

PARISH COUNCIL OF ABBOTTS ANN

MINUTES

OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 26th JULY 2012
IN THE PAVILION

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

In Attendance:

Mr. A. Stokes, Clerk; Cllr. G. Stallard, TVBC; Mr. P. Kelly, Footpaths Officer;
Mrs. L. Stockings, Burghclere Down; Mr. D. Pritchard, 1 member of the public.

The meeting opened at 6.36 p.m.

12/80. Apologies. Apologies were recorded from Cllr. A. Gibson, HCC; Cllr. M. Flood, TVBC.

12/81. Minutes. The Minutes of the meeting held on 5th July were approved and signed.
Pro BS Sec RB

12/82. Matters Arising.

a. Jubilee Oak Corner. The Clerk had received no response to his query about the removal of the iron work and Keep Left signs. It was not considered that the replacement of the ironwork was a matter of urgency.

b. Playground. The Clerk had not yet heard from RoSPA. He would pursue the matter. *Action Clerk*

c. Footpaths. It was noted that the dangerous barbed wire on Church Path had not been replaced. The Clerk would pursue the matter. *Action Clerk*

d. Parish Magazine. The Clerk had not concluded negotiations on the allocation of possible future profits generated by the Parish Magazine. *Action Clerk*

e. Barking dog. The Chairman had not yet been able to contact the owner of the dog in question. *Action Chairman*

f. Road Crossing. The Chairman was planning to apply suitable markings shortly. *Action Chairman*

g. Poplar Farm Corner. Mr. D. Pritchard outlined his suggestions for improved landscaping of the corner at the junction of Little Ann Road and Old Salisbury Road. Detailed discussions ensued. His offer to contribute financially and practically was warmly welcomed.

12/83. Planning.

a. Application No 12/0149/FULLN and 12/0150/LBWN: Jubilee Oak Cottage: Replacement Conservatory and new terrace. **It was resolved** to register no objection to this application. *Pro BS Sec GW*

b. It was noted that a new boundary fence for the Grasmere garden had been erected on Short Path. It had been established that this did not require planning permission.

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

12/84. Borough Councillor's Report. Cllr Stallard reported that the time-table for completion of the Core Strategy consultation process had been extended. Even if Parishes had no objections, it was important that they make positive responses to the consultation, especially on the subject of local gaps.

Test Valley had been selected to pioneer a new scheme for the furtherance of localism policies under which Borough Councillors were to receive budgets for discretionary grants towards suitable projects.

The new Test Valley Access Plan included three projects in Abbots Ann:

Duck Street Traffic calming

Improvement of the junction at St. John's Cross

Provision of a Cycleway/Footpath along the Salisbury Road from the Garden Centre to the bridge under the A 303.

12/85. Finance.

a. **It was resolved** to authorise the following payments: *Pro BS Sec PW*

Cheque No. 700	Administration	£704.45
“ 701	GM BuildSolutions Ltd: Soakaway	£1,170.00
“ 702	Abbots Ann Fete Insurance	£325.32

b. Audit. The Clerk reported on the successful completion of the Audit.

c. The Clerk reported that the Government was planning to change the rule that all cheques on Parish Council funds should show two signatures. Alternative methods of payment were likely to include electronic transfers.

d. War Memorial Hall. Cllr Stallard gave a presentation of the Committee's plans, which had been previously circulated, for the re-arrangement and reconstruction of the kitchen and storage areas of the Hall. Detailed discussion ensued.

It was resolved to make provision in the budget for 2012-2013 for a grant of up to £4,000. This would enable the Committee to apply for major grants from TVBC and HCC toward the total estimated cost of approximately £32,000. *Pro GW Sec RB*

e. Jubilee Memorabilia. Mr. Bulpitt had ordered a further supply of mugs to meet demand. He was to be asked to complete the distribution of those ordered on the same basis as before; any surplus was to be sold to the Village Shop for them to sell for their own profit. *Action Mr. Bulpitt*

12/86. Correspondence.

a. Operation Resilience. HCC had announced that the road from the Poplar Farm to the Eagle was to be completely re-surfaced, with work starting on 31st July.

b. Traffic Calming. The construction of the build-outs near the Village School was scheduled to start on 14th August. The village sign was to be moved to the site of the most southerly build-out and would be on new galvanised posts.

c. The Clerk gave notice of two training courses for Councillors scheduled for the Autumn.

12/87. Other Business.

a. Jubilee Celebrations: Review. Cllr Oram reported on the great success of the Jubilee celebrations and was congratulated on the outcome of his hard work and that of the many volunteers and donors who contributed to make this such a memorable occasion. The idea of making the “Picnic in the Park” an annual event was put forward for consideration.

Cllr Oram was planning a “Year Book” to provide a permanent record,

b. Community Consultation. The Chairman reported on meetings of the groups working on the Community Consultation and the Neighbourhood Plan. Mr. R. Lucas had prepared a very helpful paper in connection with the latter. It was noted that the two groups might act more effectively if they were amalgamated into a single steering group.

c. Code of Conduct. The problems arising from the statutory requirement to declare interests of spouses or civil partners were discussed. **It was resolved** that the Clerk be instructed to see to the provision of a form appropriate to Parish Councils as opposed to the model based on the requirements of the Borough. *Pro GW Sec BS*

Action Clerk

d. Surface Water drainage. Cllr Oram requested that the Highway authority be asked to provide a plan of the surface water drainage system for the Parish.

Action Clerk

12/88. Next Meeting. This was scheduled for 6th September 2012 at 6.30 p.m. in the Jubilee Room.

The Meeting closed at 9.10 p.m

Signed

Date