

PARISH COUNCIL OF ABBOTTS ANN**MINUTES**

OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
 HELD ON THURSDAY 2nd September 2010
 IN THE JUBILEE ROOM

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

In Attendance:

Mr.A.Stokes, Clerk, Cllr. M.Flood TVBC, Mr.D.Downey, Neighbourhood Watch and 2 Members of the Public.

The meeting opened at 6.30 p.m. .

1089. Remembrance. As a mark of respect and appreciation for their outstanding service to the community, a minute's silence was observed in memory of Cllr David Kirk and former Cllr Pat Pierce, recently deceased. Cards of condolence for their families were to be circulated by the Chairman for signature by members of the Council.

1090. Apologies. Apologies were recorded from Cllr A. Gibson HCC, Cllr G.Stallard TVBC, Cllr D. Oram, Mr.T.Tayler, Archivist, Mr.P.Kelly, Footpaths Officer and Mrs.W.Davis, AAGA.

1091. Minutes. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th August 2010 were confirmed as amended and signed. *Pro GW Sec AB*

1092. Matters arising.

Footpaths On the basis of grants being available from HCC it was suggested that improvements could be made to the path from Duck Street to the Manor Close Playing Field, the path from Bulbery to the new school and Pitt's Path. The Clerk warned that the deadline was probably too short for the current round of grants, but was asked to work on these suggestions with the Footpaths Officer. *Action Clerk and Mr. Kelly*

1093. Planning.

a. Application no 10/1938/FULLN. **It was resolved** to register No Objection to this application. *Pro AB Sec PW*
 b. Note was taken of delegated responses and decisions of the Planning Service.

1094. Clerk's Report.

a. Music Licences. Legislation was pending for requiring small non-profit organisations such as village halls to pay fees for playing recorded music.
 b. Good Neighbour Award. Mr. Mike Butt was to receive a Good Neighbour Award from HCC at a ceremony at Winchester Castle on 22nd September. The Council wished to record its congratulations to Mr. Butt and appreciation for his sterling work as Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator.
 c. Computer. As the computer provided for the Clerk was approaching the end of its useful life, the Clerk and Cllr. Whyte were requested to consider the options for its replacement, with a budget in the order of £500. *Action Clerk and Cllr Whyte*

1095. Organisations.

a. TVBC. Cllr. M.Flood reported that TVBC was working on revised plans for new housing following the abolition of Regional Authorities. Overall the result was likely to be a reduction in the total number of new houses in the Andover area.

TVBC was consulting widely on the problem of abandoned supermarket trolleys. This was not considered to be a matter of great concern for Abbotts Ann.

b. Archivist. Mr.T.Tayler had informed the Clerk that he had attended a re-union of former parishioners and village school pupils on 24th July, where he had obtained photographs and reminiscences. He had answered three family enquiries, and was booked to show a party round the Church and to address the WI. He was working on a catalogue of archival material and was looking into the implications of copyright laws for any publication of such material.

c. Footpaths. Mr.P.Kelly had reported by email. He had walked all footpaths during August. He reminded the Council that the permissive path from the A343 to the southern end of the Coach Road needed to be cleared. The Chairman undertook to contact the landowners.

Action Chairman

He had contacted Mr. Peter Watson, HCC, about a missing horizontal sign Footpath 15A and had noted a broken fence post at the stile near the Wyevale roundabout.

Cllr Paffett expressed concern that barbed wire along the Church Path fence could cause injury. The Chairman undertook to contact the landowners. *Action Chairman*

It was pointed out that the fingerpost at the western end of Church Path pointing to the Church was blank on its northern side. The Chairman and Clerk were asked to take appropriate action.

Action Chairman and Clerk

d. Sports Field. Mr. B..Sims had reported that cars were being driven on the Sports Field having gained access from The Drove. It was suggested that the barrier of logs could be moved so as to block this access.

Mr. Sims and others were concerned at the continuing problem of dog-fouling on the field and The Drove. Car-owners had been seen parking at the Old People's bungalows and letting dogs loose on the field. It was suggested that a "Residents' Only" parking sign could be installed there.

In view of the incorrigible irresponsibility of some dog-owners Councillors agreed that their power to reduce dog-fouling in public places was severely limited.

e. Sustainability Group (AAGA). The Clerk circulated a report from Mrs. W. Davis. The group had adopted a written constitution, and had obtained a grant of £700 from TVBC to cover running costs.

Current projects included representation at the Village Fete and planning of an Apple Day in conjunction with the Harvest Festival and involving the school and the WI.

Ideas for future action included a village consultation on 'green' issues, possibly as part of a Parish Plan; community projects such as 'Waste Watchers'; involvement in wildlife surveys; suggestions for new footpaths/cycle tracks; participation in Prince William's plans to safeguard public playing fields as part of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations. Councillors undertook to study these proposals and to discuss them more fully with Mrs. Davis at a later meeting.

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f. Village Shop. Cllr Whyte reported that the Manager, Mrs. Heather, was still recovering from a foot operation. Her deputy, Mrs. Murphy, was running the shop with the help of volunteers. The Clerk was asked to send a message of thanks to all those involved and to wish Mrs. Heather a speedy recovery.

Action Clerk

1096. Finance.

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

Cheque No	572	Administration	£669.78
"	573	Andover Mencap	£ 70.00
	574	B.Sims: Fuel	£ 27.00

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b. Section 106 grants. The Clerk presented a schedule of sums held by TVBC under Section 106. Cllr Wilkins, for the Sports Field Committee, undertook to consider acquiring some more adventurous play equipment from those funds earmarked for recreational facilities.

Action Cllr Wilkins

As £3,745 was available for improvements to the transport system, it was suggested that the Chairman and Clerk should investigate the possibility of constructing one or more "build-outs" to control the speed of vehicles using village streets.

Action Chairman and Clerk

c. Small Grants Scheme. The Clerk was asked to obtain clarification of the scope of these grants.

Action Clerk

d. Budget for 2011-12. Councillors were asked to consider whether any projects involving major expenditure were likely to arise in the next financial year, for discussion at the next meeting.

1097. Correspondence.

a. Radar guns. P.C.Jewell had sent an email reporting that local officers were to receive training in the use of radar guns for the detection of speeding vehicles. Since public funding for these was unlikely to be forthcoming, he asked whether local Parish Councils would be willing to contribute towards the cost. **It was resolved** to offer financial support in the order of the suggested £100.

Pro PW Sec DA

b. A resident had asked for the investigation of possible breaches of planning regulations in Bulbery. The Clerk was instructed to contact Testway Housing and the Enforcement Officer requesting action.

Action Clerk

1098. General.

a. Highway matters.

i. In view of the unacceptably poor condition of the surface of Church Road along its entire length (quite apart from individual pot-holes), it was agreed that continued pressure be brought to bear on the Hampshire Highways for a proper resurfacing operation to be carried out.

Action Chairman and Clerk

ii. Although the installation of islands had improved traffic discipline on the A343, it was still considered desirable that traffic lights should be installed at St. John's Cross.

iii. It was also considered important to continue to ask Hampshire Highways to arrange for the moving of the telegraph poles which obstruct visibility at the exit from the direction of Red Rice, particularly the one on the Salisbury side..

iv. In view of current and impending increases in traffic along Cattle Lane, it was decided to ask for a traffic count there, to form a starting-point for future statistics.

v. Several very large lorries had been observed in the village trying to reach the premises of Siteweld. Cllr Paffett undertook to contact Siteweld.

Action Cllr Paffett

b. Planning. Cllr Wilkins drew attention to the stone cladding being applied to the new dwellings at Jasmine Cottage, and asked the Clerk to check whether this was in accordance with the original application.

Action Clerk

1099. Next Meeting. The next meeting was scheduled for 7th October 2010.

The meeting closed at 8.24 p.m.

Signed

Date