

ABBOTTS ANN PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes from the Meeting held on
Thursday 1st September 2016 at 19:00
at the Abbots Ann War Memorial Hall



Present: Parish Councillors T Abram (Vice Chairman), Mrs S Bleeker,
Mrs L Haigh, D Wells, C Teasdale, M Doherty,
Borough Councillor Mrs M Flood

Members of the Public: 5

Minutes: Mrs Clare Cotterell – Clerk

Meeting started at 19:00

AGENDA ITEM	ACTION
1 Apologies for Absence Cllrs Hayter and Gibson and Stallard	NOTED
2 Declarations of Interest None	NOTED
3 Cllrs to agree the minutes to be an accurate record of the meeting held on 16th August 2016 Proposed Cllr Bleeker, seconded Cllr Wells, all agreed.	
4 Actions to be reported Clerk reported: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Currently communicating with the insurance company regarding the claim for the damaged AED. Replacement cabinet door and AED have been received and should be installed soon. 2. Red Telephone Box - Have received permission from BT to publish a copy of the adoption Contract for the telephone box, this has been sent to the website. Equipment has been removed and have received a completion certificate for this. Notices have been placed in the box to advise no longer a working telephone box. Have also received a painting kit for the box. <p>Future use for the telephone box was discussed and Cllr Haigh proposed putting notices on the website and in the magazine to invite suggestions. Seconded Cllr Bleeker, all agreed.</p> <p>Cllr Abram confirmed an email has been sent to other local parishes regarding the ANPR system at Andover Business Park, positive responses have been received from Penton Mewsey and Monxton. Cllr Abram will arrange a meeting between the parishes.</p> <p>The Chairman of Thrupton PC had responded and suggested a representative of Abbots Ann attend the meeting of TVAPTC on 22nd September at Kings Somborne – Cllrs Bleeker or Hayter will attend.</p>	Cllr Haigh Cllr Abram Cllrs Bleeker/ Hayter
5 Public Participation - <i>This item will be limited to 15 minutes, unless directed otherwise by the Chairman.</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) It was noted that Item 11c of the agenda was withdrawn. b) Mr Lucas commented that Abbots Ann Action will write to express their point of view re the Parish Council's pre planning policy. 	
6 Borough and County Councillors Reports Cllr Flood reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Stallard recommended that Cllrs read the article - The future of Local Government in Hampshire in the Test Valley Forum – Cllr Flood provided copies to Cllrs. • TVBC have a number of apprentice posts available. The closing date is 5th September. • Healthwatch Hampshire – independent consumer organisation have a speak out section on the Healthwatch Hampshire website. • TVBC has published the Housing Implementation Strategy on its website. • Andover arches – the first arch has been unveiled signposting shoppers to businesses located off the High Street. • This month a driving theory test centre will be opened in Andover. 	

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	Question re the cutting of roadside hedges/verges around the areas – Cllr Flood will check whether any are the responsibility of TVBC.	Cllr Flood															
7	<p>Planning and Tree Work applications – Cllrs to propose a response to be submitted to TVBC relating to the following applications: Proposed: Cllr Abram, seconded Cllr Teasdale</p> <p>a) 16/01831/TPON – T51 Copper Beech – lift to 5m, reduce side crown to create 3m clearance. T52 T56 T58 T59 Sycamore Fell. T55 Sycamore – Fell T57 Beech – Crown lift to create 3m clearance. Highfield Lodge, Abbots Hill, Little Ann. – Agreed to submit the Tree warden’s comments which has some objections to T51 and T57, no objection to other trees – voted all in favour.</p> <p>b) 16/01898/TPON – T55 Sycamore – Remove two basal sucker stems on north eastern and south western side. Highfield Lodge, Abbots Hill, Little Ann. – Agreed to submit Tree Warden’s comment of no objection – voted all in favour.</p> <p>c) 15/01813/FULLN – Provision of car parking on land adjacent to Andover Garden Centre to be used as an extension to car park - Cllrs to propose a response for the planning appeal APP/C1760/W/16/3151438 – agreed to accept and submit Cllr Hayter’s proposed comments (see appendix) – voted all in favour. Clerk to submit comments online via the Appeals Casework Portal.</p>	Clerk															
8	<p>Abbots Ann Vision - Housing Need Survey</p> <p>Proposal that the Parish Council accept the report of Action Hampshire of the recently conducted survey and accept the recommendations arising in the accompanying report by Abbots Ann Vision:</p> <p>a) Proposal to accept the report of Action Hampshire – Parish Council resolved to accept the report – Proposed Cllr Doherty, seconded Cllr Bleeker, all agreed.</p> <p>b) Proposal to accept the recommendations in the report by Abbots Ann Vision – A discussion was held and it was agreed to hold an extraordinary meeting specifically for this item later in September. Provisional date agreed as Monday 26th September, Clerk to book venue.</p>	Clerk															
9	<p>Cllrs to review Risk Assessments and Asset Register (details previously circulated)</p> <p>a) Asset Register – It was resolved to remove the following items from the asset register as either no longer exist or are obsolete: printer/office contents/phone/Hayter Condor Mower/snow shovel/hand brush/watering can/grass strimmer (petrol). - Proposed Cllr Bleeker, seconded Cllr Wells, all agreed</p> <p>b) Risk assessments – Cllrs agreed to divide up the different areas of the risk assessments to review – Cemeteries – Cllr Hayter, Play areas – Cllr Abram, Open spaces and trees – Cllr Wells, Health related risks – Cllr Bleeker, Dog fouling – Cllr Haigh. Proposed Cllr Wells, seconded Cllr Haigh, all agreed.</p> <p>It was noted that weekly visual checks are required on play equipment, Cllr Abram agreed to do WMH area and will confirm with Sports field committee who is covering Bulbery area.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllrs</p> <p>Cllr Abram</p>															
10	<p>Cllrs to review Footpath Maintenance:</p> <p>A discussion was held regarding the maintenance of the footpaths and other areas including the Sportsfield, The Green and the Churchyard/Burial Ground. It was agreed that there is a need to tender for contractors for all of the maintenance required. Cllr Bleeker will put together a tender specification. Clerk to approach Mr Sims to confirm if he is interested in continuing with the grass cutting of Sportsfield and The Green.</p>	Cllr Bleeker/ Clerk															
11	<p>Finance:</p> <p>a) Cllrs to approve the Financial Statement for the period 1st to 31st August 2016. Proposed Cllr Teasdale, seconded Cllr Doherty, all agreed.</p> <p>b) Cllrs to approve the following payments to be made.</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Chq</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Payee</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1109</td> <td>Clerk – expenses</td> <td>£55.09</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1110</td> <td>A Deptford replacement AED</td> <td>£1,380.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1111</td> <td>Clerk Salary – Sept</td> <td>£ -</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1112</td> <td>Enham Gardening Services</td> <td>£133.64</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Chq	Payee	Amount	1109	Clerk – expenses	£55.09	1110	A Deptford replacement AED	£1,380.00	1111	Clerk Salary – Sept	£ -	1112	Enham Gardening Services	£133.64	
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	<p>Proposed Cllr Bleeker, seconded Cllr Wells, all agreed</p> <p>c) Cllrs to consider funding a design fee for Abbots Ann Green Action to provide a design for The Green. – This item withdrawn from agenda.</p> <p>d) Cllrs to consider whether to add damage cover to the insurance policy for the adopted Telephone Box. – It was agreed to add damage cover to the insurance policy at a value of £3000 – Proposed Cllr Doherty, seconded Cllr Bleeker, all agreed.</p>	
<p>12</p>	<p>The next meetings of the Parish Council will be held on:</p> <p>Extraordinary meeting – 26th September 2016</p> <p>Ordinary meeting - 6th October 2016</p> <p>Cllr Wells confirmed a meeting has been set up regarding The Green and will update at a future Parish Council meeting.</p> <p>Next agenda item:</p> <p>To confirm plaque details and cost for Poplar Farm Inn. Cllr Bleeker will provide details.</p>	

Meeting closed at 20.22

Approved and signed by the Chairman at the meeting held on 6th October 2016

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Appendix

Comments for Planning Appeal APP/C1760/W/16/3151438

1. The retrospective planning (11/01637/FULLN) in 2006 noted the large number of parking spaces. The applicants assured TVBC that they foresaw no increase in traffic movements and that the parking spaces were sufficient for the buildings erected that they were seeking permission for. HCC also indicated no traffic concerns at that time.

The planning officer noted "8.11. There is a significant level of parking associated with the wider Garden Centre. As noted above, the proposal is not considered to be a travel generating development. It is considered that the proposal will not result in additional demand for car parking."

2. Local knowledge indicates absolutely no concerns about ever having seen cars parked anywhere apart from within the car park or the overflow field. That point repeated several times in the appeal document is without foundation.
3. The garden centre business is a seasonal one. The applicants parking survey was conducted in the peak days for its customer's use. The garden centre is popular at Christmas for purchasing Christmas trees on the Saturdays prior to Christmas and over bank holiday weekends during the spring. Section 2 of the appeal contains statistics showing traffic ingress and egress from the site onto a roundabout with excellent traffic capacity for the volume of cars using it. Neither the survey nor the document note traffic circulation problems or traffic backing onto the roundabout. In fact the survey outlines the excellent handling of peak capacity on these seasonally high retail days.
4. Statistical Inaccuracy. Surveys were taken over six days only, and a broad extrapolation using footfall adopted for all 365 days using only four of those days, with no reason given for omitting two of the surveyed days. There are several problems with this analysis:
 - i) Insufficient data. A survey over six days, and only using four days of sampled data is not acceptable. Why has the footfall for the other two days not been included?
 - ii) Lack of control days. There are no non-peak days surveyed to demonstrate the soundness of the approach used.
 - iii) Inverse correlation. The four days presented provide an almost inverse correlation between peak cars parked and foot fall. Highest peak parking day with 145 cars has a foot fall of 1949, the next highest with 139 peak cars had a foot fall of 2035 third with 134 peak cars had a footfall of 2207, and the lowest peak cars of 117 had the highest foot fall of 2269 footfall. These statistics tend to suggest that the more cars, the fewer the people and visa-versa.
 - iv) Peak car park usage compared to average footfall across the day is a poor use of the data sets. It takes no account of variability of car arrivals across the day.
5. The proposed location of this development lies within the countryside. This area forms a natural gap noted in both the 2006 former TVBC borough plan and the current one.
6. Garden centre provision within TVBC is good. With both town centre facilities providing retail facilities within the context of the National Planning Framework of sustainable development with excellent public transport links whereas the countryside placement of this centre with a complete lack of public transport leaves it to rely on private cars for all its custom. The National Planning Framework does not provide a green light to urban sprawl into the countryside. It favours 'sustainable development' highlighting public transport for employees and customers as key concerns.

In summary the TVBC Planning Officer correctly resolved the planning application and there is no basis for this appeal. The statistical data presented is arbitrary and flawed and should be disregarded. The concern over vehicular movements has been disproved by the analysis and comments presented in the appeal document itself. There is no suggestion that the occasional use of the overflow parking arrangements for a few hours on peak days is causing a problem. There are no reasonable grounds for allowing the countryside gap to be concreted over.