

**PARISH COUNCIL OF ABBOTTS ANN
MINUTES**

OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 1ST MARCH 2012
IN THE JUBILEE ROOM

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

In Attendance:

Mr. A. Stokes, Cllr. M. Flood, TVBC; Mr. D. Downey, NHW; Mrs. W. Davis, AAGA; one member of the public.

The meeting opened at 6.35 p.m., Cllr. Whyte in the Chair. The Chairman presided from 6.40 p.m.

12/20. Apologies. Apologies were recorded from Cllr. A. Gibson, HCC; Cllr. G. Stallard, TVBC; Mr. P. Kelly, Footpaths Officer; Mr.T.Tayler, Archivist.

12/21. Minutes. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd February 2012 were confirmed and signed. *Pro DP Sec BS*

12/22. Matters Arising.

a. TVAPC. Cllr Sims had attended the meeting on 9th February. He commented that many of those attending agreed with him that the Agenda included too many items, causing a considerable over-run of the time-schedule. Several members had left before the end of business.

b. Traffic calming. The Council agreed with Mr. S. Nightingale, Traffic Engineer for Hampshire Highways, who had suggested that the Village Sign on Duck Street should be relocated close to the first build-out on Duck Street and that there should be no priority signs at the build-outs. The Clerk was to inform him accordingly. *Action Clerk*

c. Road signs. The authorities had been notified of the problems concerning signs At St. John's Cross and in Cattle Lane. Not for the first time a car had failed to stop at the junction with Red Post Lane and Cattle Lane and had to be towed out of the brook.

The developers of the Airfield site were in the process of erecting a large sign directing lorries from Hundred Acre Corner to the entrance.

12/23. Planning.

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

TV No 11/02741/FULLN: 35 Monxton Road. Retention of outbuilding.

Pro PW Sec BS

TV No 12/00199/FULLN: Bulbery. Provision of extra parking for southern bungalows.

Pro PW Sec SO

TV No 12/00341/FULLN: Pinchbeck Car Sales. Conversion of canopy to showroom.

Pro GE Sec BS

b. TV No 12/00268/CLEN: Willow Farm. Certificate of Lawful Use for outbuildings. This was a notification from the Planning Service, requiring a response only if current use was not as described. The contents were noted.

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c. TV No 11/01058/FULLN. It was noted that Mr. S. Haggas's appeal against refusal had been dismissed. He still had permission to build under another application.

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

e. Work on listed buildings. Some months ago Cllr Whyte had noticed repair work being undertaken on The Cottage, and had warned the owners that, because this was a listed building, planning permission was required. It was noted that retrospective permission had now been granted. The Clerk was asked to mention this requirement in the newsletter.

Action Clerk

f. It had been noticed that several branches had been removed from trees in the Nature Reserve area of the Burial Ground and a Buddleia had been cut down. Investigations by the Chairman and others had failed to discover the perpetrator, for which no authorisation or permission had been granted. As this took place on Council property within the Conservation Area, it was important to be clear that the Council was not responsible for unauthorised tree-work. The Chairman and Clerk would continue to investigate.

Action Chairman and Clerk

12/23. Organisations.

a. Borough Councillor. Cllr Flood reported that the Borough had had to make savings of £2.6 million, but had frozen Council Tax.

The new and much improved website was now running, but comments would still be welcomed.

The consultation process for the Core Strategy was proceeding. More responses had been received from rural areas than from Andover itself.

b. AAGA. Mrs.W.Davis observed that Green issues were not given prominence on the TVBC website, and asked that references to these could be made easier to find. Cllr. Flood undertook to look into this.

c. Footpaths. The Clerk raised the question of the hedges alongside the footpath at the edge of the Manor Close Field which were so overgrown that it was impossible to walk on the actual path, which extended only 2 metres in width from the fence. The Chairman undertook to approach the appropriate agencies.

Action Chairman

d. Neighbourhood Watch. Mr. D. Downey drew attention to the number of telephone and computer "scams" about which the Police had been issuing warnings.

e. Sports Field. Cllr Wilkins reported on plans for a 10 km run on March 26th in support of the Pavilion Fund.

f. War Memorial Hall. Cllr Stallard had asked the Clerk to mention that the soakaways at the Hall needed to be inspected, as they appeared to be choked. The Clerk was asked to organise this.

Action Clerk

12/24. Finance.

a. **It was resolved** to authorise the following payments: *Pro GW Sec SO*

Cheque No 663	Administration	£707.71
" 664	Enham	£ 88.00
" 666	Andover Garden Machinery	£160.61
" 668	TVBC: Election expenses	£ 37.57

b. It was noted that Cheque No 661 was cancelled.

c. **It was resolved** to provide a guarantee in the sum of £1,500, for expenses to be incurred in celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, in addition to the sum already voted.

Pro GW Sec BS

12/25 Correspondence.

a. Red Post Bridge. The Clerk drew attention to an anonymous letter published in the Andover Advertiser deploring the installation of the traffic lights at Red Post Bridge, to which the Chairman had replied.

b. The Clerk distributed copies of data from the Electoral Register, as requested by the organisers of the Jubilee celebrations and the Community Consultation.

12/26. Other Business.

a. Jubilee Celebrations. Cllr Oram reported on the formation of an informal group of parishioners volunteering to take on responsibility for various projects. Plans for many of these were well under way. The Clerk distributed the minutes of the meeting held on 27th February.

b. Community Consultation. The Chairman reported that he was aware of the danger of drawing too heavily on the resources of willing volunteers in view of the urgency of getting plans for the Jubilee under way. But he was intending to call an informal meeting on April 4th in order to maintain interest in the project, bearing in mind that the process could take up to three years to complete.

c. Annual Assembly. The Clerk reminded Councillors that this was to be held on Friday 30th March at 7 p.m. in the War Memorial Hall.

d. Cllr Oram suggested that there should be regular village clean-ups. It was observed that the main litter problems did not seriously affect the village centre as opposed to roadside verges elsewhere in the Parish. The Chairman was to raise the matter at the Annual Assembly. *Action Chairman*

e. Attention was drawn to the continuing work on car repairs at Bulbery. This had previously been reported to the Enforcement Officer and to Testway Housing with no result. It was felt that further action should be taken, as the activity appeared to constitute the carrying on of a business in contravention of planning regulations. The Clerk undertook to alert the authorities again. *Action Clerk*

f. Cllr Sims asked the Clerk to report a damaged kerbstone. *Action Clerk*

g. Cllr Whyte reported on an incident on March 1st at 14.40 involving very low flying by a Apache helicopter heading northwards over The Drove. The Clerk was asked to take the matter up with the authorities at Middle Wallop. *Action Clerk*

12/27. Meeting Dates. The next meeting was scheduled for 5th April. The meeting previously arranged on 26th April was cancelled. There would be meetings on May 3rd and 22nd, with no meeting in June.

Signed

Date