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PARISH COUNCIL OF ABBOTTS ANN

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OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 6th October 2011 IN THE JUBILEE ROOM

Present: Cllr. G.Whyte, Vice-chairman Cllr. S.Oram

Cllr. A Barham Cllr. D.Paffett
Cllr. R.Bone Cllr. P. Wilkins

In Attendance:

Mr. A.Stokes, Clerk; Mr. P.Kelly, Footpaths Officer; Mrs.W.Davis, AAGA and two members of the public.

The meeting opened at 6.32 p.m.; the Vice-Chairman took the Chair.

11/95. Apologies. Apologies were recorded from the Chairman; Cllr. A.Gibson, HCC; Cllrs G.Stallard and M. Flood, TVBC.

11/96. Minutes. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 1st September 2011 were confirmed and signed. *Pro PW Sec DP*

11/97. Matters Arising.

- a. The Clerk had deferred action on items 11/88 c, 11/88 e and 11/89 2a.
- b. Re item 11/90 b, the Clerk had written to Sir George Young about the Government's proposals on planning policy and circulated copies of his reply.
- c. Re item 11/93a, it was understood that no help in resolving the problem of deterioration of the parking area at Timothy's Field was forthcoming from the original developer. The Clerk undertook to make enquiries about methods of enforcing residents to fulfil their legal obligations to share the cost of maintenance. *Action Clerk*

11/98. Planning.

- 1. **It was resolved** to register no objection to the following applications:
- a. TV No 11/01844/FULLN Two Rivers, new plans.
- b. " 11/02037/EXTN Chalk House, renewal of previous application (conversion of outbuilding to residential use)

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- 2. Note was taken of delegated responses.
- 3. Re 1a above, the Clerk was requested to thank the applicant for responding to the Council's comments on the original application.

 Action Clerk

11/99. Clerk's Report.

- a. The Clerk mentioned that a faulty street-lamp in Bulbery had been reported. He was attempting to establish the body responsible for its maintenance. *Action Clerk*
- b. Burial Ground. The Clerk explained that the scattered appearance of the graves was due to the fact that there had been an unusual number of reservations of plots, probably because of fears that space might run out. He pointed out that the area currently used as a wildflower reserve was available for future expansion.

11/100. Organisations.

a. AAGA. Mrs W. Davis reported that the group had held its AGM recently, and would send a report to the Clerk.

Activities promoting awareness of "green" issues were continuing.

Future plans would depend partly on the results of the proposed Community Consultation.

Apple Day was to be held on 9th October.

- b. Fete Committee. Cllr Barham reported that thanks to the efforts of many volunteers, the Fete had been a great success, with a profit of about £5,000. More volunteers would always be welcomed.
- c. Footpaths. Mr.P.Kelly reported on the successful completion of repairs to Pitt's Path, with the help of volunteers.

HCC had re-surfaced part of Bulbery Path with tarmac.

- Mr. Kelly was hoping soon to proceed with plans for a "chicane" to replace the stile on Dunkirt Lane. Volunteers would be required for the installation.
- d. Primary School. It was noted that Cllr Bone was the Council's representative for the Primary School.
- e. Website. It was noted that the Financial Report would include an increase in the Section 137 contribution to the running costs of the website.

11/101. Finance.

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

Cheque No.	637	Administration	£674.90
• • •	638	P.O.Ltd: PAYE & NI	£567.33
"	639	Audit Commission	£342.00
"	640	CPRE Subscription	£ 29.00
46	641	T.C.Hook	£387.01
46	642	Webmaster	£300.00
46	643	Enham	£132.00
44	644	B.R.Griffiths (Chairman's All'ce)	£ 23.77
44	645	B.Sims: Fuel	£ 29.24

It was further resolved a. that payment of cheque no. 642 be made in accordance with Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

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b. The Clerk presented a draft half-year Statement of Accounts and forecasts for the year 1912-13, for consideration for adoption at the next meeting.

11/102. Correspondence.

- a. HALC AGM. Cllrs. Griffiths, Oram and Paffett were planning to attend the HALC AGM on 29^{th} October.
- b. Mr B.Sims had drawn attention to the obstruction to various sidewalks due to overgrown hedges and verges. The Clerk undertook to contact HCC and the landowners.

Action Clerk

11/103. Other Business.

a. Community Consultation. The Chairman had suggested that a Steering Committee should be chaired by a Parish Councillor, but Mrs. W.Davis indicated that this was not necessary, and that the Committee should elect its own Chairman.

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It was agreed that the next move would be to circulate by email all those who had attended the meeting on 21st September and signified their willingness to help, asking for volunteers to serve on the steering committee. The Clerk undertook this task, without commitment to a time-scale.

Action Clerk

- b. Jubilee 2012. While acknowledging that it would be necessary for a start on planning any celebrations would have to be made soon, it was decided to defer discussion to the next meeting.
- c. Attention was drawn to the removal of shrubs at the junction of Old Salisbury Road and Little Ann Road. The Clerk was requested to contact Hampshire Highways,to ensure that any new planting should not obscure the sight-lines.

 Action Clerk
- d. Manor Close Playing Field. Mrs. Davis drew attention to the protection and advice available for green spaces under the new Queen Elizabeth II Trust. She undertook to send further copies of details to the Clerk. It was noted that there were still no signs of a response to the application to register the field as a Village Green.
- e. Cllr Paffett reported an incident involving the driver of an articulated lorry, attempting to negotiate the corner on West Hill at 2 a.m. Reporting of the incident to Hampshire Highways had resulted in extensive correspondence by email involving local County, Borough and Parish Councillors. It was hoped that this would result in improvements in controlling traffic connected with the development of the airfield site, since it was clear that current measures, such as signage and number-plate recognition, were not effective.
- f. Cllr Wilkins asked that consideration be given to the installation of a grit-bin at the Eagle, particularly in view of possible hazards for users of the recycling facility. It was understood that Cllr Gibson was aware of the need for more bins in the village.
- g. It was noted with great regret that Cllr Barham had resigned from the Council with immediate effect. She would continue to be closely involved in other local activities.

The Clerk was instructed to initiate procedures for co-option of a successor.

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11/104. Next Meeting. The next meeting was scheduled for 3rd November at 6.30 in the Jubilee Room.

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The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.