

ABBOTTS ANN PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes from the Meeting
held on Thursday 4th November at 19:00
at The War Memorial Hall, Abbots Ann.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

	In Attendance	Apologies	Absent
Councillor Jordan (Chairman)		√	
Councillor Howard (Vice Chairman)	√		
Councillor Jones	√		
Councillor Perkin	√		
Councillor Wallis	√		
Vacancy	-	-	-
Vacancy	-	-	-

Also, IN ATTENDANCE:

Karen Ross – Locum Clerk, Test Valley Borough Councillor Maureen Flood, one member of the press and 1 member of the public.

211001 To receive Chairman's Opening Remarks.

The Parish Council meeting was chaired by Councillor Howard due to apologies received from Councillor Jordan.

Councillor Howard welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that the meeting is recorded by the Parish Council and may be recorded by members of the public.

211002 To receive and accept apologies for absence.

Apologies were **RECEIVED** and **ACCEPTED** from Councillor Jordan due to work commitments and **NOTED** from County Councillor David Drew.

211003 To receive declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests relating to items on this agenda.

There were no declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest relating to items on this agenda **RECEIVED**.

211004 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7th October 2021.

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 7th October 2021 were **APPROVED**.

211005 To receive updates already published and any further updates provided.

The reports submitted for the Parish Council meeting were **NOTED** and can be found as **APPENDIX A**.

- Councillor Jones noticed the bench bases had yet to be installed, the Clerk will follow this up.
- Councillor Wallis advised the meeting that quote for the electrics had been received and a Tree has been planted along with a plaque on the Green to commemorate those who passed away from Covid during the pandemic.
- Borough Councillor Flood advised the meeting that:
There is a joint project – project Integra to develop recycling.
TVBC has purchased land by the Clatfords using S106 funding. The space will be open for the public to enjoy.
Southern Water - There was a meeting today with Southern Waters, the contractors, and the Landowners to see what can be achieved to stop the sewage running down the street. The landowners have offered up land for the Tankers use. There was a question asked if Southern Water was going to repair the road. This has been reported to Hampshire Highways.

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211006 To note the current financial situation and the reconciliation of the bank balance.
The current financial situation and the reconciliation of the bank balance were **NOTED** with the bank balance as 31st October 2021 being £51,795.51. The bank reconciliation can be found as APPENDIX B.

211007 To approve the requests for payments.
The payments as listed in the table below were **APPROVED** for payment.
Proposed by Councillor Howard seconded by Councillor Perkin.
All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.

TO	FOR	INVOICE NO	AMOUNT
Staff	Salaries	November	£1,005.86
Amanda Owen	Staff Expenses	October	£38.04
Larkstel	Grounds Maintenance - September	Inv-0246	£645.00
Viking	Stationery	7679171	£47.99
Test Valley Borough Council	Grounds Maintenance - April to September 2021	10048994	£944.45
War Memorial Hall	Meeting - 4th November 2021	1333	£15.75
	Total		£2,697.09

211108 To consider the budget.
There was a request to split the Pavilion and Sports field budget on both income and expenditure. The Clerk was asked to send out a copy of the current ear marked reserves. Further discussions will take place next month. The projects budgeted for should be in ear marked reserves.

211109 To note the amended hire fees for the Pavilion.
The amended hire fees for the Pavilion were **APPROVED**.
£6 per hour for regular users of the function room.
£8 for Village Residents.
£14 for non-Village residents.
There was a request for it to be specified in writing what factors determine a regular user.
Proposed by Councillor Wallis, seconded by Councillor Jones.
All members voted unanimously to **ACCEPT** this resolution.

211010 To discuss the Pavilion refurbishment costs and bookings.
It was
RESOLVED
to agree to the following electrical works to be carried out as per quote from MPH Services.
Item 1 and Item 2 due to Health and Safety reasons.
Item 3 and 4 the preparation work for the installation of the heaters. Abbots Ann Sportsfield Group to price the cost of heaters for items 3 & 4 for Council approval, before proceeding with their purchase and installation.
Proposed by Councillor Howard and seconded by Councillor Wallis.
All members voted unanimously to **ACCEPT** this resolution.
The working party were thanked for their hard work.

211111 To receive an update with regards to fundraising for the new Pavilion.
This item was postponed until the December meeting.

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- 211112 To consider the request for hire of the Bulbery Sports Field free of charge for the Bonfire and Fireworks Night due to be held on Sunday 7th November.**
It was
RESOLVED
that the Bulbery Sports Field could be hired free of charge by Abbots Ann School Association and Friends of the Abbots Ann Sportsfield for the upcoming Bonfire and Fireworks Night on the 7th November.
Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Wallis.
All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.
- 211113 To agree to the interment of ashes of Mr & Mrs Kitching as non-residents with a family connection to the Parish.**
It was noted that whilst Councillor Jones did not have a pecuniary interest, she has a personal interest and abstained from the vote.
It was
RESOLVED
that the ashes of Mr & Mrs Kitching can be interred as requested.
Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Wallis.
This was APPROVED on a vote of 3 FOR with 1 abstention.
- 211114 To consider the application for the vacancy of Parish Councillor**
It was noted that there had been 2 applications for the 2 vacancies.
It was agreed that there should be a request to the second applicant for a brief written outline detailing why they wish to be co-opted a Parish Councillor and arrange a meeting with them prior to co-option. The Parish Council also agreed to meet the prospective Councillors prior to co-option.
It was
RESOLVED
to postpone this item until the applicant has advised the Parish Council in writing of their reason for applying and both candidates have been met.
Proposed by Councillor Howard and Seconded by Councillor Perkin.
All members voted unanimously to accept the resolution.
- 211115 To consider the following planning application:**
211115.1 21/02926/FULLN
Works to barn to include provision of new and modified openings to accommodate installation of new windows and doors and internal alterations.
43-44 Faircroft, Monxton Road, Abbots Ann, SP11 7BA.
The Parish council had **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
Proposed by Councillor Howard and seconded by Councillor Jones.
All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.
- 211115.2 21/02927/LBWN**
Works to barn to include provision of new and modified openings to accommodate installation of new windows and doors and internal alterations.
43-44 Faircroft, Monxton Road, Abbots Ann, SP11 7BA.
The Parish council had **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Jones.
All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.

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- 211115.3 21/03002/TPON**
T31 - Ash – Fell
6 Abbots Close, Abbots Ann, Andover.
The Parish council had **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Perkin.
All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.
- 211115.4 21/03009/FULLN**
Single storey side and part rear extension to form kitchen, family room and boot room.
15 Red Post Lane, Little Park, SP11 7AX.
The Parish council had **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Wallis.
All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.
- 211115.5 21/03017/TPON**
Sycamore (T1) - Crown raise by 1.5metres up to secondary limbs, Beech (T2) - Crown raise by 2metres from lowest limb up to secondary limbs, Sycamore (T3) - Crown raise by 1metre up to secondary limbs, Cherry (T4) – Fell
7 Kingsmead, Anna Valley, Abbots Ann SP11 7PN.
The Parish council had **NO OBJECTION** to work on Trees 1,3 or 4 but would like no work to be carried out to T2 in line with the advice received from the Parish Council Tree Warden.
Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Perkin.
All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.
- 211115.6 21/03006/FULLN**
Single storey rear extension, together with the provision of a partial second storey to the existing property.
Edelweiss, Church Road, Abbots Ann, SP11 7BH.
The Parish council agreed to object for the following reasons
The development will have a
- Detrimental effect of proposed development on the character of the local area
 - adverse visual impact of the development - particularly on the landscape and or locality
- Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Perkin.
This was approved on a vote of 3 FOR with 1 AGAINST
- 211116 To agree the date of the next meeting as 2nd December 2021.**
The date of the next meeting was agreed as Thursday 2nd December 2021 at the Village Hall.
The Parish Council agreed to request that the Main Hall is used.
Proposed by Councillor Howard seconded by Councillor Jones.
All members voted unanimously to **ACCEPT** this resolution.
- 211117 Admission to meeting to pass a resolution in accordance with the public bodies (Admission to meetings) act 1960 to exclude the public and press from the remainder of this meeting as publicity will be prejudicial to the confidential nature of the business.**
It was
RESOLVED
to pass a resolution in accordance with the public bodies (Admission to meetings) act 1960 to exclude the public and press from the remainder of this meeting as publicity will be prejudicial to the confidential nature of the business.
Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Jones.
All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.

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211117.01 To consider tree works.

It was

RESOLVED

Write to the resident requesting that they carry out Tree work.

Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Jones.

All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.25pm.

APPENDIX A

Portfolio Reports

Environmental and Wellbeing Report 27.10.21

Wildflower seed, including poppies, have been sown in the Wildflower Meadow with the hope that some will flower next year.

The Parish Clerk has informed me that the contractor plans to install the bases for the benches on the Green on Friday 29th October. He is still awaiting delivery of the benches from Glasdon and will secure them to the bases when they are delivered.

There is nothing to report for Wellbeing.

Anne Jones

Sports and Recreation Update 27th October 2021

Pavilion

The damaged underground electricity cable supplying the pavilion has been repaired by SSE.

There is a further fault, within the pavilion, as the function room lights still do not work. An electrician has visited and advised that one of the lights may be faulty and he has recommended replacing it (we already have a spare)

He has also recommended:

- replacing the light in the home changing room (we already have a spare)
- replacing the water heaters in the toilets (both casings are broken and water is leaking)
- fitting two overhead infrared heaters in the function room (wired into existing spurs)
- disconnecting the showers (repairs would be costly and unnecessary as the showers have not been used by anyone for ages)

We are awaiting the electrician's quote and also quotes for blackout-type roller blinds for the function room and kitchen and quotes for tables and chairs.

Sports Field

The PC has been offered an 8-10ft oak sapling as part of the Test Valley Commemorative Tree Planting Week. Our Tree Officer has suggested that a good location for the tree would be near the boundary of the sports field, south of the WI oak tree that is already located there. Larkstel have agreed to plant the tree when it is delivered on Oct 28th/29th

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The School Association (AASA) and Friends of the Sports Field (FOTASS) are planning to host a firework display and bonfire on the sports field on Sunday Nov 7th. All the profits are shared between the AASA and FOTAAS. They are hoping that the PC will grant permission and waive the fee for use of the sports field as has happened in previous years.

Chris Wallis

Update from Hampshire County Council – November 2021.

Parish and Town Councils and Community Organisations invited to apply for grants to tackle climate change

Hampshire County Council is offering grants to make community buildings more energy efficient as part of its commitment to combatting climate change. Measures that could be funded include solar panels, LED lighting, window replacements or insulation for buildings such as village halls and community centres. Hampshire County Council declared a climate emergency in 2019 and is committed to becoming Carbon Neutral by 2050. Grants will be available for projects that can demonstrate how they will contribute to these targets. The amount of funding available for any one project will depend on the overall level of demand, but there will be an absolute upper limit of £30,000 for any single organisation.

The funds will benefit community buildings by helping to install energy efficient measures. This could include LED lighting conversion, improvements to heating systems, window replacements or solar panels. Smaller grants are also available to undertake energy performance audits prior to any larger work taking place.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20211028climatechange grants>

Boost your immunity this winter

Hampshire County Council is lending its voice to the NHS call for everyone to 'Boost your immunity this winter' by getting the COVID-19 booster and 'flu vaccine.

With COVID-19 infection rates continuing to rise across the county, eligible residents are being urged to get their booster and 'flu jabs as soon as possible. Respiratory viruses such as Coronavirus and 'flu spread more easily in the colder, wetter winter months and Prime Minister Boris Johnson has issued a call to arms urging everyone over 50 to get their booster jabs when they get the call.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/271021winterimmunity>

County Council agrees steps to improve bus services in Hampshire

Hampshire County Council has made two significant decisions geared towards improving bus services in the county. Firstly, approving a countywide Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) for submission to the Department for Transport and, secondly, adopting a policy that will enable the County Council, as the local transport authority, to take action when unauthorised vehicles are found using bus priority measures.

The Authority's Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) sets out the vision and the proposed steps that would be taken to achieve higher standards in bus travel in Hampshire. It aims to achieve a substantial increase in bus use across the whole of the county by creating the conditions that will both attract investment for bus services and infrastructure, as well as grow the number of passengers.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20210111busserviceimprove>

County Council's first Climate Change Annual Report published

A detailed overview of Hampshire County Council's work towards tackling Climate Change - over the 12 month period since the launch of its Climate Change Strategy - has been reported to the Authority's Cabinet Members (12 October).

This first [Climate Change Annual Progress Report 2020 – 2021](#) sets out the significant progress that is being made across the county to reduce carbon emissions and ensure that Hampshire is prepared for the impacts of climate change. The work is focused on key areas like reducing emissions from transport, making homes more energy efficient, generating local renewable energy and protecting and enhancing our natural environment. The report also highlights how the County Council is working with partners to support residents and communities to take action and make their contribution to tackling climate change.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20211012ClimateChgAnnualRept>

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Closing the budget gap - Hampshire County Council Cabinet considers options to address £80 million revenue shortfall by April 2023

At their meeting on 12th October, Hampshire County Council's Cabinet has weighed up a range of proposed options for closing a budget gap of at least £80 million faced by the Authority by April 2023.

Following Cabinet members' consideration of proposals for individual service areas last month, together with Hampshire residents' responses to this summer's Balancing the Budget consultation on options for addressing the anticipated revenue shortfall and the potential impacts, the Cabinet as a whole, has now approved the Authority's medium term financial strategy and financial savings programme to 2023. Recommendations will now go before the full County Council on 4 November for a final decision, following which some proposals may then be subject to further, more detailed consultation.

By law, the County Council must deliver a balanced budget. Every County Councillor is alert to the extent of the financial forecast and it will be for all Members, when they meet at the start of November, to reconcile a sustainable way forward. Based on the outcome of that meeting, Hampshire County Council will prepare the Budget for determination, next February, including next year's level of council tax.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/12102021Cabinetbudgetproposals>

Early progress set out for a County Deal for Pan-Hampshire

Early options and proposals for a potential County Deal for the Pan-Hampshire area will be set out to members of Hampshire County Council's Cabinet on 12 October, marking the start of work to prepare a detailed starting proposition for negotiation with Government later this year. A summary 'prospectus' document, which sets out the ambition, priorities and options for taking forward a County Deal for the Pan-Hampshire area (covering Hampshire County Council, the 11 district and borough councils within the County Council administrative area, Portsmouth and Southampton City Councils and the Isle of Wight Council) has since been developed and will form the basis of further discussions with the area's borough, district and unitary authorities during the autumn, as well as wider consultation with other stakeholders.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/04102021CountyDealforPan-Hampshire>

Cllr David Drew

Test Valley Central Division, HCC

TVBC Maureen Flood Councillor Report - November 2021

Waste Collections

A joint recycling strategy across Hampshire has been approved by Test Valley borough council's cabinet.

It is now likely that following the government's current Environment Bill, glass, thin plastics and Tetra-Park materials can all be included in TVBC recycling bins at the kerbside in the future. And, in addition, it's anticipated that the council will also be able to offer a weekly food waste service.

The council has been part of Project Integra since its creation in 1995, together with other district councils in the county. Now, those same councils, including TVBC, have approved the changes that will see these major changes to recycling over the coming years through the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy.

New green space for communities to enjoy

Test Valley Borough Council is in the process of purchasing wild-life rich countryside land near Upper Clatford for the public to use.

Situated to the south of Bury Hill, the land is currently used for agriculture, and covers around 38 acres.

The council recently exchanged contracts with the owner and will buy the plot using money secured from developer contributions to help improve access to the countryside.

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Once the council completes the purchase towards the end of 2021, it will begin working towards opening up the space for the public to enjoy, with the aim of making it available for use in autumn 2022.

Southern Water

I attended a meeting 4th November to discuss the on going problems re the road repair and tankering issues by the Manor Farm site with Southern Water representatives and the Manor Farm landowners.

Plans in place for next steps in Local Plan

The timeline for putting together one of the borough's most important planning documents has been agreed as Test Valley Borough Council gears up for public consultation early next year.

The Local Plan sets out the policies and guidelines for planning up and down the borough, and helps to look after the environment while making provision for the facilities and services that the community needs.

Now, the next step in putting this plan together has been agreed, with a timeline now in place for the council to follow, and to consult with the public.

An updated Local Development Scheme has been approved by the authority's cabinet which outlines the timeline, with this next stage being undertaken in two stages.

Early next year, the public will be asked to have their say on the Local Plan's vision and objectives, housing and economic needs and how it supports our town centres, delivering masterplans for both Andover and Romsey.

Other areas for consideration include the overall scale and broad strategy for the distribution of growth and the delivery of sustainability and design.

Then, later in 2022, a consultation will be launched with the public on the full draft plan which will have taken into account the first stage's responses. Settlement boundaries and site allocations for housing and commercial development will also be open for discussion during this phase.

APPENDIX B

<u>Bank Statement Account Name (s)</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>	<u>Page No</u>	<u>Balances</u>
Lloyds Treasurers Account	31/10/2021		51,795.51
			51,795.51
<u>Unpresented Cheques (Minus)</u>		<u>Amount</u>	
		0.00	0.00
			51,795.51
<u>Receipts not Banked/Cleared (Plus)</u>		0.00	0.00
			51,795.51
		Balance per Cash Book is :-	51,795.51
		Difference is :-	0.00