-bedroom dwelling. **It was resolved** to object to this application in the same terms as for the applicant’s previous application on grounds of inappropriate size and appearance, including violation of the Council’s policy restricting buildings in Cattle Lane to single-storey design. *Pro GW Sec SO*

b. TV No08/02301/FULLN, Snaefell, Red Rice Road: single-storey side extension. **It was resolved** to register no objection to this application. *Pro SO Sec PS*

c. Note was taken of delegated responses, and of the Planning Service's decision, referrals and appeals as listed in the Appendix to these Minutes.

1372. Clerk's Report.

a. Highway matters. The dangerous kerbstone outside the Eagle had been repaired, and four of the worst potholes on Cattle Lane had been filled in. The Clerk had continued to press Hampshire Highways for action on other problems, including blocked roadside drains and overgrown verges, particularly between St. John's Cross and Bulbery.

b. TVBC Core Strategy. TVBC had approved a new Core Strategy to replace the current Local Plan, with a consultation period from 31st October. Cllrs Peters and Stallard had arranged an exhibition and consultation meeting for Parish Councillors from Abbots Ann and the Clatfords for 24th November at Upper Clatford which all Councillors were urged to attend.

c. Freedom of Information Act. A new Model Publication Plan had been issued by central Government and the Council was obliged to adopt this by the end of the year. The Clerk distributed copies of the Plan to all Councillors for discussion at the next meeting.

d. Lamp-posts. The Clerk was continuing to press for the repair of the faulty lamp-post on Church Path and had enlisted the help of Cllr Woodhall. Cllr Whyte pointed out that the correct title for a lamp-post was a PML (Pole-mounted Luminary).

1373. Organisations.

a. Abbots Ann Action. Dr. Moon presented a summary of the latest developments concerning the development of the Airfield site. The outcome of the pending meeting of the Planning Control Committee could not be predicted; if permission were to be granted a major anxiety would arise from the fact that many conditions designed to protect villages from increased traffic and to relieve congestion on the A 303 could prove to be unenforceable. The Chairman expressed the gratitude of the Council and the whole community for the great amount of voluntary work undertaken by Dr. Moon.

b. Fete Committee. Cllr Whyte reported that the fete had been very successful, but figures for the proceeds were not yet available.

c. Footpaths. Mr Downey reported that the permissive path from the Dell Garage to the top of the Coach Road had become overgrown. The Chairman undertook to contact the landowners. *Action Chairman*

d. Village Shop. As Mrs Whyte was now on the Committee, Cllr Whyte would be in a position to report to the Council in future on matters affecting the Village Shop.

e. War Memorial Hall. Cllr Oram reported that the Nursery School had a new committee which was determined to ensure the Nursery School's viability; the Committee still wished to have an outside equipment store and there were still problems to be resolved concerning the fence. The Chairman undertook to pursue these matters.

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Chairman

1374. Finance.

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

Cheque No	449	Administration	£663.31
“	450	Post Office Ltd (PAYE, NI)	£609.30
“	451	CPRE Subscription (Sec. 137)	£ 28.00
“	452	Andover Mencap	£ 64.00
“	453	HALC, Clerk’s Conference	£ 35.00
“	454	T.C.Hook	£325.00
“	455	K. Saunders, Website (Sec 137)	£240.00
“	456	StopMegasheds (Sec 137)	£300.00*
“	457	B.Sims, Fuel	£ 92.46

*Subject to satisfactory accountability of the StopMegasheds organisation.

Pro SO Sec PS

b. **It was further resolved** that the payments under cheques Nos 452, 455 and 456 were to be made in accordance with the requirements of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Pro GW Sec DP

c. Repairs to the Church Roof. Cllr Alleway reported that the Parochial Church Council was actively seeking external funding for repairs which were likely to cost some £35,000-£40,000; it was too early to name a figure for any contribution from the Parish Council. After discussion it was decided to assure the P.C.C. that the Parish Council would respond positively to an appeal for funds.

d. Budget. The Clerk presented a statement of Account to 30.09.08 and the Council discussed provision for non-routine expenditure for the year 2009-10, possibly to be included in a Contingency Fund to cover capital projects, such as Church roof repairs, War Memorial Hall heating and fencing for the Recreation Ground. The Clerk undertook to produce a forecast for the year 2009-10 as a basis for a decision on the Precept for discussion at the next meeting.

Action Clerk

1375. Correspondence.

a. Bye-laws. It was not considered necessary to respond to a consultation on bye-laws.

b. HCC support for Rural Communities. 52-page consultation document had been notified by HALC as available on the HCC Website. The Clerk was asked to circulate the web address.

c. The Government had produced a “Communities Power Pack” containing elaborate instructions for running public meetings; the Clerk would retain this for possible future reference

d. Testway Housing had issued an invitation for Councillors to attend a presentation on their work. Cllr Alleway was planning to attend.

e. StarEnergy was offering grants for small community projects where parishes were close to the company’s operations. Since these included oilfields at Stockbridge and “Goodworth”, the Clerk undertook to enquire whether this Parish was eligible.

Action Clerk

1376. Other Business.

Telegraph Pole. Cllr Whyte produced photographs of a telegraph pole which had suddenly appeared alongside Chapel Cottage, set into the pavement and thereby not only creating a hazard to pedestrians and narrowing the pavement from 4ft to 3ft wide. Councillors agreed that this was dangerous, and the Clerk was instructed to contact the necessary authorities to request its removal.

Action Clerk

1367. Next Meeting. The next meeting was scheduled for 6th November 2008. Councillors were reminded that the December meeting would be held on Wednesday 10th.

The meeting closed at 9.19 p.m.

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