

PARISH COUNCIL OF ABBOTTS ANN
MINUTES

OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 1st JULY 2010
IN THE JUBILEE ROOM

Present: Cllr. B.Griffiths, Chairman
Cllr. G.Whyte, Vice-chairman
Cllr. A.Barham

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

In Attendance:

Mr. A.Stokes, Clerk, Cllr. M. Flood TVBC, Mr. D.Downey, Footpaths Officer and two members of the public.

The meeting opened at 6.32 p.m .

1068. Apologies. Apologies were recorded from Cllr. D. Alleway, Cllr. A. Gibson, HCC and Cllr. G. Stallard, TVBC.

1069. Minutes. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd June 2010 were confirmed and signed. *Pro PW Sec DP*

It was noted that in the Minutes of the Meeting of 6th May 2010 Cllr G. Stallard's name had been omitted from those attending.

1070. Matters arising.

a. Welcome Pack. The Clerk reported that TVBC would in future supply updates to the Electoral Register.

Cllrs Barham and Wilkins had recently delivered the first pack.

b. War Memorial Hall fence. It was noted with satisfaction that the fence had been completed and the sign installed.

c. Manor Close. The Chairman had filled in two of the post-holes. It was noted that the grass had been mown and the main gate was padlocked.

The County and Borough had commissioned a traffic survey of the approach road.

d. Old school site. The Clerk reported that the yew trees were protected under the Conservation Area rules. He was requested to contact the Diocesan authorities to ask them to keep the Council informed of their plans for the site. *Action Clerk*

1071. Planning.

a. **It was resolved** to register No Objection to the following applications:

TV No 10/01328/FULLN: 82 Berry Way; extensions. *Pro GW Sec PW*

TV No 10/01137/FULLN: Andover Garden Machinery; extensions etc. It was noted that there was no tick in the box referring to otters, despite recent evidence of their presence in this area of the Pill Hill Brook catchment. *Pro AB Sec DP*

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

1073. Clerk's Report.

a. HALC. Mr. Lugg had reported that NALC appeared to be responding to pressure from this and other County Associations, resulting in an improvement in communication and effectiveness.

b. The RoSPA report on the play areas had only advised a check on the tightness of nuts and bolts on the swings. The failure of the door-closer on the gate into the War Memorial Hall play area had not been mentioned, but the Clerk was instructed to see to its replacement.

Action

Clerk

c. Attention had been drawn to the notice at Silver Birch Farm which was displaying the number “35” in large figures close to the 30 mph sign. Monxton Parish Council considered this to constitute a hazardous distraction to drivers. The Clerk was instructed to contact the Highway Authority accordingly.

Action Clerk

d. Weather permitting, Trevor Hook was planning to start work on the roof of the shed in the War Memorial Hall grounds immediately.

1074. Organisations.

a. Cllr M.Flood, TVBC, reported that work to convert the ground floor of Andover Guildhall for use as a restaurant was about to begin.

She had been in touch with the authorities at Middle Wallop about overflying by helicopters and been assured that they understand the concerns of villagers.

The new use of the DLO site was likely to generate commuter traffic from Salisbury and Wilton.

The Borough was planning a 20% reduction in its carbon footprint by 2012.

She was in contact with Testway Housing about the state of the seating area at Bulbery.

She had requested that the Planning Application to develop 20 Cattle Lane should be considered by the Northern Planning Control Committee on 15th July. Cllr Stallard had separately made a similar request.

b. Footpaths. Mr. D.Downey announced that he was retiring as Footpaths Officer, but would be willing to produce an up-dated village map when required. A unanimous **Vote of Thanks** was passed in recognition of his outstanding service to the community. He was to be succeeded by Mr. Paul Kelly.

c. Sports Field. Cllr Wilkins deposited a copy of the Committee’s annual accounts. It was agreed that there was no need to relocate the Abbotts Ann Players’ storage container.

d. Sustainability. It was understood that the group was to meet in July to establish a formal constitution.

e. Primary School. It was regretted that the school was no longer represented at Council meetings. The Chairman had been personally invited to the formal opening of the school.

1075. Finance.

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

Cheque No	559	Administration	£685.74
“	560	P.O.Ltd: PAYE & NI	£658.87
“	561	Andover Mencap (May)	£140.00
“	562	Victim Support (S.137)	£ 50.00
“	563	Playsafety Ltd (RoSPA)	£148.05
“	564	B.Sims: Fuel	£ 36.00
“	565	Andover Garden Machinery	£ 40.00

Pro GW Sec PW

It was resolved that the payment to Victim Support (Cheque No 562) be authorised under the provisions of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1977.

Pro PW Sec SO

1076. Correspondence.

a. Red Post Bridge. The Clerk had been informed that work on Red Post Bridge was scheduled for 17th January to 21st February 2011, when it was also proposed to install traffic lights.

b. Traffic islands. A caller who objected to the installation of traffic islands on the A343 was referred to Cllr Gibson. The Clerk was authorised to tell any further complainants that the installation had the unanimous support of the Council.

c. Community Wildlife. The Big Lottery was offering funding up to £10,000 for projects connected with “bringing local people together to discover, enjoy and protect the wildlife in their area.” It was suggested that a biodiversity survey of the Pill Hill Brook and the adjacent meadows would be a suitable project for the Parish and that Dr. John Moon should be asked for his advice. Also considered was the possibility of reviving vanished ponds.

1077. Other business.

a. Note was taken of a document, released on the Government’s website, describing plans for reforms to local government.

b Responsibility for concessionary fares was being transferred to County Councils, and TVBC was organising a series of consultation meetings., but it was unlikely that any Councillors would be able to attend.

c. The footpath between Bulbery and the new school was becoming obstructed by overgrown hedges. The Clerk was to ask Trevor Hook to clear the path. *Action Clerk*

d. 9 Little Park. Cllr Wilkins reported that an outbuilding was apparently being used as residential accommodation. The Clerk was to ask the Enforcement Officer to investigate. *Action Clerk*

e. 85 Little Ann Road. The Chairman had been informed that it appeared that a conservatory was being built at the back of the new dwelling and had asked the Enforcement Officer to investigate.

1078. Next Meeting. The next meeting, with a reduced Agenda, was scheduled for 5th August 2010 in the Jubilee Room.

Signed

Date