

# *PARISH COUNCIL OF ABBOTTS ANN*

## **MINUTES**

OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON THURSDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2009  
IN THE JUBILEE ROOM

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

In Attendance:

Mr. A.Stokes, Clerk Cllr. A.Peters, TVBC  
Cllr. G.Stallard, TVBC Mr.D.Downey, Footpaths Officer  
Mr.T.Tayler, Archivist 6 Members of the Public

*The meeting opened at 6.32 p.m.*

**0985. Apologies.** Apologies were recorded from Cllr. A.Gibson, HCC, and Cllr. G.Stallard, TVBC.

**0986. Minutes.** The Minutes of the Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2009 were confirmed and signed. *Pro DP Sec DA*

**0987. Matters Arising.**

a. Since nothing had been heard from HCC, the Clerk was instructed to ask Mr. Barry for a progress report. *Action Clerk*

b. Church Path. i. The Chairman undertook to remove the old “No Cycling” notice from the eastern end of Church Path, and Cllr Alleway undertook to fix the replacement notice at the western end. *Action Chairman and Cllr Alleway*

ii. The Chairman reported that Mr. Paul Barham had repaired the church-yard railings and had removed the hazardous metal fixing at the site of the old WI seat. Mr. Barham had also been asked to undertake work on the barriers as previously discussed.

c. Salisbury Road. Mrs. Forrester was planning to start work in September on the petition for reduction of traffic hazards on the Salisbury Road, including provision of a roundabout at St. John’s Cross. It was suggested that contact be made with other Parish Councils, including the Clatfords, with a view to obtaining their support. The Clerk was also instructed to ask the Police for statistics of accidents on the A 343. *Action Chairman and Clerk*

d. Local Government Act. The Clerk had been in correspondence with HALC about the proposed amendments. It appeared that the National Association of Local Councils had expressed its support for the proposals despite the opposition of County Associations. The Clerk was requested to write to Sir George Young expressing the Council’s concern. *Action Clerk*

**0988. Red Rice Road: Re-naming.**

**It was resolved** to suspend Standing Orders at 6.35 p.m. *Pro DA Sec PW*  
Mrs. Cherry Irwin reported that she had circulated a questionnaire to the residents of all 35 properties on Red Rice Road. 80% of residents had responded; only one opposed a change of name (equivalent to 3%) and 94% favoured applying the name of Duck Street to the whole length of road from St.John's Cross to the junction with Cattle Lane.

An encouraging reply to Mrs. Irwin's preliminary approach to TVBC had been received. Cllr Peters explained the formal procedures required. He also warned of the possibility that applying a single name to the whole road could encourage an increase in through traffic and could involve house re-numbering, together with other cautionary considerations. Cllr Stanton assured the Council that the School would have an ongoing policy of discouraging parents from driving through the village.

**It was resolved** to request the Borough Council to activate the procedure for changing the name of Red Rice Road. *Pro GW Sec PW*

*Standing Orders were resumed at 7.14 p.m.*

*Cllr Peters left at 7.21 p.m.*

**0989. Planning.**

a. TV No 09.01675/FULLN: Belmont, rear and side extensions. **It was resolved** to register No Objection to this application. *Pro SO Sec GW*

b. Note was taken of delegated responses and of decisions by the TVBC Planning Service as listed in the Appendix to these Minutes.

**0990. Finance. It was resolved** to authorise the following payments:

Cheque No.	510	Administration	£668.23
"	511	Audit Commission	£327.75
"	512	W.M.H.Committee	£155.48
"	513	Andover Mencap	£128.00
"	514	B.Sims, Fuel	£ 35.30
"	515	T.C.Hook	£378.21

*Pro GW Sec PW*

**0991. Correspondence.**

a. Rural Services Network. Submissions were being requested for inclusion in a Rural Manifesto. The Council was not minded to respond.

b. TVBC Core Strategy. TVBC had withdrawn the original draft document; consultation on a revised version was planned for 2010.

c. The Clerk circulated a further letter addressed by Dr. Moon to the Local Government Ombudsman about the handling of the Andover Airfield application by the TVBC Planning Service.

d. A letter had been received from Mrs. S. McCormick referring to her request about the placing of her family's inscriptions on the stones in the Garden of Remembrance and thanking the Council for its sympathetic response.

d. AGM of HALC. The Chairman, Cllr Oram and Cllr Paffett were planning to attend the meeting in Winchester on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2009. *Attention BG, SO, DP*

e. "Healthier Hampshire". A questionnaire on the topic had been received from HCC. Cllr Oram undertook to respond. *Action Cllr Oram*

**0992. Other Business.**

a. Vacancy for Councillor. The Chairman expressed the Council's appreciation of the valuable contribution to the Council and to the Parish of Cllr Stanton, and a **Vote of Thanks was carried by acclaim.** The Clerk was instructed to make the necessary arrangements for filling the vacancy. *Action Clerk*

b. John Hanson School Presentation. Cllr Paffett undertook to make the presentation on behalf of the Council on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2009. *Action Cllr Paffett*

c. Footpaths. At the request of Mr. Downey, the Chairman undertook to clear overhanging vegetation at the eastern end of Little Ann Road; he would also ask the landowners to clear the permissive footpath between the southern end of Penny Path and the southern end of the Old Coach Road. *Action*

*Chairman*

d. Fun Ride. Cllr Wilkins gave the date of the Fun Ride as 4<sup>th</sup> October.

e. HGV Sign at St. John's Cross. Cllr Whyte mentioned that drivers of heavy lorries approaching St. John's Cross from the Salisbury direction were still unable to see the "Unsuitable for HGVs" sign at the entrance to Red Rice Road. The Clerk was asked to remind TVBC about this problem. *Action Clerk*

f. Village "Envelope". After discussion it was decided to hold a special meeting on September 29<sup>th</sup> to finalise the Council's response to TVBC's request to designate areas where development should not be permitted. *Attention all Councillors*

**0993. Next Meeting.** The next meeting was scheduled for 1<sup>st</sup> October at 6.30 p.m. The special meeting on the Core Strategy consultation was scheduled for 29<sup>th</sup> September; venue to be notified.

*The meeting closed at 8.28 p.m.*

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