

PARISH COUNCIL OF ABBOTTS ANN

MINUTES

OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2011
IN THE JUBILEE ROOM

Present: Cllr. G. Whyte, Vice-chairman Cllr. S. Oram
Cllr. A. Barham Cllr. D. Paffett
Cllr. R. Bone Cllr. P. Wilkins

In Attendance: Mr. A. Stokes, Clerk; Cllr M. Flood, TVBC; Mr. P. Kelly, Footpaths Officer; Mr. D. Downey; Mrs. A. Jackson; Mr. A. Dixon and one member of the public.

The Vice-Chairman took the chair. The meeting opened at 6.30 p.m.

11/86. Apologies. Apologies were recorded from the Chairman; Cllr A. Barham; Cllr. A. Gibson, HCC; Cllr G. Stallard, TVBC; Mr. T. Tayler, Archivist; Mrs. R. Davis and Mrs. W. Davis, AAGA.

11/87. Minutes. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 28th July 2011 were confirmed and signed. *Pro PW Sec DP*

11/88. Matters Arising.

a. Pavilion. In the absence of the Chairman discussion of the proposed new pavilion was deferred.

b. Railings at Bulbery. Cllr Flood was continuing her enquiries as to responsibility for their repair or replacement.

c. Trees. Mr Dermot Cox, Chief Arboriculturalist at TVBC, had inspected trees on The Drove and the Jubilee Oak; he advised that no action was needed. Concerning the large Oak in the grounds of the War Memorial Hall, he advised a crown-lift and removal of dead branches. The Clerk was instructed to obtain estimates for the work.

d. Red Post Bridge. Complaints were still being received about the traffic lights. It was hoped that a site meeting could be held with traffic engineers shortly.

e. Playgrounds. Cllr Bone and Cllr Oram reported on information gathered from visits to other village playgrounds. It was generally agreed that "rustic" wooden equipment was most appropriate. The Clerk undertook in due course to contact TVBC about funding. *Action Clerk*

11/89. Planning. 1. **It was resolved** to respond to applications as follows:

a. TV No 11/01637/FULLN: Retain sales buildings. Objection on grounds of change of use to non-horticultural sales, and danger of the area becoming a general trading estate. *Pro PW Sec DP*

b. TV No 11/01779/FULLN. Pendene: Extension over Garage. Objection (after discussion with Mr. Alan Dixon under suspension of Standing Orders) on grounds of dominance and design out of keeping with surrounding properties. *Pro PW Sec DP*

c. TV No 11/011844/FULLN. 38 Duck Street: Replace rear extension. No Objection *Pro RB Sec PW*

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d. TV No 11/01838/FULLN. Lily Cottage, Little Ann: garage and 2-storey conservatory. Objection on grounds of over-development of already cramped site.

Pro PW Sec RB

2. Delegated Responses. a. TV No 11/01842/TREEN. It was noted that an objection had been registered against the felling of a healthy Beech and it was suggested that the Council should request the imposition of a Preservation Order on the tree.

Action Clerk

b. Note was taken of other delegated responses.

3. Note was taken of decisions of the TVB Planning Service.

11/90. Organisations.

a. TVBC Councillor. Cllr Flood reported on the new Corporate Plan, which was now available on the website, and on her forthcoming training course on planning at Swansea. She was arranging a site meeting at Red Post Bridge for 8th September.

b. Abbotts Ann Action. Dr. Moon had been studying the Government's new planning proposals which had been of great concern to CPRE and other national organisations. The plans included a presumption in favour of development, together with dropping of the guidelines on density and the priority of brown field development. There was now a probability that developers would be encouraged to build on green spaces in their land-banks, including some close to Abbotts Ann. The Clerk was requested to write to Sir George Young expressing the Council's concern. *Action Clerk*

c. Footpaths. The Clerk had heard from Fowler Fortescue that the Abbotts Ann Estate did not wish the stile on Dunkirt Lane to be removed unless another type of stock-proof barrier were installed.

Mr. Kelly reported i. that HCC had funds for the provision of materials for a chicane to replace the above stile, but volunteers would be required for the installation.

ii. that plans were in hand for the re-surfacing of Pitts Path and Donkey Path with materials provided by HCC. Volunteers would be required.

iii. that the Highway Authority had undertaken to re-surface the path between Manor Close and Duck Street with tarmac.

d. Nursery School. Cllr Bone reported that the Nursery School had a new Manager, Karen Pearce.

11/91. Finance.

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

Cheque No.	628	Administration (July)	£673.78
"	629	Advent: Village Map	£338.40
"	630	Gillett & Johnston (Clock)	£244.80
"	631	Enham	£110.00
"	632	T.C.Hook	£424.97
"	633	AAWMH: Caretaker	£155.48
"	634	Administration (August)	£672.40
"	635	B.Sims: Fuel	£ 34.62
"	636	D.Downey: Emergency map	£107.32

It was further resolved that payment of Cheque No 630 be made in accordance with Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972. *Pro SO Sec PW*

b. A summary received from TVBC of the sums available from developers' contributions was distributed.

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11/92. Correspondence.

a. Buses. Cllr Oram had obtained from the County Council information that the bus services through Abbots Ann would not be severely affected by expenditure cuts demanded by the Government.

b. Village Greens. The Rural Services Network had provided a summary of the Government's proposals to simplify the system of registration of Village Greens so as to remove abuses of the existing procedures and to reduce the time and expense involved.

c. Access Plan. It was noted that the new Access Plan for Test Valley included:
i. Junction improvements at St. John' Cross.
ii. Investigation of provision of a footpath between the Garden Centre and the A303 underpass.
iii. Traffic calming in Duck Street near the new school.

d. Noise nuisance. A resident had written to draw attention to the nuisance arising from the use of noisy garden machinery at week-ends. The Clerk was asked to mention this, at least in connection with Sunday afternoons, in the next newsletter.

Action Clerk

11.93. Other Business.

a. Mrs. Andrea Jackson raised the question of the deteriorating surface of the parking area at Timothy's Field. This was a private space and the responsibility for maintenance was the joint responsibility of the six properties there, of which four were owned freehold, one was rented and one was in shared ownership with a housing association. Repeated efforts by Mr. and Mrs. Jackson and Mr. Noel Wilders-Pratt to persuade the remaining residents to contribute to the cost of repairs had been fruitless.

It was explained that the Parish Council had no powers to enforce action, but undertook, together with Cllr Flood, to look into ways of helping to remedy the situation. As a first contribution the Chairman would be requested to approach the original developer informally.

Action Cllr Flood, Chairman and Clerk

b. **A vote of thanks was recorded** for Mr. Downey in appreciation of the amount of time and effort involved in the highly successful production of the Village Map and Emergency Map.

Pro SO Sec DP

11/94. Next Meeting. The next meeting was scheduled for 6th October 2011 at 6.30 p.m. in the Jubilee Room.

The meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

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