

PARISH COUNCIL OF ABBOTTS ANN

MINUTES

OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 1ST October 2009
IN THE JUBILEE ROOM

Present: Cllr. B.Griffiths, Chairman Cllr. D.Paffett
 Cllr. D.Alleway Cllr. P.Wilkins
 Cllr. S.Oram

In Attendance:

Mr. A.Stokes, Clerk Cllr. A.Peters, TVBC
Mr.D.Downey, Footpaths Officer Mr.P.Stanton, School Governor
Dr.J.Moon, Abbots Ann Action 5 Members of the Public

The meeting opened at 6.31 p.m.

0994. Apologies. Apologies were recorded from Cllr. G. Whyte; Cllr A. Gibson, HCC; Cllr G.Stallard, TVBC.

0995. Minutes. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd September 2009 were confirmed and signed. *Pro DP Sec DA*

0996. Matters arising.

a. Highway Matters. The Clerk reported that
i. Cllr A.Gibson was taking an active interest in traffic conditions, including traffic calming measures and problems on the A343 and at St.John's Cross,
ii. Statistics from the Police indicated that in the last three years on the Salisbury Road between Kentsboro and the Garden Centre there had been 9 accidents, 2 of which involved serious injury; no injury collisions had been reported at St. John's Cross during that period.
iii. In the draft Test Valley Access Plan recently published, reference had been made to improvements, including a possible roundabout at St. John's Cross, but quoting expenditure at £100,000.

b. Red Rice Road. i. The Clerk had asked the Borough to institute proceedings for the change of name, but had received no response so far. He would send a reminder.

Action Clerk

ii. Dr. A. Shaw, who was assisting in the preparation of the new Village Telephone Book, had pointed out that the change of name would involve special arrangements to avoid delay in publication. She had ascertained that the apparent source of the problems with emergency services was the fact that the only Red Rice Road listed on current Sat Nav databases was the one in Upper Clatford, where post-codes were very similar to those in Abbots Ann. The Clerk was requested to enquire how this could be allowed to happen and how it could be rectified.

Action Clerk

c. Footpath signs. Cllr Alleway had installed new "Walkers Only" signs on Church Path to more robust specification than before. The Chairman undertook to take immediate action on three other signs requiring attention.

Action Chairman

0997. General Discussion.

a. Vacancy for Councillor. In the absence of a demand for a poll, the Clerk was requested to advertise the vacancy on notice-boards and the website asking for names of any would-be candidates for co-option.

Action Clerk

Standing Orders were suspended at 6.48 p.m.

Pro SO Sec PW

b. Red Rice Road. Members of the public emphasised the need for urgent action and questioned the necessity of further consultation on alternatives to the extension of the name of Duck Street to St. John's Cross as put forward by Cllr Peters and Cllr Oram. After extensive discussion it was decided that the Council should

- i. stand by its existing resolution to support the change of name, and
- ii. support the wishes, once clearly established through the Borough's procedures, of a majority of those affected by the change.

c. Manor Close Playing Field. The Clerk had circulated three suggested plans provided by Mr. Barry, HCC. These showed three possible layouts for the area, to include residential development, allotments and an orchard; these were intended to form a starting-point for discussion. In summarising proceedings so far, the Chairman explained that although HCC had suggested a long lease at a peppercorn rent, the security of outright purchase was preferable; the suggested financial arrangements for this appeared not to be beyond the resources of the Parish Council. It was agreed that negotiations should continue.

d. Village "Envelope". The Chairman explained that, as part of its work on the revised Core Strategy, the Borough was asking Parish Councils to provide maps indicating areas in which development might be acceptable within an "envelope". Development outside these areas would not be approved. It was arranged that the Council would finalise the map at a special meeting on 8th October.

Standing Orders were resumed at 7.37 p.m.

0998. Planning.

a. It was resolved to record No Objections to the following applications:

TV No 09/01824/FULLN and 01826/LBWN: 23 Red Rice Road; extension.

Pro SO Sec DP

“ 09/01896/FULLN: Fair Rising; replacement garage with store and study.

Pro PW Sec SO

b. It was noted that permission for minor works at Ash Cottage had been granted.

c. The Clerk distributed part of a draft consultation document on community involvement in planning matters.

0999. Clerk's Report.

The Clerk had established that the Council's property (War Memorial Hall and Sports Field) were not on record with the Land Registry. He asked for assistance in establishing the title to the War memorial Hall and grounds.

09100. Parish Organisations.

a. TVBC Councillor. Cllr Peters mentioned that there were problems for Burghclere Down residents arising from the unadopted lighting and sewage systems; supportive action by the parish Council might be required.

b. Abbots Ann Action. Dr. Moon reported that Network Rail was working on the strengthening of Red Post Bridge. He suggested that HCC be approached about possible improvements to the crossing for safety reasons. *Action Clerk*

Concerning the Airfield Development, Dr. Moon understood that all the Section 106 requirements attached to the original application (involving TESCO) would remain in force for the new application involving the Co-Op. Most aspects of the new application

represented a considerable improvement on the original. Councillors were encouraged to attend a special meeting with the developers and the Co-Op scheduled for October 13th in the Upper Guildhall.

Referring to a possible roundabout at St.John's Cross, Dr. Moon pointed out that this would involve the installation of powerful lighting which might be considered objectionable by some residents.

c. Primary School. Mr. P.Stanton described measures being discussed with HCC for controlling traffic at the site of the new school, which included the possibility (probably rather remote) of a speed-warning sign. The minimum provision would comprise a "School" sign on a square yellow background with flashing amber lights showing at the start and end of the school day, together with coloured road markings.

The Governors would try to ensure that parents maintained a disciplined system and avoid parking on the street, but could not predict success until the school had been in operation for some weeks.

In this connection, the possible provision of "Build-outs" was also discussed.

d. Sports Field. Cllr Wilkins reported that the Bonfire Night was to take place on November 1st. Unfortunately the freezer had been found switched off, resulting in the loss of some £350-worth of stored provisions for the refreshment stall.

e. War Memorial Hall. The Chairman reported that the tendering process for replacement was continuing.

09101. Finance.

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

Cheque No	516	War Mem Hall grant	£1,210.00
"	517	Administration	£ 694.88
"	518	Post Office Ltd, PAYE, NI	£ 597.30
"	519	CPRE Subscription (S137)	£ 29.00
"	520	Andover Mencap	£ 128.00
	521	T.C.Hook	£ 155.00

It was further resolved that the CPRE Subscription (Cheque No 519) was authorised in accordance with Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1977. *Pro SO Sec PW*

b. **It was resolved** to authorise the Clerk to sign the contract for the Street Lighting PFI. *Pro SO Sec PW*

c. The Clerk presented a draft budget statement and forecast for 2010-11. Consideration was deferred to the next meeting.

09101. Correspondence.

a. Test Valley Transport Forum. It was not considered necessary to be represented at the meeting on 16th October.

b. HALC AGM. Detailed Agendas were distributed to those intending to attend.

c. AGM of the CAB. It was not considered necessary to send a representative.

d. CPRE Meeting 11 November. The Clerk was instructed to confirm that at least one Councillor would attend. *Action Clerk*

e. Test Valley Energy Initiative. A “Greening” meeting was to be arranged at Upper Clatford on either 2nd or 3rd November. Cllr Oram would attend on either date.

f. A representative from the Environment Agency had offered to address a Council meeting on problems arising from oil storage facilities. The Clerk was instructed to decline the offer, but to request literature.

Action Clerk

g. The Chairman was interested in attending the next meeting of the Test Valley Association of Parish Councils on 12th November. The Agenda was not yet available.

Action Chairman

09102. Other Business.

a. St. John’s Cross Petition. It had been noted that the petition organised by Mrs. Forrester had been designated as a Parish Council initiative. The Chairman confirmed that he had authorised the relevant wording.

b. Traffic statistics. In connection with the development of the new school, the relocation of military installations to the DLO site and possible alterations to St. John’s Cross, Dr. Moon volunteered to draft a letter to Hampshire Highways requesting the installation of an automatic traffic counting device to the north of the new school entrance on Red Rice Road. *Action Dr. Moon and Clerk*

c. Cllr Oram commented on the obscuring of speed-limit signs by foliage in various locations. The Clerk was asked to notify the Highway Authority. *Action Clerk*

09102. Future Meetings.

The special meeting to discuss the village “envelope” was scheduled for 6.30 p.m. on Thursday 8th October in the Pavilion. The next Council meeting will be on 5th November in the Jubilee Room.

The Meeting closed at 9.38 p.m.

THESE MINUTES REMAIN IN DRAFT FORM UNTIL CONFIRMED AND SIGNED.