

ABBOTTS ANN PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes from the Meeting held on
Thursday 10th January 2019 at 19:00
at War Memorial Hall, Abbots Ann



Present: Parish Councillors A Hayter (Chairman), T Abram (Vice Chairman)
Mrs S Bleeker, M Doherty, Mrs L Haigh, C Teasdale. Borough Councillor Mrs M Flood

Members of the Public: 9

Minutes: Mrs C L Cotterell (Clerk)

Meeting started 19.00

AGENDA ITEM	ACTION
<p>1</p> <p>Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from Parish Cllr Wells, Borough Cllr Stallard.</p>	NOTED
<p>2</p> <p>Declarations of Interest – Cllr Bleeker declared an interest in Items 7a & 7b.</p>	NOTED
<p>3</p> <p>Cllrs to agree the minutes to be an accurate record of the meeting held on 6th December 2018. Proposed Cllr Bleeker, seconded Cllr Abram, all agreed.</p>	
<p>4</p> <p>Actions/Updates to be reported <u>Actions from meeting held on 06.12.18</u> Item 4 – 5 paths submitted to HCC Priority Cutting List for 2019. Item 12 – Noticeboards – received confirmation from contractor that the turnaround time for refurbishing and returning the boards would be 2-3 weeks. <u>Updates:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play area remedial works – payment of invoice is on hold until confirmation of queries around the works already carried out is received. Also awaiting confirmation of the refurbishment of benches at The Green. • Fallen tree at WMH – Have agreed price of £220.00 for the maintenance contractor to remove the tree at the same time as carrying out the crown lift to the other trees at WMH – work to start 11th January. • The Green Copse – concrete has been moved to the edge of The Green, ready to be removed. Cllr Hayter to move gate and concrete with assistance at weekend. 	Cllr Hayter
<p>5</p> <p>Public Participation -<i>This item will be limited to 15 minutes, unless directed otherwise by the Chairman.</i></p> <p>3 members of public requested to speak about Items 7a and b. Chairman agreed they could speak when the items were discussed on the agenda.</p>	
<p>6</p> <p>Borough and County Councillor Reports Cllr Gibson reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He has contacted Steve Moreno re sewerage works at Manor Farm and asked which works have been carried out. <p>Cllr Gibson also provided a written report as below: Test Valley School. I would like to give an important update on the Test Valley School Swimming pool. Test Valley School Governor’s are reviewing the school’s swimming pool future. The pool has a significant annual cost (circa £12k) that the School cannot afford without additional funding. The Governor’s will be making a decision on the future of the pool and reviewing all options. I am supportive of keeping the pool but realise that additional fund would be required. Discussions are continuing and any suggestions would be welcome. Buses. On the positive side, the cuts in concessionary bus services that have been mentioned in local newspaper articles, will not affect the Test Valley Central Division, as far as I am being told. There are cuts in the Basingstoke area. Salt Bins. I would ask you all to check that salt bins have been filled in your villages and please contact me if there are any that still need to be filled up. I was promised that all Salt Bins would be filled by the 24th December. Highways. Please continue to report potholes on the HCC portal and please let me know if reported potholes have not been completed so that I can escalate and ensure that the work is done. Also I have attached the Highways report for December. The Highways report indicated that Hampshire Highways fills circa 6,000 pot-hole per month which is circa 72,000 per year. Broughton. The B3084 is becoming increasingly busy and links to Salisbury Lane in the Wallops. I have asked for the road to be monitored for volume / speed and this will go ahead in February. The envisaged changes to Wallop road links, with the closure of Salisbury Lane and traffic calming in Station Road, Wallops, sometime in 2019, may influence traffic volumes. Devolved Budget. Please let me know if there are any projects that require funding as there is money available for 2019.</p>	

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	<p>Cllr Flood reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional household bin 2 yr review is taking place. • Watercress manager has cleared the drains on their land. • TVBC are taking part in a pilot scheme assisting homeless/rough sleepers with other agencies. • Update on opening date for leisure centre – the actual date has not been published yet but should be soon. 	
7	<p>Planning and Tree Work applications – Cllrs to propose responses to be submitted to TVBC relating to the following applications: Proposed Cllr Abram, seconded Cllr Teasdale.</p> <p>Cllrs to propose responses to be submitted to TVBC relating to the following applications: Cllr Bleeker left the meeting for items 7a) and 7b)</p> <p>a) 18/03110/TREEN - T1 Conifer - Fell, T2 - Ash - Fell, T7 - Co-dominant conifers – Fell - White Smocks Little Ann Road Little Ann – <u>APPLICATION WITHDRAWN</u>.</p> <p>b) 18/03116/TPON - T3 Ash - Removal of overhanging branches, T4 - Twin stemmed Ash - Fell, T5 - Ash - Fell, T6 Ash – Fell - White Smocks Little Ann Road Little Ann – <u>APPLICATION DECIDED</u>.</p> <p>Chairman invited residents to speak regarding the two applications. Residents expressed their concerns about the trees and overhanging branches at White Smocks and the possible danger to surrounding properties if they were not felled. – Cllrs agreed to ask for extension to decision date for any new tree application for White Smocks.</p> <p>c) 18/03137/FULLN - Proposed single storey rear glazed extension - 26 Blueberry Gardens Andover – No Objection – All agreed.</p> <p>d) 18/03142/FULLN - Single storey rear extension to provide enlarged kitchen and dining area - 67 Hibiscus Crescent Andover – No Objection – All agreed.</p> <p>e) 18/03229/FULLN & 18/03230/LBWN – Repair & convert barn to provide two bedroom living accommodation ancillary to the house, a workshop & a garage, and erection of two porches – Mill House, 101 Mill Lane, Abbots Ann – No Objection – All agreed.</p> <p>f) 18/03281/FULLN - Replace greenhouse with garden outbuilding - Linden Cottage 30 Church Lane Footpath Abbots Ann – No Objection – All agreed.</p> <p>g) 18/03325/FULLN - Erection of dwelling - Land Adjacent Cattle Lane Farm 25 Cattle Lane Abbots Ann – Objection – Voted 5 for, 1 abstained. <u>Proposal carried.</u> (Reasons for objection added as Appendix to these minutes.)</p>	Clerk
8	<p>Village Design Statement</p> <p>Cllrs to receive an overview and advice from TVBC Planning Officer regarding the village design statement – TVBC Planning Officers were unable to attend the January meeting, item is deferred to February meeting.</p>	Deferred Ag item
9	<p>Budget and Precept for 2019/20</p> <p>a) Cllrs to review and approve the budget for 2019/20 – Cllrs approved the budget for 2019/20 - Proposed Cllr Haigh, seconded Cllr Bleeker, all agreed. Cllrs agreed an action to contact Andover Town Council to ask whether they wish to take over responsibility of the defibrillator and dog bin at Burghclere Down.</p> <p>b) Cllrs to approve the precept demand for 2019/20 – Cllrs discussed the precept and approved an increase to the Band D equivalent to £40.00. The precept approved for 2019/20 is £25,440.00 – Proposed Cllr Haigh, seconded Cllr Bleeker, all agreed. (Amended addition: "Reserve will be 50% of operational spend and the remainder for projects" – Approved Minute Item 3, 07.02.19)</p>	Clerk
10	<p>Old Coach Road</p> <p>Cllrs to receive an update regarding the application for a Right of Way – Further information for the application was provided in May 2017 and it was confirmed that the application is within the priority system but there have been delays in processing. Cllrs agreed an action to contact County Cllr Gibson to ask him to chase Right of Way Officer for a decision.</p>	Clerk
11	<p>Wildflower Meadow – Abbots Ann Green Action (AAGA)</p> <p>a) Cllrs to receive an update on plans for wildflower meadow for 2019 – Cllrs received an update. In 2019 the plan is to mow in spring and again in autumn, paths will be mown more regularly. Cllrs asked that explanation signs are provided for the area. <u>Action:</u> AAGA to investigate plans for signs.</p>	AAGA

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	<p>b) Cllrs to consider a funding request from AAGA – after discussion Cllrs agreed a grant of £100.00 for maintenance in 2019 and an additional one-off payment of £50.00 for the purchase of plug plants for immediate planting – Proposed Cllr Doherty, seconded Cllr Haigh, all agreed.</p> <p><u>Action:</u> AAGA to come back with revised quote for removing grass clippings from the wildflower meadow each time it is mown.</p>	AAGA																								
12	<p>The Green Cllrs to consider future development plans for The Green – Item deferred to next meeting.</p>	Deferred																								
13	<p>Pavilion Refurbishment Cllrs to approve refurbishment works to the Pavilion. Two quotes have been received one approx. £1600 and one approx. £5000 for redecoration. Cllr Abram agreed to try and obtain one further quote and produce proposal for next agenda.</p>	Cllr Abram/ Ag Item																								
14	<p>Finance</p> <p>a) Cllrs to approve the Financial Statement for 1st to 31st December 2018 – Proposed Cllr Bleeker, seconded Cllr Abram, all agreed.</p> <p>b) Cllrs to consider any additional costs for noticeboard refurbishment – Cllrs approved additional cost of £95.00 for collection of noticeboards. Cllr Haigh to confirm cost and date with contractor. Proposed Cllr Bleeker, seconded Cllr Haigh, all agreed.</p> <p>c) Cllrs to approve the following payments to be made – Proposed Cllr Bleeker, seconded Cllr Abram, all agreed.</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;"><u>Payee</u></th> <th style="text-align: right;"><u>Amount</u></th> <th style="text-align: left;"><u>Payee</u></th> <th style="text-align: right;"><u>Amount</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Clerks/office expenses Dec</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£43.75</td> <td>Clerk Salary (Jan S/O)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£830.11</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Countrywide Grds Dec</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£934.00</td> <td>HMRC PAYE Q3</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£135.84</td> </tr> <tr> <td>MA Lovell (mower service)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£130.08</td> <td>Moores Cleaning (pavilion)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£420.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AADEFIB (replacement pads)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£108.00</td> <td>Pension Contributions (DD)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£43.88</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BT Bill</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£63.39</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	Clerks/office expenses Dec	£43.75	Clerk Salary (Jan S/O)	£830.11	Countrywide Grds Dec	£934.00	HMRC PAYE Q3	£135.84	MA Lovell (mower service)	£130.08	Moores Cleaning (pavilion)	£420.00	AADEFIB (replacement pads)	£108.00	Pension Contributions (DD)	£43.88	BT Bill	£63.39			
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15	<p>Next Meeting - Thursday 7th February 2019 - 7pm - War Memorial Hall, Abbots Ann</p>																									

Meeting closed at 20.50

**These minutes were amended, approved and signed by the Chairman
at the meeting held on 7th February 2019**

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Appendix – Item 7g

Parish Council Objection to Planning Application 18/03325/FULLN

1. Development outside that permitted in the TVBC Local Plan. The proposed development is:
 - a. Not within the Settlement Boundary.
 - b. On open farmland.
 - c. Within the Strategic Gap between Andover and Abbots Ann village.
 - d. Is not innovative or exceptional.
 - e. Does not meet a social need to provide housing.
 - f. Does not have widespread public support.
2. A nearby barn has permission granted under Class Q (16/00892/PDQN) which has been granted due to it being exempt for conversion to a dwellinghouse. The area of this barn is 325 sq mtr, with a curtilage of 315 sq mtr in close proximity to the barn. However:
 - a. There is no direct link made in the application form between the proposed development and demolition of the barn by way of a proposed substitute. Therefore it can only be assumed that this development is independent and incremental development to the Class Q barn conversion.
 - b. If the new development is by way of a replacement for the barn, in which a house is built as a replacement for the barn this should have been clearly stated. Under this scenario:
 - i. It would set a precedent that a landowner can get approval for a Class Q conversion of a barn, and use this as a vehicle to build a house elsewhere on their estate, potentially hundreds of metres from the barn. This is not anticipated by the Class Q planning consent regulations, no rules or regulations exist for the permissibility of this approach, the size or siting of any replacement building.
 - ii. The proposed development in this application is significantly larger than the area of the barn conversion, therefore this is not a replacement. Again, a precedent would be set in which a small barn could be replaced by a dwellinghouse multiple times larger than the barn.
3. The reports state significant ecological damage by the build impacting many species including bats, badgers and slow worms.
4. The visual impact of such a large structure within the country side will be significant despite the applicants attempts to mitigate this. This building will increase the density of housing in the rural area and further lead to the joining of houses along the length of Cattle Lane.

In conclusion: The development is outside of the Local Plan and should not be developed under the 'smoke screen' of the Class Q conversion of the nearby barn and has significant impact both visually and ecologically to the surrounding countryside that it sits in.