

PARISH COUNCIL OF ABBOTTS ANN
MINUTES
 OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
 HELD ON THURSDAY 3rd February 2011
 IN THE JUBILEE ROOM

Present: Cllr. B.Griffiths, Chairman
 Cllr. A.Barham Cllr. S.Oram
 Cllr. D.Paffett Cllr. P.Wilkins

In Attendance:

Mr. A.Stokes, Clerk, Cllr M.Flood, TVBC; Mr.P.Kelly, Footpaths Officer, Mrs.W.Davis, AAGA; Mrs.R.Davis, Primary School Governor; Mr.D.Downey; Mr. A.Dixon, and two members of the public.

The meeting opened at 6.32 p.m .

11/10. Apologies. Apologies were recorded from Cllr A.Gibson HCC; Cllr G.Stallard; Cllr Graham Whyte; Cllr D.Alleway.

11/11 Minutes. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th January 2011, as amended by the substitution in Minute 11/06d of the word “regretted” in place of the word “deplored”, were confirmed and signed. *Pro PW Sec AB*

11/12. Matters Arising.

a. Bulbery. The representative of Testway Housing had investigated the possible breach of regulations and was satisfied that there now seemed to be no cause for concern.

b. Footpaths. The overgrown hedge obstructing the footpath between Bulbery and the new school had been cut back by Trevor Hook. Repairs to the damaged gate (See Minute 11/06c) were in hand. The pot-hole on Church Path had been repaired by HCC. The Chairman had contacted the landowners about the Church Path fence, where the barbed wire was still in place.

11/13. Planning.

After discussion:

- a. **It was resolved** to register No Objection to the following applications:
 10/03019/LBWN 80 Little Ann Road: alterations & extensions *Pro SO Sec PW*
 11/00024/LBWN Old Mill House, Monxton: replace bay windows *Pro DP Sec PW*
 b. Concerning Application No 11/00030: Pendene, extensions. The Council took into consideration the letter of objection written by Mr. Alan Dixon to the Planning-Authority, but, while sympathising with Mr. Dixon’s views, considered that there were insufficient technical grounds for objecting. The Clerk was instructed to include comment to this effect in his response to the Planning Authority. Accordingly **it was resolved** to register No Objection to this application. *Pro AB Sec DP*
 c. Note was taken of delegated responses and decisions of the Planning Service.

11/14. Clerk’s Report.

The Clerk had contacted the Head Teacher of the Primary School and had arranged for a visit to the school for all Councillors on 11th February.

11/15. Organisations.

a. Borough Councillors. Cllr M. Flood reported: i. that the Borough Council had implemented the new statutory measures to make details of all expenditure over £500 available to the public.

ii. A major refurbishment of Andover Railway Station was about to start.

iii. Arrangements for road closures for functions such as street parties had been simplified, and a fee for this set at £25.

Cllr G.Stallard had asked the Clerk to state on his behalf that he had spoken to the Borough Solicitor concerning the problem of lighting in Berry Way; she is following up the suggestion that this Council might take over responsibility for the problem lamp.

b. AAGA. At Mrs.W.Davis's request the Clerk had circulated copies of documents concerning Community Led Planning so that Councillors would have the opportunity to consider them for a later meeting. It was suggested that consideration of these proposals be a matter for a meeting separate from the regular Council meetings.

Other projects in hand included construction of a Community Mosaic, a competition for the design of a logo by pupils of the Primary School, and a continuation of the "Winter Warmers" programme with low-consumption light bulbs and other items offered at the village shop.

Concerning funding, an encouraging response had been received from the National Lottery's Awards for All scheme.

c. Footpaths. Mr. Kelly reported that he had removed a fallen tree with the help of Mr. Tayler and Mr. Wilders-Pratt, and had arranged for TVBC to remove two dumped tractor tyres.

The notice at the Coach Road end of the permissive path leading to Penny Path was deteriorating. It was suggested that the notice was redundant and could be removed. Cllr Oram suggested that locally-made finger-posts could be installed and after discussion undertook to speak to Mr. Brian Underwood about their manufacture. *Action Cllr Oram*

d. Primary School. Mrs R.Davis reported on the school's work on Environmental Education, following the "Trailblazer" outdoor leaning scheme. It was planned that this activity could feed into the Wildlife project being planned by AAGA.

e. Sports Field. Cllr Wilkins reported that the Sports Field Committee was not in favour of attempts to repair or reconstruct the existing pavilion. The Council supported in principle the plan for a new pavilion. Cllr Flood undertook to look into the possibility of obtaining Section 106 funding. *Action Cllr Flood*

f. War Memorial Hall. Cllr Stallard had asked the Clerk to pass on his report on the success of the recent Burns Night. He had also asked that the Council be willing to consider financial assistance towards the cost of the rectification of the recent damage to the water-supply to the Hall, which had amounted to £1,716. It was decided to include a contribution of £850 in the payments to be authorised under Minute 11/16.

Cllr Flood, Mrs.W.Davis and Mrs.R.Davis left the meeting at 7.35 p.m.

11/16. Finance.

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

Cheque No	595	Administration	
£681.31		"	596 Andover Mencap
£ 70.00			
"	597	War Memorial Hall: caretaker	
£155.48			
"	598	War Memorial Hall: water-supply repairs	£850.00

Pro SO Sec PW

b. The Clerk was requested to continue to seek funding for repairs to the Church Clock and for changes to the Jubilee Tree roundabout to improve a healthier environment for the tree’s root-system. Expert advice should be sought for the latter. *Action Clerk*

11/17. Correspondence.

a. Library Service. A circular from TVBC indicated that the Travelling Library service was to be reduced to one visit per 4 weeks to one stopping point, which was likely to be at the Eagle.

b. Stiles. A representative of the Ramblers’ Association had offered to improve the safety of stiles by inserting staples into the treads. Councillors agreed with Mr. Kelly that this was not ideal, and that wire netting would be a preferable alternative. Any action would require the consent of the landowners. Mr. Kelly undertook to check location and ownership of stiles in the Parish.

Action Mr. Kelly

c. Traffic Calming. Mr. S. Nightingale, TVBC Transport Engineer, had sent details of proposals for traffic calming on the road between Monxton and Red Post Bridge, including a “build-out” and a “chicane”. These were studied with interest, and it was suggested that the Chairman should contact Mr. Nightingale to investigate the possibility of placing similar installations in Duck Street. *Action Chairman*

11/18. Other Business.

a. Parish Map. Mr. D.Downey volunteered to undertake the necessary up-dating of the Village Map and Emergency Map. This offer was accepted with gratitude, and the Council undertook to cover his expenses. It was noted that the Fire and Ambulance services had asked to be supplied with the new version, but the Police had declined the offer. The Clerk was asked to provide details of sources of funding. *Action Clerk*

b. Queen’s Jubilee 2012. A circular had been received from the Department for Culture, Media and Sport. Councillors were asked to consider possible ways of marking the occasion. *Action All*

c. Insurance Matters. Consultation with the Insurance Brokers had confirmed that clubs or committees having separate membership and banking facilities from those of the Parish Council must make their own arrangements for insurance cover, with special emphasis on Public Liability.

d. Cllr Oram reminded the meeting that the Pavilion was the property of the Council. It was therefore confirmed that the placing of contracts and payment for works should be made through the Council.

e. Welcome Pack. Cllr Barham reported that the pack had been up-dated; supplies of Pamela King’s History of the Village were now available in the Village Shop.

f. Grit Bins. Mr. Dixon raised the question of use of the grit for clearing private areas. The Chairman and Clerk stated that the County Council had made it clear that the grit was for use only on public paths and highways, and later enquiries had indicated that misuse of the material could be regarded as an offence in law. It was clear that residents were expected to provide their own materials; salt was readily available.

11/19. Future meetings. The next meeting was scheduled for 3rd March at 6.30 p.m. The Annual Assembly was to be held on 25th March at the later time of 7 p.m.

Signed

Date