

*PARISH COUNCIL OF ABBOTTS ANN*

**MINUTES**  
OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> JULY 2009  
IN THE WAR MEMORIAL HALL

Present: Cllr. B.Griffiths, Chairman                      Cllr. D.Paffett  
          Cllr D.Alleway                                        Cllr. P.Stanton  
          Cllr. P.Wilkins

In Attendance:  
                  Mr. A.Stokes, Clerk                                      Mrs. R.Bone, Nursery School

*The meeting opened at 6.35 p.m.*

**0965. Apologies.** Apologies were recorded from the Vice-Chairman, Cllr S.Oram, Cllrs A. Peters and. G.Stallard, TVBC, and Mr. D.Downey, Footpaths Officer

**0966. Minutes.** The Minutes of the Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2009 were confirmed and signed. *Pro PW Sec DP*

**0967. Matters Arising.**

a. War Memorial Hall Fence. The Clerk had provided the Chairman with a brief specification. The Chairman undertook to approach two possible contractors.

*Action Chairman*

b. Telephone Kiosk. The Clerk had been informed by BT that the kiosk would be kept in service, since TVBC had vetoed its decommissioning. The Clerk was requested to press BT to remedy its current dilapidated condition.

*Action Clerk*

c. Manor Close Playing Field. A meeting had been arranged with Mr. Richard Barry, HCC, to discuss future plans on Wednesday July 8<sup>th</sup>. The Council would be represented by The Chairman, Cllr P. Stanton and Cllr D.Alleway. The Clerk would be in attendance.

**0968. Planning.**

a. TV No 09/01053/FULLN: Belmont, extensions. **It was resolved** to register No Objection to this application. *Pro PS SecPW*

b. TV No 09/01002/FULLN: "Formosa", Entrance gates and hard standing at bungalow. **It was resolved** to register an Objection to this application on similar grounds to those mentioned in response to previous applications; in these the Council had objected to applications involving the retention of the bungalow contrary to established planning policy and to legal undertakings to demolish it made at the time of the building of the new dwelling. *Pro PW Sec DA*

It was noted that the Clerk had received an apology for the allegation of support ‘in principle’ by the Parish Council stated in the Design Statement for the earlier application (See Minute 0958 of 04.06.09). However the current application contained the same allegation. The Clerk was requested to repeat the denial. *Action Clerk*

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

d. The Clerk had corresponded with the Planning Service expressing the Council’s concern about the effect of grain lorries using Cattle Lane in the event of permission being given for a grain store in Monxton. The Planning Officer had replied that he was recommending refusal, but added that the Highway Authority had not raised an objection.

#### **0969. Clerk’s Report.**

a. The Clerk had written to former County Councillor Michael Woodhall thanking him for his support over the years. The Clerk was requested to invite his successor, Cllr Andrew Gibson to attend a Parish Council Meeting in the near future. *Action Clerk*

b. There had been two acts of vandalism in the village. Graffiti had been written on the Village Sign in Red Post Lane; its removal was in hand. Also the “Walkers Only” sign recently installed on the western end of Church Path had been destroyed; Cllr Alleway had a spare, which he intended to mount on an aluminium sheet.

c. The street sign for St. Mary’s Meadow had collapsed. The Clerk would request a replacement. *Action Clerk*

d. The RoSPA inspection of the Play Equipment had recently been completed. The only major requirement was for the repair of the small gate into the Recreation Ground. The Clerk had arranged for Trevor Hook to attend to this.

#### **0970. Parish Organisations.**

a. TVBC Councillors. The Chairman read notes from Cllr A. Peters, underlining the importance of re-iterating this parish’s concern about its classification as “Andover Area” rather than “Test Valley Rural” in discussions about the Test Valley Core Strategy. The Clerk was requested to write to TVBC repeating the Council’s previously expressed views. *Action Clerk*

b. Nursery School. Mrs. Bone outlined the requirement for a store to be attached to, or aligned with, the existing timber store. This was approved in principle, and the Council undertook to provide finance, subject to reasonable cost. The Clerk was requested to enquire whether planning permission would be needed. *Action Clerk*

c. For the War Memorial Hall Committee, Cllr G. Stallard sent a message that the Hog Roast had been very successful.

d. Website. The Webmaster had asked that publicity be given to the need for users of the village email system to include their own email addresses in their messages. The Clerk would include this request in the Newsletter. *Action Clerk*

#### **0971. Finance.**

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

Cheque No	499	Administration	£660.32	
	500	Post Office Ltd: PAYE, NI	£597.30	
	501	Andover Mencap	£128.00	
	502	SLCC (Arnold Baker)	£ 55.60	
	503	T.C.Hook	£155.00	
	504	B.Sims: Fuel	£ 30.00	
	505	Playsafety Ltd (RoSPA)	£144.90	<i>Pro PW Sec PS</i>

b. **It was resolved** to support the appeal received from Victim Support with a payment of £100 under the terms of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

*Pro DS Sec PW*

**0972. Correspondence.**

a. Speed Warning Signs. It was noted that Wickham Parish Council had reckoned the cost of Speed Warning Signs as follows: Initial cost: £3,000; cost of moving (recommended every two weeks): £112.50; also insurance and maintenance costs. The Council re-affirmed the decision to take no action until after the completion of the new school. Meanwhile, the Clerk was asked to obtain an up-date from HALC. and to investigate the apparent deployment of traffic monitoring equipment on Red Rice Road.

*Action Clerk*

b. A parishioner had written about confusion caused by street names, particularly because both Abbots Ann and Upper Clatford had streets named Red Rice Road. It was considered impracticable to attempt to have street-names changed, but the Clerk was requested to emphasise, in the Newsletter, the importance of giving emergency services as much detail as possible, including the name of the village and the post-code.

*Action Clerk*

**0973. Other Business,**

a. Road Surfaces. It was noted that road surfaces in the village had deteriorated to an alarming extent, particularly in that part of the bus-route between Dance's Corner and the Eagle. The Clerk had already complained on several previous occasions but was instructed to make a further effort to have the problem remedied.

*Action Clerk*

b. Cllr Wilkins drew attention to the blackboard which had been placed on highway land opposite the Poplar Farm Inn on Little Ann Road. This was considered intrusive, and it was suggested that an informal approach be made to the Manager, and the Chairman undertook to visit the Inn for this purpose.

*Action Chairman*

**0974. Next Meeting.** The next meeting was scheduled for 6<sup>th</sup> August 2009 at 6.30 p.m. in the Jubilee Room.

*The meeting closed at 8.19 p.m.*

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