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PARISH COUNCIL OF ABBOTTS ANN

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OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 3rd October 2013 IN THE JUBILEE ROOM

Present: Cllr. B. Griffiths, Chairman Cllr. G. Whyte, Vice-Chairman

Cllr. S.Oram Cllr. D. Paffett Cllr. R. Bone Cllr. B.Sims

In Attendance:

Mr. A. Stokes, Clerk; Cllr. A. Gibson, HCC; Cllr. M. Flood, TVBC; Mr. R. Lucas and Dr. J. Moon, AAA & AA Vision; Mr. P. Kelly, Footpaths Officer; Mr. T. Tayler, Archivist; Mr. M. Fowler, Fowler Architecture & Planning; two members of the public.

The meeting opened at 6.36 p.m.

13/93. Apologies. Apologies were recorded from Cllr. G. Stallard, TVBC; Mrs. W. Davis, AAGA; Mrs. L. Stockings, Burghclere Down.

13/94. Minutes. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th September 2013 were confirmed and signed. *Pro DP Sec GW*

13/95. Matters arising.

- a. Pillhill Brook. The Clerk circulated copies of letters from the Chairman and members of Monxton Parish Council and from Lord Tanlaw. This Council was being careful to remain uninvolved in any controversy.
- b. Town Centre Manager. Cllr. Stallard had explained that Abbotts Ann had been approached because of the inclusion of Burghclere Down within its boundaries. No other Parishes had been contacted. It was considered advisable to express willingness to consider requests for one-off projects, but not to contribute to the salary of the Manager, whose appointment was in fact going ahead.
- c. Traffic. In view of the number of issues involved, the Chairman undertook to arrange an on-site meeting with the County Councillor and representatives of the Highways Department.

 Action Chairman

13/96. Planning.

- a. TV No 13/02088/FULLN. Down Farm: Conversion of barns to residential use. Mr. M. Fowler, architect, presented the plans and answered questions. **It was resolved** to register No Objection, but to emphasise the need for a speed limit and double white lines on the A343 in the area to reduce the hazards associated with the access to the site.

 Pro SO Sec GW
- b. TV NO 13/01916/LBWN. Manor Farm House: Alterations. **It was resolved** to register no Objection. *Pro SO Sec BS*
 - c. Note was taken of delegated responses and decisions of the Planning Service.

13/97. Organisations.

- a. County Councillor. Cllr Gibson commented on county-wide issues such as care homes, education and the effect of cuts. On local issues, he was aware that there were many unresolved problems, particularly affecting roads and traffic; he requested a list. The Clerk asked Councillors to suggest items for inclusion. *Action Councillors and Clerk*.
- b. Borough Councillor. Cllr Flood drew attention to Test Valley's Revised Statement of Community Involvement in Planning. She also announced that Test Valley had a corporate Facebook page.
- c. AAA. Mr. Lucas and Dr. Moon commented on the background to the recent decision by the Planning Inspector on the development of Harewood Farm and its consequences, particularly where upward revision of housing numbers was involved.
- d. AA Vision. Mr. Lucas reported that the results of group meetings, interviews and questionnaires were being collated; practicable projects were being investigated. A public meeting was scheduled for 21st November. A decision would have to made as to whether a Neighbourhood Plan, or a Village Plan was appropriate or necessary.
 - e. AAGA. The Apple Day was scheduled for 20th October.
- f. Archivist. Mr. Tayler was working on the commemoration of World War One. Proposals included an exhibition of photographs, biographical details, accounts of the war's effect on the village etc. As an officer of the Council, Mr. Taylor was authorised to apply for grant funding.
- g. Neighbourhood Watch. Mr.Kelly commented on a recent burglary at The Old Manor and on suspicious activities near Black Swan House. It was important to keep garages and sheds locked.
- h. Primary School. The Clerk had written to the Head Teacher to invite her to a Council meeting.
- i. Tree Warden. Dr. Moon expressed concern that the development of the Forge in Dunkirt Lane had involved removal of trees not covered in the planning application.

Trees and shrubs behind the Pavilion were causing problems in neighbouring gardens. The Sports Field Committee was to be asked to cut them back.

Trees on Webbs Lane were overshadowing neighbouring properties, whose occupiers had asked for them to be removed. Mr. P. Kelly, as an officer of the Council, was authorised to make enquiries to establish the ownership of the trees, which was currently unknown.

Action Mr. Kelly

- j. Village Shop. Mr. Alan Dixon expressed concern about the level of morale among the volunteers at the Village Shop.
- w. War Memorial Hall. Cllr Stallard had reported by email that the date of the public meeting to discuss the internal restructure of the Hall had been changed to 27^{th} November at 7.30 p.m. He also reminded Councillors that the AGM was scheduled for 14^{th} November at 8 p.m.

13/98. Finance.

a. It was res	Pro SO Sec GW			
Cheque No	776	Administration	£697.19	
44	777	P.O.Ltd. PAYE & NI	£574.26	
"	778	B.Sims: Fuel	£ 24.52	
44	779	K. Saunders: Website	£300.00	
"	780	Enham (September)	£198.03	

It was further resolved that payment of cheque no 779 be authorised under the provision of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

b. The Clerk circulated a draft budget statement showing results to 30.09.13 and forecasts for the year 2014-15.

13/99. Correspondence.

- a. Copies of correspondence between Cllr Oram and the Archivist were circulated. It was clear that further thought was required on the possible installation of exterior memorial tablets, and Cllr Oram and Mr. Tyler were asked to act as a working party, with others if necessary, to clarify the situation.
- b. Manor Close. The Council's solicitor was still awaiting the draft lease. It was understood that this had been delayed by illness in the County Council's office.
- c. Various parishioners had expressed concern that redundant telegraph poles were being left in situ. The Clerk understood that they would be removed in due course.
- d. Residents of Farm Road had requested a salt bin. The Clerk was asked to contact the relevant authority and to keep Cllr Gibson informed.

 Action Clerk
- e. It had been noted that moss was encroaching on the path to the Church. The Clerk would ask Trevor Hook to treat the area.

 Action Clerk

13/100. Other Business.

- a. Recreation Ground. It was noted with great satisfaction that the installation of equipment was proceeding. The Chairman had obtained suitable replacements for the unsafe manhole covers.
- b. Cllr Sims queried the legality of the installation of stakes on roadside verges and asked whether there could be insurance issues. The Clerk undertook to investigate in due course.

 Action Clerk
- c. Mr Dixon asked whether the area at the eastern end the Burial Ground would continue to be maintained. The Clerk would investigate. *Action |Clerk|*

13/101. Next Meeting. The next meeting was scheduled for 7th November

The Meeting closed at 9.13 p.m.
Signed
Date