

PARISH COUNCIL OF ABBOTTS ANN

MINUTES

OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 4th JULY 2013
IN THE JUBILEE ROOM

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

In Attendance:

Mr. A. Stokes, Clerk; Cllr M. Flood, TVBC; Mrs. L. Stockings, Burghclere Down.

The meeting opened at 6.35 p.m. The Vice Chairman took the Chair.

13/65. Apologies. Apologies were recorded from Cllrs. B. Griffiths, Chairman, R. Bone and P. Wilkins; Cllr A. Gibson HCC; Cllr. G. Stallard, TVBC; Mr. T. Tayler, Archivist; Mr. P. Kelly, Footpaths Officer.

13/66. Minutes. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th June 2013 were confirmed and signed. *Pro SO Sec BS*

13/67. Matters arising.

a. Pillhill Brook. The TVBC enforcement Officer was currently looking into the question of a possible breach of Planning Regulations in respect of the dam and the bridge at Upper Mill House.

b. Manor Farm. In the absence of the Chairman it was not possible to report on the question of a possible change of use to residential occupation.

c. Nursery School. In the absence of the Chairman it was not possible to report on any discussions with the Nursery School on aspects of their use of the War Memorial Hall.

d. Sports Field Committee Grant. The Clerk had received an audited Statement of Accounts from the Committee. The cheque could now be issued.

e. Manor Close. The Clerk had contacted two firms of solicitors to ascertain the likely cost of dealing with the lease of the old playing field.

f. Recreation Ground. Mr. Goodman of TVBC had confirmed that Section 106 funds were available to cover the cost of the installation of the gate and the play equipment. The order for materials could now be placed.

13/68. Planning.

a. **It was resolved** to register No Objection to the following application:
TV No 13/01178/FULLN: The Forge, Dunkirt Lane: Extensions. *Pro BS Sec GW*

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

c. Former Airfield Site. It was noted that planning permission had been granted for development of Plot 5, adjacent to Red Post Lane. Conditions included measures to limit disturbance to local residents.

d. Pitts Path. Cllr. Whyte pointed out that if vehicular access from Dunkirt Lane was to be maintained, it was necessary to prove its use. The Clerk was instructed to contact the residents concerned. *Action Clerk*

13/69. Clerk's Report.

The Clerk circulated a rough draft of the proposed inscription on a headstone for the late Eddie King. Subject to editing, the content was deemed acceptable.

13/70. Organisations.

a. Borough Councillor. Cllr. Flood reported that the successful "Sparkle Day" at Burghclere Down had resulted in the removal of 1½ tons of litter. The attendance of Cllr Whyte was greatly appreciated.

In the recent Business Awards, it was to be noted that an Abbotts Ann business, Choices of Eastover Farm, had been a highly commended finalist and had received a special award from the Chamber of Commerce.

b. Burghclere Down. Mrs. Stockings expressed concern that the sound-proofing on the A 303 connected with the old airfield development was still not in place. Cllr Flood assured the meeting that the developers had the matter in hand, but there were difficulties arising from land-ownership and other issues.

Mrs. Stockings pointed out that the Community Centre at Burghclere Down was financially self-supporting, but asked that consideration be given to financing particular requirements, e.g. for new chairs. The Council undertook to give consideration to reasonable requests, and suggested that occasional attendance of a Councillor might be desirable at committee meetings.

c. War Memorial Hall. Cllr Stallard had emailed to report that the Hog Roast had been very successful despite the weather. Photographs were being invited for the 2014 Village Calendar. Nominations for the Hibbert Cup were also invited. A new Village Telephone Directory would be available early next year. The Committee was close to obtaining full grant approval for the internal restructure of the Hall, and were seeking a volunteer Project Director.

d. Village Shop. The AGM had been well attended. The new Manager was settling in well and a number of new ideas were being investigated.

13/71. Finance.

It was resolved to approve the following payments:			<i>Pro SO</i>	<i>Sec BS</i>
Cheque No	759	Administration		£ 720.47
"	760	B.Sims: Fuel		£ 30.57
"	761	The Lapa Co.: Playground Materials		£2,569.27
"	762	P.O.Ltd. PAYE & NI		£574.26
"	763	Enham: May-June		£308.05

13/72. Correspondence.

a. Street Lamps. HCC was planning to replace the street lamps in the Parish in September/October

b. HGVs: Barred Routes. Violations could now be reported to Gavin Haggart at Andover Business Park via telephone (01264 353404) or email (ghaggart35@gmail.com).

c. HCC Leader. Cllr Roy Perry was now Leader of HCC. Cllr Ken Godber was Chairman.

d. HGV Survey. Mr. S. Nightingale, TVBC Traffic Engineer, would shortly be conducting a survey of use/misuse of approaches to Abbotts Ann and Monxton by HGVs.

13/73. Other Business.

a. Cllr Flood was seeking to clarify the question of ownership of trees on Webb's Lane.

b. New Pavilion. Cllr Sims assured the meeting that the Sports Field Committee was actively pursuing the issue of designing and funding a new Pavilion. It was planned to have drawings on display at the Fete.

13/74. Next Meeting. The next meeting was scheduled for 1st August. Reports from organisations would be omitted from the Agenda.

The meeting closed at 7.52 p.m.

Signed

Date