

PARISH COUNCIL OF ABBOTTS ANN

MINUTES

OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 2nd June 2011
IN THE JUBILEE ROOM

Present: Cllr. B.Griffiths, Chairman
Cllr. G.Whyte, Vice-chairman
Cllr. A.Barham
Cllr. R.Bone *from 7.10 p.m.*

Cllr. S.Oram
Cllr. D.Paffett
Cllr. P. Wilkins

In Attendance:

Mr. A.Stokes, Clerk, Cllr. M.Flood, TVBC; Mr.D.Downey and three members of the public.

The meeting opened at 7.04 p.m .

11/56. Apologies. Apologies were recorded from Cllr. A.Gibson, HCC; Cllr. G.Stallard, TVBC; Mr. P.Kelly, Footpaths Officer.

11/57. Vacancy. Mrs. Rebecca Bone gave a brief presentation and **it was resolved** unanimously that she be co-opted to the Council. After signing the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, she took her seat.
Pro SO Sec AB

11/58. Minutes. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th May 2011 were confirmed and signed.
Pro PW Sec GW

11/59. Matters Arising.

a. Playgrounds. It was suggested that ideas for improving the recreation ground could be obtained by visiting neighbouring playgrounds. Cllr Bone undertook to make some visits and offer suggestions.
Action Cllr Bone

b. TVAPC. The Chairman reported on a recent meeting of TVAPC, where the impact of *localism* was discussed; Parish Councils would be expected to be more pro-active than in the past.

A useful contact had been made with Thruxton Parish Council, who had conducted regular community consultations.

c. Cllr Whyte drew attention to the new issue of *The Stockbridge Forum*, which can be accessed on its website. Councillors were asked to consider its potential value to Abbots Ann.
Action All

11/60. Planning.

a. Application No. 11/001058/FULLN: 20 Cattle Lane. **It was resolved** to register No Objection, subject to the comment that the brickwork should comply with the Village Design Statement Section 3.1.
Pro GW Sec PW

b. Application No. 11/01100/FULLN: The Coach House. **It was resolved** to register No Objection, subject to the comment that the condition prohibiting the use of the annexe for residential purposes should be enforced.
Pro GW Sec PW

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

d. The Clerk distributed a memo from the Planning Service summarising the factors which could, and which could not, be taken into account by Councillors when considering responses to applications.

11/61. Clerk's Report.

a. Graveyard. It had been pointed out to the Parish Council that, under the care of Enham, the mowing had been done in a way that left cut grass on the ground. After discussion this was considered acceptable, but the practice should be kept under review.

b. Children's Slide. RoSPA had confirmed that Hammerite was suitable for repainting the metalwork on the slide on the Sports Field.

c. Grant for Parish Map. As no reply had been received to the request for a grant from the County Concillor's discretionary fund. The Clerk was requested to contact Cllr Gibson.
Action Clerk

d. The Clerk distributed a flier containing information about the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012. Councillors were reminded that forward planning should start soon.

11/62. Reports from Organisations.

a. TVBC Councillor. Cllr Flood referred to the traffic calming scheme on Monxton Road; a consultation had shown that 73% of respondents were in favour of the scheme in principle, and 70% favoured the installation of two build-outs at each end of Sunnybank, rather than a chicane.

Andover was to be connected to the National Cycle Network, with the official opening on June 18th. Details were on the website.

b. Fete Committee. Cllr Barham reported on the great success of the recent Plant Sale; this had raised £714, which was almost double the amount previously achieved.

c. Footpaths. The Clerk read an email from Mr. Kelly. He had arranged for the installation of two finger-posts, with the help of the Chairman, on Footpath 501 (from Dunkirt track to The Drove).

He had arranged a meeting with Mr. Peter Watson, HCC, to survey the footpaths needing re-surfacing. At his request **it was resolved** to approve the proposals to repair the surfaces of Donkey Path, Pitt's Path and the path between Duck Street and the Manor Close field.
Pro PW Sec AB

He reported that TVBC had removed an abandoned bicycle from Short Path, and a fallen tree on Webbs Lane had been removed by the Estate management.

d. Village Shop. Cllr Whyte reported that the introduction of cream teas and special "Abbotts Ann" sausages, locally produced, had proved popular.

e. War Memorial Hall. The Clerk read out an email from Mr. Paul Greenhalgh referring to the fact that the capacity of the main gas supply was insufficient for operating the new cooker. At his request the Council approved in principle the installation of a bottled gas supply attached to the outside of the building. The Parish Council would need to approve the details prior to installation.

f. Website. Cllr Whyte indicated that the cost of running the website was likely to leave Mr Keith Saunders out of pocket. He undertook to discuss this with Mr. Saunders.

Action Cllr Whyte

11/63. Finance.

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

Cheque No	617	Administration	£
710.44			
	"	618 NALC: Review	£ 15.50
	"	619 T.C.Hook	£ 372.00

“ 620 Sports Field Committee: annual grant
£1,500.00

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11/64. Correspondence.

a. Old school site. The Clerk had asked the Diocesan Property Office not to allow the site to become an eyesore. Their response could hardly be described as positive.

b. Notice had been received of the imminent closure of Mill Lane and parts of the A343 for repairs. It was noted that Little Ann Road was apparently being referred to as “Clatford Road”. The Clerk was asked to object to this nomenclature. *Action Clerk*

c. Mr. David Lunan had raised the question of traffic calming in Little Ann Road with the Chairman and with Cllr Stallard, who asked for the Parish Council’s view. It was agreed that the Council had no objection to the idea, and would encourage further enquiries; the current priority, however, was for making progress on the proposals for traffic calming in the vicinity of the new school.

d. An email had been received from the Shaw Trust concerning a scheme for helping people to be “safe, warm and secure” in their homes. The Clerk was requested to ask if the Trust could produce a flier, or copy for the Parish Magazine. *Action Clerk*

11/65. Other Business.

a. Village Map. Mr. David Downey presented proofs of the proposed map, which incorporated a number of suggestions arising from consultations. The draft was approved by the Council and the Chairman expressed the appreciation of the Council for Mr. Downey’s work on this project and on the Emergency Map

b. Community-led Consultation. It was considered necessary that the initial meeting on June 29th should be further publicised. The Clerk was requested to put up notices, and Cllr Barham undertook to publicise it on the website.

Action Cllr Barham & Clerk

c. Emergency Map. Mr. Downey had been working on an up-date of the Emergency Map. **It was resolved** to authorise the production of 10 copies at £15 each.

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d. Time of Meetings. Cllr Paffett suggested, for the convenience of those attending, a return to an earlier starting time for future meetings. It was agreed to start meetings at 6.30 p.m. from July 28th.

11/66. Future Meetings. The next Parish Council meeting was scheduled for 7th July at 7 p.m. There would be a shortened meeting on July 28th at 6.30 p.m. and no meeting in August.

The meeting closed at 9.12 p.m.

Signed

Date