

PARISH COUNCIL OF ABBOTT'S ANN

MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 4th JUNE 2009
IN THE PAVILION

Present: Cllr. B.Griffiths, Chairman (from 6.44 p.m.) Cllr. D.Paffett
Cllr. G.Whyte, Vice-chairman Cllr. P.Stanton
Cllr. D.Alleway Cllr. P.Wilkins
Cllr. S.Oram

In Attendance:

Mr. A.Stokes, Clerk Cllr. A.Peters, TVBC (to 8.49 p.m.)
Mrs. R.Bone, Nursery School

The meeting opened at 6.30 p.m. The Vice-chairman took the Chair until 6.44 p.m.

0955. Apologies. Apologies were recorded from Cllr. G.Stallard, TVBC and Mr. D.Downey, Footpaths Officer

0956. Minutes. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th May 2009 were confirmed and signed. *Pro PW Sec DA*

0957. Matters Arising.

a. Telephone Kiosk. The Clerk reported that British Telecom could find no trace of the application for adoption submitted on 21st January, nor had his original cheque been presented for payment. He had sent copies at BT's request on 19th May, with no response so far.

0958. Planning.

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

TV No 09/00605/FULLN, Meadow Cott.: kitchen extension; raise wall. *Pro GW Sec PS*

“ 09/00895/FULLN, Pinewood: rear extension. *Pro SO Sec GW*

“ 09/00854/FULLN, Brook Cottage: alterations *Pro PS Sec GW*

09/01043/FULLN, Freshfields: 1st floor extension *Pro PW Sec SO*

b. After discussion **It was resolved** to register an Objection to the following application: *Pro PW Sec PS*

TV No 09/00974/OBLN, “Formosa”: retention of bungalow. While acknowledging that the applicant was seeking permission for family reasons, the Council was not prepared to withdraw its opposition to the retention of the bungalow. It had strongly objected to the erection of the new house, permission for which had included a legal obligation to demolish the bungalow immediately on completion 6 years ago. The Council had made repeated requests for the Planning Service to enforce this obligation without success, on the basis that a legal obligation was being ignored and that retention of the bungalow would perpetuate the imposition of an extra dwelling in open countryside.

Councillors were disturbed by the allegation printed in the Design Statement that the applicant had informally consulted the Parish Council who had “indicated their ‘in principle’ support”. This allegation was emphatically denied by all members, and the Clerk was instructed to include this denial in his letter to the Planning Service.

Action Clerk

c. Stable building at the old treatment works off Cattle Lane. The Clerk had been in communication with the applicant and the Enforcement Officer, who confirmed that planning permission was required. A retrospective application was to be made.

d. Cllr Wilkins drew attention to the fact that an application for a grain store in Monxton appeared to involve grain-lorries using Cattle Lane. The Clerk undertook to investigate and to lodge an objection with the Planning Service.

Action Clerk

d. Note was taken of delegated responses and decisions of the Planning Service as noted in the Appendix to these Minutes.

0959. Clerk’s Report.

a. The contractor engaged for the Health and Safety inspection of the playground equipment had retired, so the Clerk had asked RoSPA to take over.

b. The Notice-Board by the Village Shop had recently been vandalised and the lock jammed, so that various statutory notices had had to be displayed on the board at the War Memorial Hall. Trevor Hook had repaired the damage and had also been asked to re-position the vandalised finger-post nearby.

c. The finger-post at the junction of Farm Road and Green Lane still needed attention. The Chairman undertook to re-install it.

Action Chairman

0960. Parish Organisations.

a. TVBC Councillor. Cllr Peters reported on the appointment of Mr. Paul Jackson as Head of Planning; he was familiar with the area, having previously worked in the Planning Service.

b. Archivist. Mr. Tayler had indicated that he would be interested in attending a course on Parish Archives. The Clerk was instructed to offer reimbursement of reasonable expenses.

Action Clerk

c. Footpaths. Mr. Downey had reported on overgrown hedges along Pitts Path. The Clerk undertook to ask Trevor Hook to cut them back.

Action Clerk

A parishioner had asked for a notice to prevent cars from attempting to drive along Church Path. After discussion the Council authorised the Chairman to investigate the installation of a barrier at the site of the original kissing gate.

Action Chairman

d. Nursery School. Mrs. Rebecca Bone introduced herself as representing the Nursery School. She indicated that the Nursery School was planning to use the War Memorial Hall for afternoon activities when the Primary School ceased to use it on completion of the new premises.

She asked the Council to consider measures to keep dogs out of the Hall grounds.

After discussion of the problem of outside storage for play equipment the Council concluded that the best solution would be the provision of a store, of timber construction, adjoining the existing shed on the former sand-pit site. Mrs. Bone was asked to arrange for the Nursery School to produce a suitable specification.

Action Mrs. Bone

e. School Governor. Cllr Stanton produced detailed plans and reported on the progress of the new school building. The question was raised about the absence of a pavement on Red Rice Road between the new school site and St. John’s Cross. The Clerk undertook once again to press the Highway Authority for action.

Action Clerk

0960. Finance.

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

Cheque No	491	Administration	£ 737.39
“	492	Andover Mencap	£ 128.00
“	493	SLCC: Clerk’s Guide Up-date	£ 22.00
“	494	C.Watson: Churchyard Trees	£ 175.00
“	495	T.C.Hook	£ 234.00
“	496	D.Gollop: Burial Fee part-refund	£ 350.00
“	497	B.Sims: Fuel	£ 24.35
“	498	Sports Field Grant	£1,500.00

Note: In view of her family’s connections with the village it was considered inappropriate to charge the non-resident rate for the recent burial of Mrs. Annie Gollop.

Pro SO Sec PW

b. War Memorial Hall Fence. The Clerk reported that he had consulted RoSpa and the HALC Health and Safety Advisor about the height of the fence; it was clear that 1100mm overall was sufficient. The Vice-Chairman undertook to draw up a specification so that final tenders could be obtained and compared. *Action Vice-Chairman*

0961. Correspondence.

a. Cllr Michael Woodhall. The Clerk had written to Cllr Woodhall to thank him for his support over the years and received a gracious acknowledgement. Cllr Woodhall had been particularly gratified by the implementation of the plans for the new school.

b. Andover Town Council. A consultation document had been received, but Councillors did not consider that this Parish could make an appropriate contribution.

c. Lengthsman. HALC had reported that HCC was considering providing lengthsman for clusters of parishes. The Clerk was asked to express interest. *Action Clerk*

0962. Other Business.

a. Manor Close Playing Field. The Clerk had received an encouraging reply on the subject from Cllr Thornber, Leader of HCC, offering a promising basis for negotiations. At this Council’s request he had asked the County’s Director of Property, Business and Regulatory Services to arrange a meeting for further discussions.

b. Reduction of traffic speeds. HALC had provided HCC’s instructions on the setting-up and operating of electronic signs; these were dauntingly complicated, though there had been much positive feed-back from places where they had already been installed. Some Councillors were inclined to favour static barriers or “build-outs” as seen in Monxton. In view of the fact that the opening of the new school would have a major effect on village traffic, it was decided to postpone any decision until this effect could be observed.

c. Drains. The Clerk was asked to make yet another attempt to get the Highway Authority to clear roadside drains. *Action Clerk*

0963. Next Meeting. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Thursday 2nd July at 6.30 p.m. in the Jubilee Room .

The Meeting closed at 8.44 p.m.

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