

PARISH COUNCIL OF ABBOTTS ANN

MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 1st AUGUST 2013
IN THE JUBILEE ROOM

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

In Attendance:

Mr. A. Stokes, Clerk; Cllr. M. Flood TVBC (from 7.30 p.m.); one member of the public.

The meeting opened at 6.37 p.m.

13/75. Apologies. Apologies were recorded from Cllr. S.Oram; Cllr. R. Bone; Cllr. A. Gibson, HCC; Cllr. G. Stallard, TVBC; Mr. P. Kelly, Footpaths Officer; Mrs. W. Davis, AAGA; Mrs. L. Stockings, Burghclere Down.

13/76. Minutes. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th July 2013 were confirmed and signed. *Pro BS Sec GW*

13/77. Matters arising.

a. Nursery School. The Chairman had noted that the Nursery School was assuming exclusive use of parts of the grounds of the War Memorial Hall by locking the gate to the car park and using portable fencing. This highlighted the need for a clear definition of the rights and duties as hirers of the hall but not of the grounds. He was proposing to arrange a meeting with the Nursery School manager, the War Memorial Hall Chairman and himself in the near future. *Action Chairman*

b. Pillhill Brook. The Monxton resident whose meadow was flooded had been elected to the Parish Council, which was continuing to press for the restoration of the watercourse at Upper Mill House to its original state. Dissatisfaction was being expressed at the failure of the Environment Agency to take any effective action and of the Planning Enforcement Officer to rule that Planning Regulations had been breached. It was this Council's opinion that the floods at Monxton were caused by extreme weather conditions in any case.

13/78. Planning.

a. **It was resolved** to register No Objection to the following application:
TV No. 13/01310/FULLN: Old Primary School site: amendments.

Pro BS Sec DP

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

13/79. Borough Councillor's Report.

Cllr. Flood drew attention to the publication of numbers of responses to the consultation on Test Valley's revised Local Plan, especially in reference to the Local Gap.

Details were available on the Borough's website.

Also available were the latest details of SHLA (land available for housing).

At her request, the Council had considered the Borough's proposals for improvements to the footways at Red Post Bridge, to be funded from fines for misuse of the Airfield barred routes. The Council expressed support for the proposals.

13/80. Finance.

a. It was resolved to approve the following payments: <i>Pro GW Sec PW</i>			
Cheque No	764	Administration	£ 696.69
“	765	Chalke Valley engineering	£1,050.00
“	766	T.C.Hook	£ 370.75
“	767	B.Sims: Fuel	£ 25.50

b. Audit. The Clerk reported that the external auditors had queried the size of the sums held in reserve, but seemed satisfied with the response that heavy expenditure was envisaged in the future on the War Memorial Hall, the Recreation Ground and, long-term, the Pavilion.

13/81. Correspondence.

a. AAGA. Mrs W. Davis had reported on the activities of AAGA, including the production of a brochure to be distributed round the Parish and included in the Welcome Pack. The Council agreed in principle to contribute to the cost of printing the brochure.

b. The Council welcomed the assurances expressed by Velcourt Ltd., farm managers of Little Park, that their tractor drivers were instructed to minimise disturbance to residents during harvest time.

c. Mr. Andrew Pilley, Ward Liaison Officer for Test Valley Rural Northern Wards, had asked to be included in the circulation list for Agendas, with a view to attending Council meetings.

13/82. Other Business.

a. Manor Farm. The Chairman reported on a meeting with Mr. Paul Jackson, Chief Planning Officer and representatives of Monxton Parish Council, who were concerned about the damage caused by HGVs going to Manor Farm. Mr. Jackson was open to suggestions for change of use of the site and indicated that it might be possible to provide assistance if the owners decided to relocate.

b. Manor Close. The Clerk reported that Ranson Houghton, Solicitors, had been instructed to represent the Council; they were awaiting the draft lease from HCC's Legal Department.

c. Cllr. Wilkins wished to congratulate Mr. Paul Kelly, Footpaths Officer, on the good condition of the footpaths and byways in this Parish as compared with those of neighbouring parishes. The Clerk was to convey this message to Mr. Kelly, while reminding the Council of the work of Trevor Hook. *Action Clerk*

d. Red Post Bridge. Cllr. Whyte commented on the faulty operation of the traffic lights at Red Post Bridge. Cllr. Flood undertook to take the matter up with the responsible officer. *Action Cllr Flood*

13/83. Next Meeting. The next meeting was scheduled for 5th September.

The meeting closed at 8.03 p.m.

Signed

Date