

PARISH COUNCIL OF ABBOTTS ANN

MINUTES

OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 22nd May 2012
IN THE PAVILION

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

In Attendance:

Mr. A. Stokes, Clerk; Cllr. M. Flood, TVBC; Mrs. L. Stockings, Burghclere Down; Mr. A. Hayter, War Memorial Hall; Mr. N. Palmer, Nursery School and three members of the public.

The meeting opened at 6.36 p.m.

12/61. Apologies. Apologies were recorded from Cllr R. Bone; Cllr A. Gibson, HCC; Cllr G. Stallard, TVBC; Mr. P. Kelly, Footpaths Officer; Mr. T. Tayler, Archivist; Mrs. W. Davis, AAGA.

12/62. Minutes. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd May 2012 were confirmed and signed. *Pro PW Sec DP*

12/63. Matters Arising.

a. Little Ann Road. Mr. R. Alborough, Senior Transport Engineer, TVBC had written acknowledging the error in referring to "Clatford Road" instead of Little Ann Road and undertaking to take steps to prevent recurrence.

b. Police video cameras. **It was resolved** that the Clerk should offer £50 towards funding of body-worn video cameras for police. *Pro SO Sec PW Action Clerk*

c. Church Path. It was noted that the dangerous barbed wire had been removed.

d. Blocked drains and gullies. The Chairman was to invite Cllr Gibson to visit the village for a general survey of highway conditions, including ongoing drainage problems.

Action Chairman

e. Footpath, Burghclere Down. Cllr Oram pointed out that an important footpath connecting Burghclere Down with Weyhill Road was not signed. It was suggested that the Clerk should ask HCC to provide a finger-post. *Action Clerk*

Standing Orders were suspended from 7 p.m. to 7.24 p.m. Pro GW Sec PW.

f. Lorries in the village. Two representatives of Siteweld Ltd were present to discuss the problem of lorries attempting to drive through the village. It was clear that the signs at St. John's Cross were not effective in every case. It was possible that a new sign indicating the barring of all large lorries was available and would be more suitable. Cllr Flood undertook to make enquiries. *Action Cllr Flood*

12/64. Planning.

a. Application No 12/00987/FULLN. **It was resolved** to register an objection to this application on grounds of excessive overshadowing and overlooking of the neighbouring property (3 Kingsmead). In his response, the Clerk was requested to draw attention to the fact that the building concerned was described as an 'outbuilding' despite being let for residential occupancy. *Pro GW Sec BS*

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

12/65. Clerk's Report. The Clerk had distributed copies of documents concerning maintenance of the Church Yard and the Government's plans for a revision of the laws on Rights of Way, together with papers containing statistics extracted from the Electoral Register provided by TVBC.

12/66. Organisations.

a. Borough Councillor. Cllr Flood reported that Test Valley had exceeded its targets for housing both in the affordable and rural categories. In connection with possible breaches of planning regulations in the Parish she would speak to the officials concerned.

Savings of £1.1million had to be made this year.

Cllr Stallard had stepped down from the Chairmanship of OSCOM.

b. AAGA had reported on the recent plant sale, which had been successful in raising funds and promoting environmental issues. AAGA would be organising recycling facilities at the Jubilee picnic.

An Open Homes Energy Evening was planned for 27th June at 7.30 p.m. at Pitt House.

b. Burghclere Down. Mrs. Stockings reported on the positive reaction of many residents to the flyers distributed in connection with the Jubilee celebrations.

She asked for action against the parking of cars on dangerous corners. Cllr Flood undertook to take this up with the authorities. *Action Cllr Flood*

She asked that grit bins should be provided at two locations. The Clerk was asked to pass the request to Cllr Gibson. *Action Clerk*

c. Footpaths. Complaints had been received about obstruction of footpaths by overgrown hedges and of weed-growth on a Bulbery path. The Clerk was asked to contact those responsible. *Action Clerk*

d. Nursery School and War Memorial Hall. Mr. N. Palmer and Mr. A. Hayter indicated the need for them to provide a notice board at the Hall for displaying information about the Hall and the Nursery School. It would be of oak construction with doors glazed with shatterproof material. The Council raised no objection to the request.

e. Sports Field Committee. The Clerk was reminded to write to the Chairmen of the Committee and of the Parents Association concerning their responsibility for the clearing up of the bonfire site.

Action Clerk

Cllr Oram asked that the Sports Field Committee should make annual audited accounts available to the Parish Council. It was agreed that the Clerk would inform the Treasurer accordingly. *Action Clerk*

12/67. Finance.

a. **It was resolved** to authorise the following payments: *Pro SO Sec BS*

Cheque No	680	Administration	708.29
"	681	Enham	132.00
"	682	Hamptons Tree Care	540.00
"	683	Bulpitt Print Ltd	98.00
"	684	A.W.Dixon (Jubilee exp.)	980.00
"	685	Sports Field Grant	1,500.00
"	686	CAB (S.137)	100.00
"	687	Playsafety (RoSPA)	151.20

It was further resolved that payment of Cheque No 686 be made in accordance with Section 137 of the Local Government act 1972.

b. It was noted that donations towards the expenses of the Jubilee celebrations stood at £2,090; sales of commemorative mugs at £792 gave a Receipts total of £2,882. Expenditure to date totalled £2,563 out of which £253 VAT could be reclaimed.

12/68. Correspondence.

a. Traffic Calming. The Highway authority had given notice that their plans to install two “build-outs”, together with other alterations to Duck Street near the Primary School, had been authorised; it was hoped to start work in July.

b. Road Works. Notice had been given of road closures for repairs in Cattle Lane, Church Road and Little Ann Road.

12/69. Other Business.

a. Jubilee Celebrations. Cllr Oram reported that preparations were up to schedule. It had been decided to start at 12 noon on 2nd June with the opening performed by Mrs. Turnbull, retiring Head Teacher of the Primary School; the proceedings would close at 4 p.m. with the Jubilee Tree being planted by Sir George Young MP.

It had been possible to secure a large marquee within the budget, so that adverse weather was provided for.

b. Neighbourhood Plan. The Chairman had reserved 5 places at a meeting on 21st June sponsored by CPRE and asked Councillors to consider attending. *Action All*

c. Skate Park Area. Cllr Sims reported that the rubbish bin at the Skate Park was not being emptied. The Clerk was requested to contact TVBC about this.

Action Clerk

d. Jubilee Tree Junction. It had been noticed that the railings and Keep Left signs had been removed from the Jubilee Tree in Duck Street. Drivers had already been observed passing the tree on the wrong side. The Clerk was requested to press HCC for replacement, and to ask the County authorities to notify the Parish Council of any intentions to remove or repair street furniture in future. Any correspondence should be copied to Cllr Gibson.

Action Clerk

12/70. Next Meeting. The next meeting was scheduled for 5th July 2012 in the Jubilee Room.

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

Signed

Date