

PARISH COUNCIL OF ABBOTTS ANN

MINUTES

OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 4th October 2012
IN THE JUBILEE ROOM

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

In Attendance:

Mr. A. Stokes, Clerk; Cllr. A. Gibson, HCC; Mr. P. Kelly, Footpaths Officer; Mrs. W. Davis, AAGA; Mr. D. Downey, NHW; Mr. R. Lucas, AAA; Mr. T. Law; Mrs. P. Law; Mr. D. Wells; Mr. G. Sandall-Ball; 1 member of the public.

The meeting opened at 6.35 p.m.

12/100. Apologies. Apologies were recorded from Cllr. G. Stallard, TVBC; Cllr. M. Flood, TVBC; Cllr. R. Bone; Mr. T. Tayler, Archivist; Mrs. L. Stockings, Burghclere Down.

12/101. Minutes. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th September 2012 were confirmed and signed. *Pro PW Sec BS*

12/102. Matters arising.

a. Playground. The Clerk had heard from RoSPA confirming that there was no problem with the use of local resources provided that equipment conforms to the standard BS EN1176:2008. Alternatively, an overall plan and design details could be forwarded to RoSPA for comment and advice, for which there would be a charge of £250; it was agreed that this service should be used.

b. Barking dog. The Chairman undertook to continue his attempts to contact the owner in an un confrontational manner. *Action Chairman*

c. Barbed wire. It was noted that the hazardous barbed wire on Church Path was still in position. The Clerk was requested to contact the farmer once more. *Action Clerk*

d. Jubilee Memorabilia. It was understood that extra mugs would be available shortly.

e. Litter Bins. It had been agreed with TVBC's representative that the green bin at the War Memorial Hall would be replaced by two smaller bins. The Nursery School was regarded as a "business" and was making separate arrangements for rubbish disposal.

f. First Aid. Cllr. Oram had made further enquiries. The Red Cross could provide a course for £250 for any number up to 15 persons. Cllr Oram was asked to see to arranging a course. *Action Cllr Oram*

g. Trees at Bulbery. The Clerk had informed Aster Homes about the residents' concerns, but was not requested to pursue the matter since the trees had been declared safe by the TVBC arboriculturalist.

12/103. Planning.

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

TV No. 12/02084: 4 Kings Mead: Extension.

Pro PW Sec PW

b. Application No 12/02025/FULLN: Eastover Farm, change of use of outbuildings. After hearing comments from Mr. and Mrs. Law **it was resolved** to register an objection on the grounds that, unlike the conditions imposed on the use of other parts of the property, there were no restrictions on the times when the premises could be in use. In his response the Clerk was asked to draw attention to the frequent breaches of these restrictions by existing tenants. Mr. R. Lucas pointed out that planning conditions were legally enforceable on tenants regardless of whether they were included in their tenancy contracts.

Pro

GW Sec BS

- c. Note was taken of Application No 12/01941/AGNN; Formosa: 2 new barns.
- d. Note was taken of delegated responses and decisions of the Planning Service.
- e. It was noted that the developers of the former airfield site were seeking to replace the plans for several small businesses with a proposal for a second large distribution centre. They had invited Councillors to attend a meeting at the Business Park Gate House on 8th October at 2 p.m.

12/104. Organisations.

a. HCC Councillor. Cllr Andrew Gibson reported that he was pursuing the question of the whereabouts of the iron cage and direction signs recently removed from the Jubilee Oak.

A pilot scheme involving a 20 mph speed limit was being undertaken in Burghclere Down. A 40 mph limit on the A343, and a footpath for the Salisbury Road between the Garden Centre and the A303 underpass were also on the “wish list”.

Other measures for traffic calming, using speed warning signs or hand-held “radar guns”, were under consideration, possibly in co-operation with Monxton. Detailed discussion was deferred.

Salt bins were available for Bulbery and Old Salisbury Road.

In connection with Manor Close, the meeting of the HCC committee had been postponed to mid-October. Cllr Gibson was determined to present the case for the Village Green, but could not predict the outcome; it was helpful that in defining the Village Envelope, the field had been firmly designated as green space. Mr.D.Wells reported that Manor Close residents had employed Counsel who had refuted all of the published objections raised by HCC.

b. Abbotts Ann Action. Mr. Lucas was planning a meeting with the Steering Committee of the Community Consultation on 17th October to consider the best ways of approaching the formulation of a Neighbourhood Plan, whether by a merger or by agreement to co-operate; in any case the widest possible consultation would be an essential part of the planning process. Funding was available.

Cllr Oram suggested that the advice of Mr. Phil Turner of *Planning Aid* should be sought, perhaps with an invitation to address a special meeting.

c. Abbotts Ann Green Action. Mrs. W. Davis reported that it had been decided not to hold an Apple Day in 2012. The group was anxious to continue efforts to raise awareness of green issues throughout the community, and was working closely with the Primary School.

In particular they were helping to pioneer a project (and had received an award from CPRE for their initiative) for engaging young people in environmental education, by working with Andover Trees United to entrust children with the “ownership” of trees.

d. Footpaths. Mr. P. Kelly reported on satisfactory negotiations with Mr. P.Watson of HCC on improvements to Pitts Path and Short Path.

As the path between Bulbery and the School was regularly obstructed by overgrown hedges, the Clerk was requested to instruct Trevor Hook to add this to his regular maintenance list.

Action Clerk

The permissive path between the top of the Coach Road to the Salisbury Road was also obstructed by overgrowth. The Chairman undertook to contact the landowners.

Action Chairman

The Chairman had been in touch with Mr. Keith Thompson, TVBC about the maintenance of the area of grass and shrubs at Poplar Corner. It was decided that this should in future be maintained by this Council. The Clerk was to instruct Trevor Hook accordingly.

Action Clerk

e. Neighbourhood Watch. Mr. D. Downey warned that there were rogue traders in the area targeting elderly residents.

Members were reminded that the election of the Police and Crime Commissioner was to take place on 15th November.

f. Primary School. It was decided to invite the new Head Teacher to a Parish Council meeting in the New Year.

g. Sports Field. Cllr Wilkins reported that the Committee was concentrating on fund-raising projects for the replacement of the Pavilion.

The Bonfire Night, shared with the School Association, would be on 4th November.

12/105. Finance.

a. It was resolved to approve the following payments:				<i>Pro BS</i>	<i>SecPW</i>
Cheque No	710	Administration		£695.95	
"	711	P.O.Ltd: PAYE & NI	£573.36		
"	712	B.Sims: Fuel	£ 24.70		
"	713	HALC: Planning Conference	£108.00		
"	714	CPRE: Subscription	£ 29.00		
"	715	T.C.Hook	£187.21		
"	716	Enham	£219.96		
"	718	K.Saunders:Website support	£300.00*		
"	719	AAPCC: ParishMagazine	£240.00*		

b. **It was further resolved** that the payment of cheques Nos. 708, 718 and 719 be authorised under the provisions of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Pro DP *Sec BS*

12/106. Correspondence.

a. Project Funding. The Clerk drew attention to a seminar on Project Funding to be held by HALC at the Village Hall Crawley on 23rd October 10 -12.30.

b. HALC AGM. The Council would not be represented at the HALC AGM to be held at Hartley Wintney on 27th October.

c. The Chairman of Monxton Parish Council had emailed about heavy lorries on the way to the Manor Farm works, formerly Siteweld. Since many of them seemed to be carrying heavy construction materials, such as RSJs, she asked the Clerk to enquire whether the firm was in breach of any planning restrictions on the scale of their production.

Mrs. Saville also asked whether this village was suffering from a very slow broadband service. Members present were reasonably satisfied, but Cllr Whyte suggested that their problems could arise from their connection to the telephone system. He was prepared to offer advice. The Clerk would reply to Mrs. Saville.

Action Clerk

12/107. Other Business.

Bus shelter at Bulbery. Cllr Oram pointed out that the overgrown hedge to the south of the Bulbery bus shelter made it impossible to see approaching buses from inside the shelter. The Clerk was requested to add this to Trevor Hook's maintenance schedule.

Action Clerk

12/. Next Meeting. The next meeting was scheduled for 1st November 2012

The Meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

Signed.....

Date