

PARISH COUNCIL OF ABBOTTS ANN

MINUTES

OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 5th JUNE 2008
IN THE JUBILEE ROOM OF THE WAR MEMORIAL HALL

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

In Attendance: Mr. A.Stokes Clerk Cllr. A.Peters, TVBC
 Mr. D.Downey, Footpaths Officer
 Ms. J.Dixon; Mr. J.Swann; Mr. S.Godman; Mr. C.Crossthwaite Eyre

The meeting opened at 7.04 p.m.

1325. Apologies. Apologies were recorded from Cllr. M.Woodhall HCC; Cllr.G.Stallard, TVBC; Cllr.D.Alleway.

1326. Minutes. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 1st May 2008 were confirmed for signature.

1327. Address by Mr. C. Crossthwaite Eyre. Following an initiative by the Parish Council of Upper Clatford, Mr. Crossthwaite Eyre explained that he had undertaken to seek the support of the Councils of Abbotts Ann and Goodworth Clatford for a project, initially involving a combined public meeting, to promote awareness of the need to reduce the carbon footprint and to encourage action by individuals and community organisations.

After discussion, **it was agreed** to support the proposals and to authorise Ms J. Dixon to represent the Parish in future discussions.

1328. Dog-bins. Mr. J. Swann reported that he had received the support of Mr. J. Benson of The Old Rectory and of residents of Webbs Lane for the discreet placing of dog-bins on their property. He had also been assured by Ms M. Piggin, TVBC officer, that funding of at least part of the cost would be available from the Borough. During discussion, in which a letter from Brigadier C. Burson was read opposing the installation of bins, it was suggested that another suitable site would be on Dunkirt Lane, and Mr.Swann indicated that the Borough Dog Warden would have difficulty in bringing a successful prosecution if there were no disposal facilities provided. **It was resolved** by majority vote to proceed, subject to costing and funding, to authorise the installation, for a one-year trial period, of suitable green bins to be located at the car park at the Old Rectory, on Webbs Lane and on Dunkirt Lane. *Pro PW Sec GW*

1329. Matters Arising.

a. Nursery School Store. The Chairman undertook to clarify the issues involved in the possible construction of a permanent extension at the northern end of the War Memorial Hall. *Action Chairman*

b. Church Path. The Chairman undertook to arrange for the removal of the metal spike protruding from the base of the old seat near the “chicane”. *Action Chairman*

1330. Planning.

a. Foxglove Cottage (TV No 08/01284/FULLN): garage extension.
Standing Orders were suspended at 8.12 p.m. and resumed at 8.16 p.m. Pro PS Sec GW
After discussion with Mr. S.Godman **it was resolved** to register No Objection to the application. *Pro PW Sec GW*

b. Note was taken of the responses to delegated items and to the Planning Service decisions as listed in the Appendix to these Minutes,

1331. Clerk’s Report.

a. Ms Ewa Gunter was to give as presentation on Police Community Support Officers at the next meeting.

b. The replacement for the faulty street lamp on the Church path had been ordered. Councillors expressed concern that the design should not be out of keeping with the existing lamps. The Clerk undertook to make enquiries. *Action Clerk*

c. Graffiti had recently defaced the Village Sign in Cattle Lane. TVBC had undertaken to remove the graffiti.

d. A recent statistical survey had revealed that out of a population of 2,348, the number of Abbotts Ann residents aged over 60 was 545, amounting to 23%.

e. Burial Ground Fees and Regulations. The Clerk presented revised schedules of Regulations and Fees for the Burial Ground. After discussion **it was resolved** to authorise the Clerk to put these into operation immediately. *Pro GW SecPW*

1332. Parish Organisations.

a. TVBC Councillor. Cllr. Peters reported that the Planning Service had finally received the submissions from HCC and the Highways Agency in connection with the application to develop the Airfield site. It was understood that the submissions did not constitute an objection, but it was not known what conditions were included.

Cllr Oram reported that the “STOP” organisation had informed TVAPC that Abbotts Ann had not registered an objection to the application. The Clerk undertook to write to the Planning Service re-iterating the Council’s objection, and the Chairman to take the matter up with the “STOP” organisation. *Action Chairman and Clerk*

b. Abbotts Ann Action. Councillors had received copies of Dr. Moon’s Memorandum on the subject of the applicants’ policy regarding noise pollution from the proposed development of the Airfield site; this had exposed numerous flaws in the policy and had been sent to the Planning Service on behalf of a group of Parish Councils. The Council wished to express appreciation of Dr. Moon’s valuable work on this and many other aspects of the proposals.

c. Footpaths. Mr. Downey reported that the agents of the Abbotts Ann Estate had stated that they would no longer cut the verges of The Drove. The Chairman undertook to take the matter up with the agents. *Action Chairman*

It was also reported that the footpath between Manor Close and the School Playing Field was obstructed by nettles. Overgrown verges at Red Post Bridge, Cattle Lane and the A343 were also reported. The Clerk undertook to arrange action. *Action Clerk*

d. Neighbourhood Watch. Mr. Downey reported a break-in in Old Salisbury Road. Cllr Wilkins reported that horse-stealing was on the increase and men had been observed taking photographs of horses; this should be regarded as suspicious, so that

anyone noticing such activity should inform the Police immediately, with details of descriptions and relevant car registrations.

- e. Village School. Cllr Stanton reported that the plans had been approved.
- f. Village Shop. Cllr Whyte reported that Sunday opening was continuing to prove popular and profitable.

1333. Finance.

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

Cheque No	430	Administration	£681.63
	431	Gillett & Johnston: Clock repairs	£3,239.48
	432	T.C.Hook: footpaths etc.	£455.16

Pro GW Sec SO

1334. Correspondence.

a. Cycling. A TVBC consultation on plans for enhanced provision for cycling had been received. Cllr Stanton undertook to see whether any response from the Parish was required. *Action Cllr Stanton*

b. Hospital buses. HCC was proposing to provide a shuttle service of buses, four times a day, between Andover and Winchester Hospitals in response to frequent complaints by this Council and others about the difficulty of reaching Winchester Hospital by public transport.

c. Green Lanes. A decision by the Court of Appeal had prevented HCC from allowing motorised vehicles on a footpath near Winchester, creating a precedent which would make it more difficult to “upgrade” many rights of way to BOATs.

1335. Other Business.

a. Road flooding. Cllr Oram reported that many roadside drains were blocked, so that recent heavy rains had caused extensive flooding in many locations. The Clerk had already complained to the Highway Authority, but would do so again. *Action Clerk*

b. Cllr Oram reported on a meeting of TVAPC, in which

- i. HCC had been stated as refusing to authorise the use of speed-warning signs by Parish Councils.

- ii. The Chief Planning Officer had stated that her policy in regard to Section 106 agreements was to ensure that they were worded, to the greatest extent possible, in general terms. This was strongly opposed by Parish Councillors, who regarded this as a way of keeping Section 106 expenditure under the close control of the Planning Service; Parish Councils affected by development wished to have specific undertakings written into such agreements.

c. Cycling. Cllr Stanton, reviewing TVBC’s proposals for the future of cycling, drew the Council’s attention to the proposed cycle way into Andover from the Garden Centre. Though desirable in many ways, this could affect the provision of school buses between Abbots Ann and Andover.

d. Wheely Bins. Cllr Wilkins drew attention to the number of wheely bins that were left out for long periods, or in some cases permanently, on the street, having a strongly negative effect on the attractiveness of the village scene, and incidentally offering to criminals evidence that no-one was at home. She undertook to distribute a letter, drafted by the Clerk, to the householders concerned, asking them to put the bins away once emptied. *Action Cllr Wilkins and Clerk*

1336. Next Meeting.

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Thursday 3rd July at 7.00 p.m. in the Jubilee Room of the War Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

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