

PARISH COUNCIL OF ABBOTTS ANN

MINUTES

OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 1st DECEMBER 2011
IN THE JUBILEE ROOM

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

In Attendance:

Mr. A. Stokes, Clerk; Cllr. M. Flood, TVBC; Mr. P. Kelly, Footpaths Officer; Mr. David Downey; Miss S. Li; and two members of the public.

The meeting opened at 6.33 p.m.

11/115. Apologies. Apologies were recorded from Cllr A. Gibson, HCC; Cllr G. Stallard, TVBC; Mr. T. Tayler, Archivist.

11/116. Minutes. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd November 2011 were confirmed and signed. *Pro RB Sec DP*

11/117. Matters arising.

a. Playgrounds. The Clerk had been investigating sources of funding for equipment and copied them to Cllr Bone. The advice of HALC was that an application to "Awards for All" from the National Lottery would be the most likely to succeed.

Cllr Bone had been investigating sources of equipment. It was suggested that much expense could be saved by many items being made locally.

An informal meeting to discuss proposals was to be held at the Eagle at 7 p.m. on 14th December.

b. Junction between Old Salisbury Road and Little Ann Road. The Chairman had been in touch with County and Borough authorities over the removal of trees and shrubs. They had undertaken to investigate but had not yet reported back.

11/118. Planning.

a. Application 11/02436/FULLN. Ash Cottage: conversion of garage and extension. **It was resolved** to register No Objection with the proviso that the use of the extension be restricted to accommodation of a dependent relative. *Pro PW Sec SO*

b. Application 11/02521/FULLN. New dwelling adjacent 6 Timothy's Field. **It was resolved** to register an objection on the grounds that

i. this would comprise development in open countryside.
ii. the site was not "brownfield", since it has never been developed, but had been used for allotments.

iii. the proposal would necessitate provision of an extra access point onto an already hazardous stretch of road, which could also only be approached by pedestrians by crossing from the pavement opposite.

iv. the entrance would destroy part of an ancient hedgerow.

v. there was a danger that the development, as a precedent, would lead to further proposals to the south in the form of “creeping development”. *Pro GW Sec SO*

c. Application 11/02565/FULLN. 20 Cattle Lane: New Dwelling. **It was resolved** to register an objection, on the grounds that the additions to the original approved plans were for an unacceptably dominant building in relation to its site and neighbouring properties, contrary to the policies of the Village Design Statement.

Pro GW Sec PW

d. Application for street trading licence. Mr. Yusuf Canbolat had applied to the Borough for a licence to sell refreshments, from a trailer parked in the lay-by on the A343 adjacent to Gilbert’s Mead, from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., 7 days a week. **It was resolved** to object to this application on the grounds that (apart from considerations of public disorder) it would be in conflict with all the criteria listed by the Borough, including particularly that:

1. It would involve numerous traffic hazards in an area where there have already been several accidents, including a fatality. These would include:

i. Obstruction of sight-lines due to vehicles being parked outside the lay-by, which is too small to accommodate more than one HGV.

ii. Danger from slow-moving vehicles pulling out.

iii. Danger to pedestrians crossing from the pavement opposite.

iv. Absence of any street-lighting causing visibility problems after dark.

2. Disturbance and major inconvenience, particularly to close neighbours in Gilbert’s Mead and on the opposite side of the road, arising from:

i. Noise from lorries and, presumably, from a generator.

ii. Smells arising from the type of refreshments described in the application.

iii. Encouragement of vermin.

iv. Litter.

v. Apparent absence of any toilet facilities

3. Obstruction of access to the Bury Hill Footpath

4. Undesirable commercial intrusion into the rural scene

5. No need for this installation, because of the already plentiful sources of refreshment on the road between Andover and Salisbury.

Pro SO Sec BS

c. Old Primary School site. It was noted that the application by the Diocese of Winchester to develop the site had been refused by the Planning Committee, mainly on the grounds of the overshadowing of neighbouring property and of the dangerously inadequate access onto Duck Street.

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

11.119. Reports.

a. Borough Councillor. Cllr Flood reported that there would be no increase in Council Tax. The Audit Commission had commended the Borough for its efficient system of financial controls.

Cllr Flood drew attention to two free services offered by the Borough. Officers were reviewing the Assisted Bin service, whereby people could apply for assistance with moving their refuse bins. “Insulate Hampshire” was a scheme for the provision of insulation for lofts and cavity walls, which could be accessed through the Council’s website.

b. Archivist. Mr. T. Tayler had emailed to report on a successful presentation to the W.I. Together with the School Reunion held in August, this had led to useful contacts for recording details of the village from 80 years ago.

c. Fete Committee. The Committee had made substantial contributions to village organisations from its record profit of £5,190.

d. Footpaths. Mr. P.Kelly reported that the Andover Ramblers had assessed the village footpaths, and had commended the high standard of maintenance. They had noted, and remedied, a finger-post that had been rotated by persons unknown so as to point in the opposite direction to that intended.

e. Neighbourhood Watch. Residents needed to be warned about con-men, often with realistic identification documents, offering services such as building maintenance. If in doubt it was advisable to contact the Police by phoning 101 or 0845 045 45 45.

f. Primary School. Cllr Bone reported on recent developments, including the acquisition of chickens, to be housed in “eggloos”.

g. Sports Field. Cllr Wilkins reminded Councillors of the Family Quiz arranged for December 28th to raise funds for the pavilion.

h. Village Shop. The recent Food Fair, held in the forecourt, had been a great success. The help of many volunteers, including music provided by Mr. Noel Wilders-Pratt, was much appreciated.

11/120. Finance.

a. **It was resolved** to approve the following payments:

Cheque No	649	Administration	£672.15	
“	650	SLCC Subscription	£123.00	
“	651	Enham	£132.00	
“	652	HCC: Lighting	£192.71	<i>Pro PW Sec SO</i>

b. It was agreed that the Clerk should purchase the up-dated version of *The Clerk’s Guide* from SLCC.

11/121. Correspondence.

a. Postal Service. Sir George Young had been in touch with Royal Mail about poor deliveries. The Clerk had emailed Sir George to say that daily deliveries had been resumed, though the timing was still erratic.

b. Lily Cottage. This was the name chosen for the new house adjacent to Rivermead on Little Ann Road. No objections were raised.

c. The Clerk was receiving by post and email various offers of memorabilia etc. for the Jubilee, which he passed to Cllr Oram. The offers included decorative mugs which could carry the image of the Queen and an emblem of the village. These were generally considered suitable for possible presentations and sales.

11/122. Other Business.

a. Community Consultation. The Chairman had held an informal meeting with Cllr Wilkins and Ms Jo Dixon, who had provided a valuable “Toolkit” containing detailed advice on procedure. It was clear that the process could take up to three years to complete. The Chairman was to call a meeting early in the New Year of those who had volunteered to serve on the Steering Committee. *Action Chairman*

b. Jubilee Celebrations. Cllr Oram had attended a meeting of the Fete Committee and had spoken to the representatives of the village organisations. It was hoped that each organisation would undertake to manage a particular part of the celebrations. Cllr Oram had collected many ideas for activities; these would probably be spread over the holiday, with games and sporting activities on the Saturday. Sunday could be a day of thanksgiving and celebration, during which Cllr Oram was keen to include a form of renewal of the memorial nature of the War Memorial Hall. The Monday could be a Family Day, with perhaps a giant village picnic. This would leave the Tuesday for a general recovery.

A meeting of representatives of organisations was to be held on 9th January.

c. Bus services. Cllr Oram had noted a deterioration in the punctuality of local buses, and a less responsible attitude to their work by some staff . The Clerk was asked to contact Cllr Andrews and the bus company. *Action Clerk*

11/123. Dates.

- a. The next meeting was scheduled for 5th January 2012.
- b. Other meetings in 2012 would normally be held on the first Thursday of the month, but provisional arrangements were that there would be no meetings in June or August. Meetings would be held on 26th April, 22nd May and 26th July. The Clerk would produce a final list shortly.

The Meeting closed at 8.44 p.m.

Signed

Date