

**ABBOTTS ANN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 30th JULY 2015
7.00PM AT THE PAVILION, BULBERRY SPORTS FIELD**



Present: Parish Councillors Griffiths (Chairman), Mrs E Howard (Vice Chairman), B Sims, Mrs S Coffey, Mrs B Deacon, Mrs S Bleeker, A Hayter, Borough Councillor Mrs Flood

Members of the Public: Eight

Minutes: Mrs A Taylor – Locum Clerk

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	<p>£2561.60p.</p> <p>RESOLUTION: Cllr Hayter proposed the purchase and siting of a defibrillator at the Poplar Farm Inn. Cllr Mrs Bleeker seconded, all agreed except Cllr Mrs Coffey who abstained.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Bleeker will make enquiries into a suitable supplier of the defibrillator and necessary cabinet and liaise with the Locum Clerk to process.</p> <p>Cllr Hayter is to make arrangements for training sessions to be held within the village.</p> <p>Locum Clerk will provide confirmation to the previous Clerk that the PC will purchase and install the defibrillator as per his wish and thank him for his generous donation.</p>	SB AH CLERK
7.	<p>Cllrs to discuss the development of a strategy for responding to planning applications or pre-planning communications:</p> <p>This item was deferred to allow for item 9 to be brought forward.</p>	
8.	<p>Cllrs to propose any comments to be submitted to TVBC following the Parking Restriction Review to Anna, Harrow Way and Millway Wards:</p> <p>The consultation relates to the proposal of yellow lines at the entrance to Criswick Close and Bulbery, and yellow lines at Burghclere Down in close proximity to the schools.</p> <p>Cllr Griffiths was of the opinion the proposed works for Burghclere Down would alleviate parking issues experienced by residents here.</p> <p>In relation to the proposals for Duck Street, Abbotts Ann, Cllr Griffiths expressed concerns that the suggestion of yellow lines would not alleviate the current parking problems. Safety issues have not been resolved and a request was made for the Parish Council to meet with the TVBC Engineering Team.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Deacon agreed that a meeting would be beneficial as the system that was to have been previously implemented following the relocation of the school, is not currently being utilised.</p> <p>RESOLTUION: Cllr Mrs Howard proposed requesting a meeting with TVBC Engineering team to discuss the matter on site during the school hours to enable sighting of the current traffic volumes and issues. Cllr Sims seconded, all agreed. Locum Clerk to arrange.</p>	
9.	<p>Councillors to discuss Abbotts Ann Vision Housing Project Guest Speaker: Brian Cowcher, Test Valley Borough Council</p> <p>Ray Lucas, Abbotts Ann Vision welcomed Brian Cowcher to the meeting. Mr Lucas briefed the Council that the previous members had commissioned Abbotts Ann Vision to produce a housing need survey.</p> <p>He noted that there may be concerns by some that such a survey could have a negative effect in relation to a recent outline application for a site within the Parish. The survey would not justify the need of a large number of houses.</p> <p>Right to Buy – The government propose an extension to the rights to tenants of housing association. There is no detail as of yet.</p> <p>Mr Lucas requested the Parish Council resolved to support the production of a housing needs questionnaire.</p> <p>Mr Cowcher briefed the Cllrs about the issues and options relating to Affordable Housing and what considerations should be made to meet the needs of the village and identifying what those needs are. Particular Planning Policies and</p>	

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	<p>planning approaches were detailed for the Cllrs information. He also advised the intention of TVBC was to adopt the Local Plan during the early part of 2016.</p> <p>Mr Lucas gave details about what a housing needs survey would entail and what information the results obtained could provide to the Council.</p> <p>The information presented to the Cllrs was considered and debated upon. Cllrs made the decision to hear the views of the public before passing resolution.</p>	NOTE
4	<p>Public Participation</p> <p>This item had been deferred to allow the public to hear the details from Mr Lucas and Mr Cowcher.</p> <p>A member of the public enquired how the survey was carried out. Mr Lucas informed that the questionnaire is in two parts. The first invites a general opinion from parishioners, to obtain whether there is desirability for a small community development. Then those members with a belief they have a family member with housing need, they complete the second stage.</p> <p>A member of the public enquired whether any developers would need to bring infrastructure into the parish.</p> <p>Mr Cowcher advised any development would include a planning agreement, whether it is traffic management, open space or a contribution to affordable housing.</p> <p>A member of the public enquired whether a large development would account for increase to village traffic. Mr Cowcher advised that applicants would need to include assessments for such issues within planning proposals.</p> <p>A member of the public enquired what the timescale would be before a decision is passed on applications. Mr Cowcher advised there is a standard process in place to deal with all applications in the same manner.</p> <p>A member of the public enquired the status of the gate on the Manor Field. Cllr Griffiths advised the gate is currently locked to protect the site from travellers. Public access should be made available to the site and this is a matter to be reviewed.</p> <p>It is understood the gate was locked when the school moved to the new site. There is a specification for a new wooden wicket gate.</p> <p>RESOLUTION: As the cost of a wicket gate would be below £500.00, it was unanimously agreed to purchase and install the gate as soon as possible. Cllr Griffiths to provide the relevant details to the Clerk for processing.</p> <p>Members of the public and Mr Cowcher left the meeting at 8.30pm. Mr Cowcher was thanked for his attendance.</p> <p>Borough Cllr Mrs Flood advised that the play equipment at Burghclere Down is due to be refurbished. She enquired whether the Parish Council would consider, in the future, a donation of signage at the play parks.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Flood also advised the A303 is due to be resurfaced, which will be carried out during August, with quieter surfacing. It was advised the car park at the train station will be closed for a number of months for refurbishment, works of which were by South West Trains, not TVBC.</p>	BG / CLERK
9	Item 9 was returned to allow the Cllrs to pass a resolution now public	NOTE

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	<p>comments had been considered. Further debate was held to allow Cllrs to consider the facts that had been presented to them in relation to the housing needs survey.</p> <p>RESOLUTION: Cllr Mrs Bleeker proposed deferring the item until TVBC have adopted the Local Plan. Cllr Hayter seconded, 2 Cllrs voted for, 2 voted against. Majority vote means it was resolved to defer until the adoption of the Local Plan.</p>	NOTE
7	<p>Cllrs to discuss the development of a strategy for responding to planning applications or pre-planning communications: Cllr Hayter drafted a number of options how best the Parish Council should response to planning applications and pre planning communications for Cllrs consideration.</p> <p>Cllr Griffiths was of the opinion that the Parish Council is not qualified to advise an applicant on the planning applications. TVBC are the principal planning authority.</p> <p>RESOLUTION: Cllr Hayter proposed the Parish Council refuse to engage with applicants prior to the receipt of a formal application. On receipt of a formal application the Parish Council will provide parishioners notification of the application by village email and noticeboards outlining the approach which will be taken. Cllr Mrs Deacon seconded, all agreed.</p> <p>Clerk to draft a formal point of reference and template.</p>	NOTE CLERK

Meeting closed at 9.09pm