

PARISH COUNCIL OF ABBOTTS ANN

MINUTES

OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 6th DECEMBER 2012
IN THE JUBILEE ROOM

Present: Cllr. B. Griffiths, Chairman Cllr. R. Bone
 Cllr. G. Whyte, Vice-Chairman Cllr. B. Sims
 Cllr. P. Wilkins

In Attendance:

Mr. A. Stokes, Clerk; Cllr. A. Gibson, HCC; Cllr M. Flood, TVBC; Mrs. L. Stockings, Burghclere Down; Mr. N. Palmer; Mr. D. Sorterup.

The meeting opened at 6.33 p.m.

12/118. Apologies. Apologies were recorded from Cllr. S. Oram; Cllr. D. Paffett; Cllr. G. Stallard, TVBC; Mr. P. Kelly, Footpaths Officer; Mrs. W. Davis, AAGA.

12/119. Minutes. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 1st November 2012 were confirmed and signed. *Pro RB Sec PW*

12/120. Matters arising.

- a. Barking Dogs. The Chairman reported that the issue was now resolved.
- b. Barbed Wire. This was seen to be still in place.
- c. Manor Close. Sir George Young M.P. had written to the leader of Hampshire County Council, supporting this Council's view. Cllr Gibson reported that HCC had not yet reached a decision and was still considering various possible outcomes; Mr. Barry was expected to be in touch shortly.
- d. Rose Barn. The Clerk had been informed that residential development appeared to be continuing. The Clerk was requested to contact the Enforcement Officer. *Action Clerk*
- e. Traffic Monitoring. The Clerk was requested to contact the Traffic Engineer asking for a resumption of traffic monitoring in Little Ann Road. *Action Clerk*
- f. Commemoration. It was agreed that Cllr Oram be asked to look into the possibility of recording the names of the fallen on the exterior of the Hall and to pursue the proposal to hold commemorative ceremonies there on future Armistice Days. *Action Cllr Oram*
- g. Playground. Cllr Bone had received encouraging feedback from residents and had obtained an estimate for replacing the entrance gate, but Councillors suggested seeking a less expensive solution. Cllr Whyte undertook to consult Mr. Paul Barham.
The Chairman was planning discussions with local craftsmen about the construction of the gate and of play equipment. *Action Chairman, Cllr Whyte, Cllr Bone*

12/121. Planning.

- a. **It was resolved** to register No Objection to the following applications:
 TV No 12/02464/FULLN. Grasmere: Extensions and Car Barn. *Pro GW Sec PW*
 “ 12/02604/FULLN. Eastover Farm: New Grain Store. *Pro RB Sec PW*
- b. TV No 12/02425/FULLN. Eastover Farm: Change of use of outbuildings.
It was resolved to register an Objection to this application on the grounds that it included no restrictions on working hours. *Pro PW Sec BS*
- c. Note was taken of delegated responses and decisions of the Planning Service.

12/122. Clerk's Report.

The Clerk introduced the new regulations under the Localism Act whereby Councillors were required to request formal dispensation from declaring a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest when discussing the following matters:

- a. Setting the Precept.
 - b. Approval of the Budget.
 - c. Approval of an allowance, payment or indemnity to Councillors.
- Request forms were distributed for signature.

12/123. Organisations.

a. County Councillor. Cllr Gibson reported on progress toward provision of high-speed broadband in rural areas. Much work remained to be done over installation of fibre-optic transmission.

Cllr Whyte drew Cllr Gibson's attention to the high kerbs in Duck Street which had caused difficulties for elderly pedestrians. It was suggested that application of white paint should be the first solution to the problem to try.

On Manor Close Cllr Gibson reported that no final decision had been made about the application for registration as a Village Green. The original plan for conveying the field to the Parish could still be an option and Mr. Barry was expected to get in touch shortly.

The Chairman expressed the appreciation of the Council for Cllr Gibson's support.

b. Borough Councillor. Cllr Flood reported that the Ward Profile for Anna Ward was available on line.

c. Burghclere Down. Mrs. Stockings reported that no new grit-bins had been installed. Cllr Gibson undertook to contact the relevant department.

Danger from parked cars was a continuing source of anxiety to residents. Cllr Flood undertook to contact the Police.

d. Footpaths. Mr. Kelly had emailed to confirm that action by the County Council on the re-surfacing of Short Path was expected shortly.

Mr. Kelly had been impressed by the prompt action by Ilchester Estates on clearing hedgerow cuttings from Footpath 7.

e. War Memorial Hall. Cllr. Stallard had emailed to report that the Committee was still seeking a new Chairman. Burns Night was to be celebrated on January 18th 2013.

12/124. Finance.

a. It was resolved to approve the following payments:			<i>Pro GW Sec BS</i>
Cheque No	722	Administration	£716.60
“	723	Andover Garden Machinery	£ 73.01
“	724	SLCC Sub	£127.00
“	725	HCC: Archives	£100.00
“	726	HCC: Street Lighting	£183.17
“	727	T.C.Hook	£225.05
“	728	Enham	£ 88.01

b. Precept. The Clerk circulated documents outlining the possible effect on the setting of the Precept arising from the Government’s consultation on Localising Support for Council Tax. Under the proposals, Council Tax Benefit will be replaced by a local Council Tax Support Scheme. The outcome would not be known until early 2013; it was hoped that the impact on this Parish would be minimal.

12/125. Correspondence.

a. Churchwarden. Mr. G. Howard, Churchwarden, had asked for action to remove moss from the Church Yard paths, as these were becoming hazardous. The Clerk had ordered a small quantity of professional-grade moss-killer and would assess its effectiveness. *Action Clerk*

b. Allotments. Mr. A. Bournes had expressed dismay at the loss of a place on the waiting-list for the Test Valley allotments. The Clerk had explained that when the new Andover Town Council was established, Test Valley was bound by law to hand over the local allotments to Andover Town. The Andover Council had decided to close the list to non-residents of Andover.

c. Manor Farm Traffic. Responding to the query from the Chairman of Monxton Parish Council, the Enforcement Officer had confirmed that there were no planning restrictions on the size or timing of deliveries to the Siteweld works.

Cllr Flood was continuing to press for improved signage.

12/126. Other Business.

In the absence from the meeting of Cllr Oram and Mr. R. Lucas it was decided to defer the Agenda Items referring to the Community Consultation/Neighbourhood Plan and to the First Aid Course scheduled for 12th January 2013.

12/127. Next Meeting. The next meeting was scheduled for 3rd January 2013.

The Meeting closed at 8.52 p.m.

Signed

Date