

**ABBOTTS ANN PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes from the Meeting held on**  
**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 19:00**  
**at War Memorial Hall, Abbots Ann**



Present: Parish Councillors A Hayter (Chairman), T Abram (Vice Chairman)  
Mrs S Bleeker, M Doherty, Mrs L Haigh, C Teasdale, D Wells.  
Borough Councillor G Stallard, County Councillor A Gibson.

Members of the Public: 9

Minutes: Mrs C L Cotterell (Clerk)

Before the meeting started the Chairman gave tribute to Bernard Griffiths, he said "It is with sadness that we note the passing of Bernard Griffiths. Bernard was a Parish Councillor for 37 years and Chairman for 27 years. Bernard was always keen to promote Abbots Ann as a friendly village and keen to maintain its small rural village feel. His funeral will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019".

Meeting started 19.01

AGENDA ITEM		ACTION
<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> Apologies were received from Borough Cllr Flood.	<b>NOTED</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> – Cllr Bleeker declared an interest in items 7b and 7e. Cllr Haigh declared an interest in item 7e.	<b>NOTED</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Cllrs to agree the minutes to be an accurate record of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019.</b> Cllrs approved an amendment to Item 9b to add the wording "Reserve will be 50% of operational spend and the remainder for projects" - Proposed Cllr Abram, seconded Cllr Bleeker, all agreed.	
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Actions/Updates to be reported</b></p> <p><u>Actions from meeting held on 10.01.2019</u></p> <p>Item 7b – Extension requested with TVBC on expiry date of 25/1/19 for 19/00013/TREEN – White Smocks. Although the Planning Officer can't extend the expiry date he has confirmed he is aware of the public interest in tree applications at this property.</p> <p>Item 9a – Contacted Andover Town Council regarding the defibrillator and dog bin at Burghclere Down – Agenda item.</p> <p>Item 10 – Contacted Cllr Gibson regarding the application to adopt Old Coach Road as a Right of Way.</p> <p><u>Updates:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Play area remedial works – Expecting confirmation of a site visit soon to complete the grassmat works and completion of the refurbishment of benches at The Green.</li> <li>• Fence posts/gate post at WMH are due to be replaced week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019.</li> <li>• Notice received of an increase to hall hire charges with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019 – for regular users this will be £7.00 per hour.</li> <li>• Comments were received that the bonfire site at Bulbery had pieces of metal and debris remaining – this has now been cleared and have requested that future bonfire events are cleared as soon as possible after the event.</li> <li>• TVBC are running an information event about the May elections – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at Stockbridge Town Hall at 5.30pm – Please let Clerk know if you wish to attend so numbers can be provided.</li> <li>• An email received from WMH requesting confirmation of responsibility for clearing snow/ice from hall car park – Cllr Stallard suggested the new caretaker for the hall may be willing to take on some extra duties – Agreed that Cllr Stallard will approach the caretaker on behalf of the PC.</li> <li>• Noticeboards – Cllrs received an update that 4 of the 5 noticeboards need replacement caps and headers as they are rotten and cannot be refurbished. The cost for replacements are £70.00, £169.25, £209.25 and £229.25, the original quotation will be amended to remove the refurbishment cost of the caps and header boards – The revised cost was approved – Proposed Cllr Haigh, seconded Cllr Wells, all agreed. Cllr Haigh to confirm the revised quotation.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Cllr Stallard</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Cllr Haigh</b></p>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Public Participation</b> -<i>This item will be limited to 15 minutes, unless directed otherwise by the Chairman.</i></p> <p>4 residents requested to speak on the planning item 7e, the Chairman agreed they could speak when the item was discussed.</p>	
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Borough and County Councillor Reports</b></p> <p>Cllr Gibson reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Residents at Abbots Hill have requested additional salt bin or relocation of the existing bin – Cllr Gibson will update the outcome.</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A343 speed – HCC Highways have refused to change the speed limit.</li> <li>• Proposed Council Tax increase of 2.99% for HCC will be voted on at full Council.</li> <li>• HCC will support their European national employees with Brexit documentation.</li> <li>• Lack of Highways gritting by a school near to A31 caused the school to close during the snow on 1<sup>st</sup> February.</li> <li>• There is a proposal to turn off street lighting in Hampshire between 1am and 4am</li> <li>• ANPR update – HCC are saying the new development will have the same constraints as previous development – Cllr Gibson will speak to Stuart Morton and update the PC.</li> <li>• Old Coach Road Right of Way application – there are a large number of applications for RoW in Hampshire – Cllr Gibson will contact John Moon and arrange to visit with him before contacting the RoW Officer.</li> <li>• Andover Library has reopened.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Stallard reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was a strong team effort between the Fire Service/TVBC/HCC to deal with the recent Ocado fire. Feedback from residents was very positive for TVBC.</li> <li>• Leisure Centre will reopen on time in April, date to be announced.</li> <li>• Snow on 1<sup>st</sup> February meant that waste collections were abandoned but was all caught up by the following Tuesday.</li> <li>• Confirmation that TVBC will be entering Purdah towards the end of March.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Gibson left the meeting at 19.34</p>	
<b>7</b>	<p><b>Planning and Tree Work applications – Cllrs to propose responses to be submitted to TVBC relating to the following applications: Proposed Cllr Abram, seconded Cllr Teasdale.</b></p> <p>Cllrs to propose responses to be submitted to TVBC relating to the following applications:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) 18/03357/FULLN - Single storey rear extension to form additional living space - 3 Elder Crescent Andover – <b>No objection – all agreed.</b></li> <li>b) 19/00013/TREEN - T1 Conifer - fell, T2 Ash - 2.5m reduction of overhanging limbs, T7 Co-dominant conifer - fell, T8 Sycamore - height reduction up to 3m - White Smocks Little Ann Road Little Ann – <b>Objection</b> submitting the Tree Warden’s comments (see Appendix) - all agreed with the exception of Cllr Bleeker who withdrew from the vote.</li> <li>c) 19/00003/TPON - T1 Beech - Potential root removal - 10 Kingsmead Anna Valley Andover – <b>No objection – all agreed.</b></li> <li>d) 19/00053/TPON - T1 Beech - Remove Lower Limbs and reduce height by 9m and raise crown to 10m, T2 Lime - Remove Lower Limbs and reduce height by 9m, T3 Birch - Fell, T4 Maple - remove overhanging branches and reduce height 5m, T5 Rowan - reduce height up to 2m, T6 Beech - remove lower branches and reduce height by 9m and raise crown to 10m - Abbots Hill Cottage Abbots Hill Little Ann – <b>Objection</b> submitting the Tree Warden’s comments (see Appendix) – all agreed.</li> <li>e) 19/00090/VARN - Vary condition 4 (details of soft landscaping), condition 5 (landscape management plan), and condition 10 (approved plans) of 15/02912/FULLN to replace drawing P01 B with L201 and B201, P02 with P201, P10 C and P11 C with P202, and replace amended landscape plan with C.01 and five year management plan - Dingwall Little Ann Road Little Ann – Cllrs Bleeker and Haigh left the meeting for this item.  <p>The Chairman said the advice provided by the Planning Officer was to consider the planning proposal alone against the normal criteria as if there is no building there. The Chairman then took public comments. 1. Applicant gave overview of the development so far and explained the reasons for placing the house in the plot and asked for PC support. 2. Resident spoke in support of the application and expressed a wish to see the development finished. 3. Resident spoke regarding the original conditions relating to replacement of trees removed and size of property closer to the boundary. 4. Resident spoke regarding the changes to the original application and closeness to the road.</p> <p>Cllrs resolved to submit <b>No objection</b> - voted 3 for and 2 against – <u>Proposal carried.</u></p> </li> <li>f) 19/00142/FULLN – Proposed first floor rear extension to provide ensuite – 15 Manor Close Abbots Ann – Cllr Hayter commented that he lives in Manor Close. Cllr Wells commented he would not take part in the vote as he lives next door - <b>No Objection</b> - all agreed with the exception of Cllr Wells who withdrew from the vote.</li> </ol>	

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<b>8</b>	<p><b>Parish Boundary Changes – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019</b></p> <p>Cllrs to receive an update.</p> <p>Cllrs received an update that Andover Town Council (ATC) have requested a meeting to discuss details for the defibrillator and dog bin.</p> <p>Cllrs agreed to respond to ATC the following: a) that a meeting was not necessary. b) From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 AAPC will no longer pay for the dog bin to be emptied and will inform TVBC. c) The defibrillator is a Council asset and if ATC choose not to take over the responsibility then AAPC will arrange to move it to another location in the Abbots Ann Parish.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>																								
<b>9</b>	<p><b>The Green</b></p> <p>Cllrs to consider future development plans for The Green including the copse.</p> <p>Discussion was held regarding the future development of The Green to include a possible tree planting scheme over the next few years. Agreed to contact HCC regarding any limitations with the lease and Cllrs Hayter and Wells to visit The Green. The existing development plan to be scanned and added to the website.</p>	<b>Clerk/ Cllrs Hayter &amp; Wells</b>																								
<b>10</b>	<p><b>Parish Assembly – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019</b></p> <p>Cllrs to agree arrangements for the Parish Assembly and approve expenses.</p> <p>Cllr agreed the format to start with a Welcome session followed by informal displays from village groups and then ending with a Q&amp;A session – Cllrs agreed expenses up to £100.00 – Proposed Cllr Wells, seconded Cllr Bleeker, all agreed.</p>																									
<b>11</b>	<p><b>Pavilion Refurbishment</b></p> <p>Cllrs to approve refurbishment works to the Pavilion – Cllrs agreed to accept the lower quotation of the 2 received for the redecoration of the pavilion. Cllrs accepted that no further quotations were forthcoming on this occasion despite efforts made to obtain another one. Proposed Cllr Wells, seconded Cllr Bleeker, all agreed. Two quotations received were £1,675.00 and £4,263.00.</p>																									
<b>12</b>	<p><b>Play Area Quarterly Inspection Reports</b></p> <p>Cllrs to receive the quarterly inspection reports and agree any actions required. Cllrs review the inspection reports. Agreed Clerk to investigate a repair for the wooden tepee at WMH.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>																								
<b>13</b>	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p>a) Cllrs to approve the Financial Statement for 1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019 – Proposed Cllr Bleeker, seconded Cllr Abram, all agreed.</p> <p>b) Cllrs to approve the following payments to be made – Proposed Cllr Abram, seconded Cllr Wells, all agreed.</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;"><u>Payee</u></th> <th style="text-align: right;"><u>Amount</u></th> <th style="text-align: left;"><u>Payee</u></th> <th style="text-align: right;"><u>Amount</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Clerks/office expenses</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£103.27</td> <td>Clerk Salary (Feb S/O)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£830.11</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Countrywide Grds (Tree)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£264.00</td> <td>Countrywide Grds (crown lift)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£288.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Countrywide Grds (Jan)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£934.00</td> <td>Cllr Hayter (rubble removal)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£40.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vitaplay Qtrly Inspection</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£235.20</td> <td>AA Hall Hire fees (Oct to Feb)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£52.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pension Contributions (DD)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£43.88</td> <td>WMH Grant (floor)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1000.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	Clerks/office expenses	£103.27	Clerk Salary (Feb S/O)	£830.11	Countrywide Grds (Tree)	£264.00	Countrywide Grds (crown lift)	£288.00	Countrywide Grds (Jan)	£934.00	Cllr Hayter (rubble removal)	£40.00	Vitaplay Qtrly Inspection	£235.20	AA Hall Hire fees (Oct to Feb)	£52.00	Pension Contributions (DD)	£43.88	WMH Grant (floor)	£1000.00	
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<b>14</b>	<p><b>To pass a resolution in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to exclude the public and press for discussion regarding commercially sensitive information – Proposed Cllr Abram, seconded Cllr Doherty, all agreed</b></p> <p>1. After an update by the Community Land Trust Housing Group (CLT Housing Group), the Parish Council agreed to support the aims and objectives of the CLT Housing Group to identify a location to build a small number of affordable homes and to seek widespread public support from parishioners, via a public meeting, prior to putting forward a detailed plan.</p> <p>Cllr Haigh proposed to extend the meeting by 30 minutes, seconded Cllr Abram, all agreed.</p> <p>2. Burial Ground - The Parish Council received an update regarding the future location of burial spaces and agreed to engage with parishioners to review options.</p>																									
<b>15</b>	<p><b>Next Meeting - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019 - 7pm – Community Centre, Burghclere Down.</b></p>																									

**Meeting closed at 21.30**

**These Minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman at the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

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**Appendix**

**Item 7b – 19/00013/TREEN**

This application is confusing as the title of the application - 19/00013/TREEN | T1 Conifer - fell, T2 Ash - 2.5m reduction of overhanging limbs, T7 Co-dominant conifer - fell, T8 Sycamore - height reduction upto 3m | White Smocks Little Ann Road Little Ann SP11 7SN - does not concur with the application form which only mentions work on T2 (Ash) and, moreover, does not give any rationale for the work. Perhaps we should assume that proposed work on the other trees is covered by the previous application 18/03116/TPON.

I also note that many trees have been lost from the corner near Dingwall (the neighbouring property) in recent years, despite some of them having TPOs and others being designated as within an important group of trees by the Abbots Ann Conservation Area statement, so it would be a shame to lose too many more from this corner of the village. No mention is made (either in this application or the previous application) of the intended work on tree 9.

First the utility cable mentioned in 18/03116; this is a phone line that runs from Abbots Hill Lodge (the neighbouring house) across the garden of White Smocks to a pole in the garden of Dingwall, with a second phone line running from this pole to White Smocks house. This line is nowhere near T1, T2 or T3 and not very close to T4 either. However it is interfered with by the overgrown laurel hedge between T3 and T4 and by the conifers mentioned as being close to T6.

T1, T2, T3, T4, T5 are said to be close to the footpath or overhanging the property. Overhanging here does not mean overhanging the house, none of these trees overhang the actual house, but overhanging the garden.

Overhanging a footpath or overhanging a garden is, in my opinion, no reason for felling a tree.

With T6, it seems unlikely that this is even within the curtilage of White Smocks as the stem looks to be within the garden of Dingwall. Nevertheless this is a well-shaped tree that adds to the character of the area. It would also be a pity to lose the sycamore T8 whose presence slightly softens the visual effect of the loss of other trees near Dingwall mentioned in an earlier paragraph.

Having said the above, there is no doubt that property has a rather excessive amount of shading along the border with the footpath, so something needs to be done. Light levels in the garden could be considerably improved by reducing the height of the overgrown hedge between the trees and by removing the ivy from T4.

I would suggest that T1, T2, T6 and T8 should not be touched. The other trees covered by the TPO could have some considerate pruning to improve their shape. I suggest that the conifers close to T6 could be felled as they seem to be the remnants of an overgrown hedge (these are probably T7 on the diagram).

Something needs to be done and TVBC needs to encourage the applicant to submit a more appropriate plan that better preserves the appearance of this corner of the village.

**Item 7d – 19/00053/TPON**

Most of the trees that are the subject of this application are covered by TPOs and it is difficult to understand what factors have changed since the TPOs were first imposed. With the exception of the rowan (see below) there is no suggestion that any of the trees are diseased and most look remarkably healthy.

Some more specific comments:

Beech TPO 0110 This is a fine looking tree and I would object to this being pruned in any way, particularly the proposed reduction in height. Mature beech do not respond well to topping and it would spoil the appearance of the tree.

Beech TPO 0112 I would consent to the removal of the two lowest branches but nothing else; as with the previous tree I particularly object to the proposed height reduction.

Birch TPO 0108 a rather spindly tree of no particular aesthetic value and I personally would not object to its removal.

Maple (sycamore) TPO 0107 I would not object to the removal of the branches overhanging the next door garage. These branches look as though they have been previously pruned. I do not see any justification for a reduction in height.

Rowan TPO 0109 This is said to be hollow and if TVBC confirm that it is diseased then it should be removed. If not then some selective thinning of the crown, where the branches look a bit overcrowded, could be considered.

Lime This is not covered by a TPO but it is still a tree within the conservation area. I would not object to the removal of the large lower branch, as proposed. The tree appears to have been previously pruned at the top and I do not think any further reduction is desirable.