

PARISH COUNCIL OF ABBOTTS ANN

MINUTES

OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 7th APRIL 2011
IN THE JUBILEE ROOM

Present:	Cllr. B.Griffiths, Chairman	Cllr S.Oram
	Cllr. D.Alleway	Cllr. D.Paffett
	Cllr. A.Barham	Cllr. P. Wilkins

In Attendance:

Mr. A.Stokes, Clerk; Cllr M.Flood, TVBC; Mr.P.Kelly, Footpaths Officer; Mrs W.Davis AAGA; Mr.David Downey; and two members of the public.

The meeting opened at 6.32 p.m .

11/30. Apologies. Apologies were recorded from Cllr. A. Gibson, HCC; Cllr. G.Stallard, TVBC; Cllr. G.Whyte.

11/31. Minutes. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd March 2011 were confirmed and signed.
Pro DA Sec PW

11/32. Matters Arising.

a. Section 106 Funding. Cllr Flood stated that the question of applying Section 106 funding to the Pavilion had been referred the TVBC Legal Department.

b. The question of improving the environment of the Jubilee Oak had been referred to Dr. John Moon.

c. Pendene Planning Application. Cllr Flood had accompanied Mr. Alan Dixon at a meeting with TVBC's Head of Planning. Subsequently the application had been refused.

d. Footpath between Dunkirt Lane and The Drove. Cllr Wilkins had ascertained that it was not the landowner's keeper who had claimed that this was not a public footpath.

11/33. Planning.

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

No 11/00536/FULLN: 116 Abbots Ann Down: Extensions. *Pro PW Sec DA*

b. **It was resolved** to register an objection to the following application:

No 11/00390/FULLN: Two Rivers: Demolish Bungalow, construct new Dwelling.

Pro PW Sec DP

It was considered that the ultra-modern design was on a site of major importance to the village, but was totally out of character with the vernacular architecture of the neighbourhood and had little conformity with the Village Design Statement, particularly with reference to the roof-lines. While sympathising with the aim of producing a contemporary and ecologically sound building, the Council did not agree with the architect's claim that it was sensitive and respectful towards its context in this village.

Cllr Flood and Cllr Stallard had called the application to the Planning Committee, and had suggested a site visit by a Viewing Panel.

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

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11/34. Clerk's Report.

a. Burial Ground. Andover Mencap had been unable to continue to maintain the tidiness of the churchyard and burial ground. The Clerk had arranged for the Enham charity to take over immediately.

b. Elections. No new candidates for election to the Parish Council had come forward. There would therefore be no poll and all current Councillors would therefore be re-elected unopposed apart from Cllr Alleway, who had announced his resignation as from the end of this meeting. It was agreed to advertise the vacancy to be filled by co-option at the June meeting.

c. Reviews for AGM. The Clerk distributed documentation referring to the statutory reviews required for minuting at the May meeting. He also distributed forms for the Declaration of Interests required after the election. *Action All Councillors*

11/35. Organisations.

a. TVBC Councillor. Cllr Flood explained the current consultation by HCC on bus services. Planned projects included improvements to the Andover Bus Station; an exhibition of these plans would be held in the Town Centre in May.

In response to many complaints about Cattle Lane, both in regard to the condition of the surface and the level of irresponsible driving, particularly in view of the diversions arising from the works at Red Post Bridge, Cllr Flood had been in touch with the Operations Director at Andover Bus Station, who had requested that any incidents should be reported to him. She had also contacted Hampshire Highways, who had undertaken to include Cattle Lane in next year's "Restoration Project."

It was noted that there were no speed restrictions between the junction with Red Post Lane and that with Monxton Road.

The Chairman, with supporting comments from Cllr Oram and others, expressed the Council's appreciation of the time and effort devoted by Cllr Flood and Stallard to the interests of this and the other Parishes in Anna Ward.

b. AAGA. Mrs.W.Davis reported on the successful showing of the film "Crude", which had aroused considerable interest. She had investigated possible funding from Energy Share for community-led projects for alternative energy/energy saving.

A logo had been chosen following a competition for designs by children at the Primary School.

Councillors were reminded of the special meeting to be held in the Pavilion at 7 p.m. on April 14th.

c. Fete Committee. Cllr Barham reported on the forthcoming Plant Sale. The Clerk reported that the Treasurer had asked the Council to cover the cost of insurance; this was agreed in principle.

d. Footpaths. Mr. Kelly reported on a case of fly-tipping at the southern end of the Coach Road. He had removed several plastic bags and had notified the Borough Council.

He had noticed several trees on The Drove and on Dunkirt Lane which were heavily infested with ivy. It was suggested that the Clerk should contact Mr. Dermot Cox at the TVBC Planning Service. *Action Clerk*

e. Sports Field. Cllr Wilkins mentioned the Race Night to be held on 13th April.

Mr. B. Sims, the volunteer groundsman, was concerned about debris from the November bonfire, which had previously damaged the gang-mowers and which included

the remains of unsuitable items dumped by members of the public. Various solutions were discussed, and Cllr Wilkins was asked to refer the matter to the Committee.

Action Cllr Wilkins

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11/36. Finance.

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

Cheque No	600	Adminstration	£688.54
“	601	HCC: Lighting	£188.77
“	602	HALC: Subscription (Inc. NALC)	£437.00
“	603	B.Sims: Fuel	£ 24.00
“	604	Gillett & Johnson (Clock repairs)	£226.19
“	605	T.C.Hook	£172.25
“	606	P.O.Ltd: PAYE & NI	£629.46
“	607	AAPCC: Clock Maintenance etc	£240.00

It was further resolved that payments of cheques Nos 604 and 606 be made in accordance with Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972. *Pro AB Sec PW*

b. It was agreed to offer to pay for the Fete insurance in the sum of £295.32, to be authorised at a later meeting.

c. Mrs. R.Giffiths had undertaken to undertake the review of the Effectiveness of the Council's Accounting System. *Action Mrs. Griffiths*

d. The Clerk had arranged for the Internal Audit to take place on 14th April.

11/37. Correspondence.

a. CPRE Anti-litter Campaign. HALC had asked for Parishes to commit in principle to working with CPRE on an anti-litter campaign. The Clerk was requested to confirm this Parish's willingness to participate. *Action Clerk*

b. Affordable Housing. TVBC was seeking information about housing need, and had suggested that a representative of HARAH (Hampshire Alliance for Rural Affordable Housing) should attend a Parish Council Meeting. It was agreed that the Clerk should arrange this after the May meeting. *Action Clerk*

c. CPRE Countryside Awards. CPRE Hampshire was offering awards for outstanding environmental projects by schools and community groups. It was suggested that AAGA and the Primary School might be interested in entering the scheme.

d. Countryside Access. HCC had issued an explanatory leaflet covering funding for small projects, such as footpath improvements. Mr. Kelly undertook to look into the possibilities of applying. *Action Mr. Kelly*

e. Street Parties. Hampshire Highways had announced that the fee (originally £25) for closing a street for holding street parties had now been waived. It was agreed that the Council should give early consideration to planning such an event to celebrate the Queen's 2012 Jubilee. *Action all Councillors*

f. HCC Partnership. The Clerk distributed copies of the Hampshire Local Councils Partnership Framework, which outlined the County Council's policies for its relationship with Parish and Town Councils.

11/38. Other Business.

a. Village Map. Mr. Downey produced a mock-up of his design for an up-dated Village Map, which was approved with enthusiasm. It was agreed that it should be printed on the same weight of card as the previous map. The Chairman thanked Mr. Downey for considerable amount of work and skill devoted to the task. The Clerk was

instructed to make the necessary application for funding from the County Councillor's discretionary fund.

Action Clerk

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b. Traffic calming. The Chairman reported on a site meeting with Mr. Ray Alborough, Highways Transport Engineer, concerning the provision of traffic calming measures, such as build-outs, on the road between St. John's Cross and Bulbery. The result of the meeting had been encouraging.

c. Equality Act 2010. The Clerk had been informed that this Act came into force on 6th April 2011. Parish Councils were now required by law to publish "sufficient information to demonstrate that they have complied with the general equality duty" by July 2011 and yearly thereafter. This duty included elimination of discrimination, ensuring equality of opportunity and fostering of good relationships in favour of "protected characteristics" (defined as age; disability; gender re-assignment; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; sexual orientation) There is also an obligation to publish, before April 2012 and at least every four years thereafter, their equality objectives and the details of the engagement they undertook in developing them. The Chairman and Clerk intimated that they would appreciate, from any quarter, suggestions for the most concise wording of these pronouncements.

d. Councillor Alleway. Cllr Alleway had decided not to stand for re-election in consideration of having to limit the number of his commitments. The Chairman, with all present, expressed the appreciation of the Council and the whole Parish for his four years of loyal service to the community.

e. Meeting times. Cllr Barham asked that the time of meetings should be put forward. It was agreed that future meetings should start at 7 p.m.

11/39. Future meetings.

The next Council meeting (the AGM) was to be held at 7 p.m. on May 12th in the Pavilion. The special meeting to consider Community-led Consultations was to be held at 7 p.m. on 14th April in the Pavilion.

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