

PARISH COUNCIL OF ABBOTTS ANN

MINUTES

OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 7th OCTOBER 2010
IN THE JUBILEE ROOM

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

In Attendance:

Mr. A.Stokes, Clerk, Cllr M.Flood, TVBC, Mr.T.Tayler, Archivist, Mr.P.Kelly, Footpaths Officer, Mrs.W.Davis and Mrs.R.Davis, AAGA and one member of the public.

The meeting opened at 6.30 p.m. .

10100. Apologies. Apologies were recorded from Cllr A. Gibson HCC, Cllr G.Stallard, TVBC and Mr.D.Downey, Neighbourhood Watch

10101. Minutes. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th August 2010 were confirmed and signed. *Pro PW Sec DA*

10102. Matters Arising.

a. Countryside access. HCC had confirmed that there would be opportunities to apply for grants in 2011.

b. Planning breaches. The Clerk was instructed to contact the Planning Service again over possible unauthorised activities in Bulbery and to reinforce the Council's objection to the new retaining wall at the Jasmine Cottage site, which appeared to be a departure from the specification in the original application. *Action Clerk*

10103. Planning.

a. **It was resolved** to register No Objection to the following applications:

i. TV No 10/02126/FULLN: Lane House; rear extension. *Pro PW Sec DA*

ii. “ 10/02217/FULLN: Old Telephone Exchange; conversion to residential occupation. *Pro GW Sec PW*

b. The Clerk was instructed to express the Council's positive support of the application to convert the Old Telephone Exchange. *Action Clerk*

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

d. It was noted with satisfaction that the Planning Inspector had upheld the applicant's appeal in respect of the installation of discreet double glazing in new windows at Shilling Cottage, which is Grade II listed.

e. 20 Cattle Lane. An appeal had been lodged against the refusal of the application for a new dwelling at 20 Cattle Lane. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Inspectorate re-iterating this Council's objection and to emphasise the proposal's incompatibility with the Village Design Statement. *Action Clerk*

f. It was noted without comment that the first of the dwellings completed on the Jasmine Cottage site was to be named "Michaelmas Cottage".

10104. Organisations.

a. TVBC. Cllr Flood reported on improvements to the Planning Service's website.

She had visited the airfield development site and had been impressed with the efficiency and the technology displayed by those companies developing the site.

b. Archives. Mr. Tayler outlined plans for displays in the War Memorial Hall and for occasional articles in the Parish Magazine.

c. Footpaths. Mr. Kelly reported that the broken stile on Footpath 11 had been repaired. Other paths were subject to overgrown hedges and he was concerned about possible encroachment from fencing, particularly in the Bulbery area.

d. Primary School. Mrs. R. Davis reported that 100 visitors had been shown round the new premises. The Chairman expressed disappointment that the Parish Council had not so far received an invitation. Mrs. Davis assured the meeting that Councillors would be welcome as soon as a date could be arranged with the Clerk *Action Clerk*

Mrs Davis also undertook to obtain clarification of the question of representation of the School at Parish Council meetings. *Action Mrs. Davis*

e. Sports Field. Cllr Wilkins reported that the roof of the pavilion was deteriorating rapidly, and the situation was complicated by the possible presence of asbestos. A technical survey was under way, and no decisions could be made until this was completed.

10105. Finance.

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

Cheque No	575	Administration	£728.55
"	576	P.O.Ltd. (PAYE & NI)	£604.02
"	577	Andover Mencap	£ 70.00
"	578	HCC: Street Lighting	£179.67
"	579	CPRE : Sub (Sec 137)	£ 29.00
"	580	B. Sims: Fuel	£ 29.50

Pro PW Sec SO

b. **It was resolved** that the subscription to CPRE (Cheque No 579) be authorised under the provisions of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1977. *Pro SO Sec PW*

c. **It was resolved** that the Clerk's hours of work be increased by up to 1.25 hours per week for the remainder of the current financial year. *Pro PW Sec AB*

d. The Clerk reported that the Audit Commission had completed the audit of the Council's accounts without comment.

e. The Clerk presented a draft Budget for 2011-12 for consideration at the next meeting.

10106. Correspondence

a. HALC. The Agenda for the AGM of HALC on 23rd October had been received. Cllrs Griffiths, Oram and Paffett were to attend.

b. Highway Matters. The Clerk was awaiting a reply to his request for traffic monitoring on Cattle Lane and for attention to the surface of Church Road.

c. Manor Close. Mr. Barry had taken note of the application for the Manor Close playing field to be registered as Village Green. With regret, therefore, he had had to put on hold the plan for the part or all of the field to be sold or leased to the Parish Council.

10107. General.

a. AAGA Report. Mrs. W. Davis presented the report of the AAGA, copies of which had been previously circulated. The main issues arising were:

i. Community consultation. AAGA was considering holding a community-led consultation in the Parish covering sustainability issues; it was suggested that such a consultation could be the first step in the preparation of a Parish Plan. The Council had no objection in principle to the circulation of a questionnaire, but was not at present intending to proceed to a Parish Plan.

ii. Allotments. AAGA was interested in the possible provision of allotments, but understood the problem of obtaining suitable land if the Manor Close field was unavailable.

iii. Open Spaces. Attention was drawn to the new scheme for protection of recreational open spaces under the heading of Queen Elizabeth II Playing Fields. The Clerk was actively pursuing the issue of the protection of the Sports Field and the Recreation Ground with the Land Registry; it was not clear whether the QEII scheme offered any further protection.

iv. Projects. It was considered particularly important to involve young people in appropriate projects, and liaison with the Primary School had been very encouraging. For instance children had been busy producing posters for the forthcoming Apple Day planned for October 17th following the Harvest Thanksgiving and Lunch. Further projects under consideration included wildlife walks and hedgerow surveys.

v. Cycle Path. The possibility of the creation of a cycle path between the Garden Centre and the Hexagon was discussed.

The Chairman expressed the Council's appreciation of the enthusiasm and hard work already put in by AAGA.

b. Grit Bins. Concern had been expressed about the need for grit bins at the top of Hillside and elsewhere to improve accessibility in severe weather. It was understood that Cllr Gibson could arrange for two bins to be allocated. Cllr Oram asked if consideration could be given to a third bin at the entrance to Bulbery.
Action Clerk

c. Waste land. It was considered desirable to establish the ownership and development potential of the derelict area between Abbots Hill and Penny Path.

Action Clerk

10108. Next Meeting. The next meeting was scheduled for 4th November 2010.

The Meeting closed at 8.58 p.m.

Signed

Date