

## **PARISH COUNCIL OF ABBOTTS ANN**

### **MINUTES**

OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON THURSDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2012  
IN THE JUBILEE ROOM

Present:            Cllr. B. Griffiths, Chairman            Cllr. S. Oram  
                         Cllr. R. Bone                                Cllr. D. Paffett  
                         Cllr. B. Sims                                 Cllr. P. Wilkins

**In Attendance:**

Mr. A. Stokes, Clerk; Cllr. A. Gibson, HCC; Cllr. M. Flood, TVBC; one member of the public.

*The meeting opened at 6.34 p.m.*

**12/109. Apologies.** Apologies were recorded from Cllr G. Stallard, TVBC; Cllr. G. Whyte; Mr. P. Kelly; Mrs. L. Stockings; Mr. D. Downey.

**12/110. Minutes.** The Minutes of the Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2012 were confirmed and signed. *Pro BS Sec PW*

**12/111. Matters arising.**

- a. Barking dog. The Chairman had written to the owner requesting a meeting.
- b. Barbed wire. The Clerk had received no reply to his email. The wire was still in place.
- c. First Aid Course. Cllr Oram was asked to arrange a training session by the Red Cross on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2013. Entitled “First Aid for Adults”, the course would run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; the charge would be £250 for up to 15 persons.

*Action Cllr Oram*

**12/112. Planning.**

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

**12/113. Organisations.**

a. County Councillor. Cllr. Gibson reported that the County Council was heavily involved in property development, and that this was reflected in the Council’s approach to the application for registering the Manor Close field as a village green. The Chairman emphasised the importance of retaining the field as a green space, especially in view of the probability that any future development would be to the south. Cllr Gibson suggested that a letter from Sir George Young to the leader of the council would be helpful, and the Chairman and Clerk undertook to arrange this. Cllr Gibson would also contact Mr. Barry, who had represented HCC in the earlier negotiations about the future of the field.

*Action Chairman and Clerk*

Cllr Gibson urged the Council to apply for help for a suitable project, such as, for instance, the restoration of the apple press, from his discretionary fund.

b. Borough Councillor. Cllr Flood reported that the Borough’s Local Plan had again been deferred, but the main concerns of this Parish were still covered.

In future, individual letters about planning applications were to be published on the website.

Ward profiles would shortly be available, containing much useful data.

No decision had yet been taken on the planning issues at Rose Barn.

c. War Memorial Hall. Cllr Stallard had asked the Clerk to remind Councillors of the Committee's AGM on 7<sup>th</sup> November. They would be seeking to elect a new Chairman. The Clerk was requested to write to Mr Andrew Hayter expressing the Council's appreciation of his very successful six years as Chairman. *Action Clerk*

#### 12/114. Finance.

a. **It was resolved** to approve the following payments: *Pro PW Sec SO*

Cheque No	720	Administration	694.45
"	721	Enham	209.03

b. Budget **It was resolved** to adopt the budget for 2012-13 as presented by the Clerk and appended to these Minutes. *Pro SO Sec RB*

#### 12/115. Correspondence.

a. Little Ann Road. Mr. Ray Alborough had, at the Council's request, installed a sensor on Little Ann Road to monitor traffic speed, but the system had failed to record the data. The Clerk had asked him to try again, and also to consider finding a way to install a sensor at the western end of the road.

b. Commemoration. The Mayor of Test Valley had requested observation of the national 2-minute silence on 11<sup>th</sup> November. In the course of discussion, Councillors expressed interest in future commemorations on November 11<sup>th</sup>; in particular it was considered important to make a stronger connection with the War Memorial Hall. Cllr Oram undertook to look into ways of achieving this. *Action Cllr Oram*

#### 12/116. Other Business.

a. Playground. Cllr Bone presented plans for installation of several items of equipment to be placed around the area of open ground to the north of the War Memorial Hall, with access through the existing gateway. The War Memorial Hall Committee and the Nursery School had responded very favourably, and the plans were received with appreciation by the Council; it was emphasised that it would be possible to employ local contractors and materials. It was suggested that a start be made by improving the entrance with new gates and a sign, for which funding could be sought, for instance, from Borough or County Councillors' discretionary funds. The Chairman and Cllr Bone undertook to obtain estimates. *Action Chairman and Cllr Bone*

b. Neighbourhood Plan/Community Consultation. A joint meeting of the two groups involved had been convened and chaired by Mr.R.Lucas on 17<sup>th</sup> October. It was decided to keep the two groups separate, but to operate as a joint working party with the suggested title of "Abbotts Ann Planning Group". The Minutes of the meeting are attached to these Minutes as an Appendix. Cllr. Oram was strongly in favour of obtaining advice from Mr. Phil Turner of Planning Aid before proceeding further, because he felt that clarification of the priorities, roles and aims of the two groups was needed. Cllr Oram was working on arranging a meeting with Mr. Turner. *Action Cllr Oram*

c. Jubilee Memorabilia. It was understood that further supplies of mugs had been delivered and were awaiting distribution.

**12/117. Next Meeting.** The next meeting was scheduled for 6<sup>th</sup> December 2012. *The Meeting closed at 8.34 p.m.*

Signed ..... Date .....