

PARISH COUNCIL OF ABBOTTS ANN

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 3rd MARCH 2011 IN THE JUBILEE ROOM

Present: Cllr. B.Griffiths, Chairman
Cllr. G.Whyte, Vice-chairman
Cllr. D.Alleway
Cllr. P. Wilkins

In Attendance:

Mr. A.Stokes, Clerk; Cllr G.Stallard, TVBC; Cllr M.Flood, TVBC; Mrs.W.Davis, AAGA; Mr. D.Downey; Mr. A.Dixon; Mr. S.Haggas; Mr.S.Bushell and one member of the public.

The meeting opened at 6.34 p.m .

11/20. Apologies. Apologies were recorded from Cllr A.Gibson HCC; Cllr A.Barham; Cllr S.Oram; Cllr D.Paffett; Mr. P.Kelly, Footpaths Officer.

11/21. Minutes. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd February 2011 were confirmed and signed. *Pro DA Sec GW*

11/22. Matters Arising.

a. Section 106 funding. Cllr M. Flood was continuing to research the possibility of funding in connection with the Pavilion.

b. Traffic calming. The Clerk had written to Mr. Nightingale, TVBC Transport Engineer, to confirm that this Council was in favour of the proposed works on the Monxton Road. The Chairman had contacted Mr. Nightingale with a view to arranging a meeting to discuss similar measures between St. John's Cross and the new school.

c. Jubilee Oak. The Clerk undertook to take advice on ways of providing a healthier environment for the tree's root-system. *Action Clerk*

It was resolved to suspend Standing Orders at 6.55 p.m.

Pro DA Sec GW

11/23. Planning. a. 20 Cattle Lane. Mr.S. Haggas, applicant, and Mr. S.Bushell, architect, presented entirely new plans for the proposed house to be built at 20 Cattle Lane, having taken note of the objections of this Council and of the Planning Service to the original application. It was considered that the new design conformed satisfactorily to the Council's policies as set out in the Village Design Statement. It was agreed that the Council would support the application, subject to the suitability of materials.

b. Application 11/00030/FULLN: Pendene, Dunkirt Lane, extensions. Mr. A.Dixon, of Swallows, Dunkirt Lane, gave a detailed account of his objections to the proposed extension of development of Pendene, while acknowledging that the Council's resolution at the last meeting to register No Objection could not be rescinded. Mr. Dixon was particularly concerned that this type of development was detrimental to the rural character of the area.

In responding to the Planning Service regarding this application, the Clerk had already drawn attention to Mr. Dixon's views and had asked for them to be taken into consideration.

Cllr Stallard undertook to arrange a meeting between himself, Mr. Dixon and the Planning Officer concerned.

Standing Orders were resumed at 7.54 p.m.

c. After discussion **it was resolved** to register No Objection to the following applications:

11/00296/FULLN: Eastcott; Garden Room *Pro GW Sec PW*

11/00378/FULLN: The Coach House: Alterations *Pro PW Sec DA*

10/03009/ADV: Various Roads; Cameras and Signs *Pro GW Sec PW*

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

11/24. Clerk's Report.

Computer. The Clerk reported on a software problem that had affected the Council's computer, which could not be covered by the manufacturer's guarantee.

11/25. Organisations.

a. TVBC Councillors. Cllr Flood reported that all concessionary travel arrangements had been taken over by the County Council. It had been decided that concessions would in future be applied to travel from 9 a.m.

Cllr Stallard reported on the Borough Council's budget. Efficiency savings had made it possible for Council Tax to be frozen despite a 20% cut in Government grant. Also, out of 50 Parishes, there were only six with lower precepts than that of Abbots Ann; Burghclere Down residents were paying £12 less than those in Andover Town.

The question of responsibility for the car-park lamp-post in Burghclere Down was complicated, particularly in respect of identifying ownership and the source of the power-supply. He was continuing to work with the Legal Department to resolve the problem. **It was resolved** to authorise Cllr Stallard to conduct any negotiations with those currently responsible for the equipment. *Pro GW Sec*

DA

b. AAGA. Mrs Davis offered to bring the Apple Map to the Annual Assembly. She had arranged for the showing of a documentary film in the War Memorial Hall on April 6th.

c. Footpaths. The Clerk had received a request for consideration to be given to applying gravel to paths which had become muddy in recent poor weather. It was not decided to pursue the matter.

The landowner's keeper had claimed that the path between Dunkirt Lane and the Drove was not a public footpath. Since this claim was unfounded it was decided not to take action, but it was suggested that consideration be given to placing finger-posts at either end.

d. Primary School. The Chairman undertook to write a letter of thanks to the Head Teacher of the Primary School for the visit on February 11th, which was much appreciated by all present. *Action Chairman*

e. War Memorial Hall. The Chairman read a letter of thanks from the Chairman of the Hall Committee for the Council's contribution to the repair of the water-main.

Cllrs Stallard, Flood and Whyte left the meeting at 8.26 p.m.

11/26. Finance.

It was resolved to authorise the following payment:

Cheque No 599: Administration £706.21 *Pro DA Sec PW*

11/27. Correspondence.

a. Travelling Library. It had been confirmed that under the revised arrangements for the travelling library there would be only one stop in the village, which would be at the Eagle.

b. Alternative Polling Station. The Borough’s Electoral Officer had requested the Council to designate an alternative location for a Polling Station in case the War Memorial Hall became unavailable for Health and Safety reasons. The Clerk was instructed to confirm that the Pavilion could be made available for this purpose.
Action Clerk

c. The Clerk had circulated TVBC’s LDF Sustainability Scoping Report Consultation which ran to 96 pages, in case Councillors wished to respond.

11/28. Other Business.

a. Parish Map. Mr. Downey had identified three sources of funding; The County Council’s Countryside Access scheme, The National Lottery’s Grants for All and the County Councillor’s discretionary fund. If the County Council were involved, they could provide a map based on the Ordnance Survey. In general Councillors preferred the format of the current map, which could be up-dated for about £100; this had been printed privately by a firm that was no longer in business.

Mrs. Davis pointed out that the Ordnance Survey would be prepared to simplify their standard maps. She had experience of working with the Ordnance Survey and offered her assistance to Mr. Downey.

b. Community-led Consultation. Mrs. Davis had previously circulated details and a sample questionnaire for a consultation on environmental and other issues. After discussion it was considered that it would be appropriate to discuss this in principle and in detail at a separate informal meeting. It was proposed to hold this on 14th April in the Pavilion, and all Councillors were requested to attend.

11/29. Future Meetings. It was confirmed that the next Parish Council Meeting would be held on 7th April at 6.30 p.m. in the Jubilee Room.

The Annual Assembly would be held on 25th March at 7 p.m. in the War Memorial Hall.

Signed

Date