

PARISH COUNCIL OF ABBOTTS ANN

MINUTES

OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 28th July 2011
IN THE PAVILION

Present: Cllr. B.Griffiths, Chairman
Cllr. G.Whyte, Vice-chairman
Cllr. S.Oram
Cllr. D.Paffett
Cllr. A.Barham
Cllr. P. Wilkins

In Attendance:

Mr. A.Stokes, Clerk; Mr. S.Lugg, Chief Executive, HALC; Mr. D. Downey; Mrs. A. Oram, Sports Field Committee; three members of the Sports Field Committee; and one member of the public.

The meeting opened at 6.40 p.m .

11/77. Apologies. Apologies were recorded from Cllr.A.Gibson, HCC; Cllrs. G.Stallard and M. Flood, TVBC; Cllr. R.Bone; Mr.P.Kelly, Footpaths Officer; Mrs. W. Davis, AAGA; Mrs. R. Davis, School Governor; Mr.T.Tayler, Archivist.

11/78. Minutes. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th July 2011 were confirmed and signed. *Pro AB Sec PW*

11/79. Visit of Mr. Steven Lugg, HALC

Discussions with Mr. Lugg centred on funding for the proposed replacement of the Pavilion. Points arising included:

Far more funding sources would lend to charitable organisations than to Local Councils. This would limit the scope for fund-raising if ownership of the Pavilion remained with the Parish Council.

There were long “queues” for registration of new charities, but not-for-profit status could be confirmed by registration with HMRC.

Funding bodies require that “need” is demonstrated; a Community Consultation could provide evidence for this.

No funding was available for preparation of architects’ plans; it would be necessary for plans and costings to be completed before approaching donors.

In view of the current low level of interest rates, it would be a good time for raising a loan from PWLB.

Mr.Lugg contributed many sources of funding and advice, and offered continuing support from himself and HALC. The Chairman expressed the appreciation of all present for his time and trouble on behalf of the village.

Detailed discussion of these matters was deferred to the next meeting.

The Chairman undertook to approach Mr. Clive Pedlar informally about possible preparation of plans and project management. *Action Chairman*

Mr. Lugg left the meeting at 7.15 p.m.

11/. 80. Matters Arising.

a. Footpath along Salisbury Road. The Clerk had ascertained that there were 18 current pupils at John Hanson School with addresses in Abbots Ann. The Highway Authority had confirmed that provision of a footpath was on the list of requested works.

b. Playground equipment. Cllr Bone was continuing research into this.

c. The Clerk had emailed photographs of the old School site to the Diocesan authorities, but had so far received no response.

d. Railings at Bulbery. Cllr Flood had not yet been able to establish ownership of the railings at the steps between The Drove and Bulbery.

e. Trees. TVBC's chief arboriculturalist was currently on leave. The Chairman would continue to press for advice from the Borough's experts on tree safety.

f. Stile on Dunkirt Lane. The Clerk was waiting for a reply from the estate's agents about the removal of the stile.

11/81. Planning.

a. **It was resolved** (Cllr Oram abstaining) to register an objection to the following:

TV No 11/01481/FULLN and 11/01594/LBWN: Jubilee Oak Cottage: replacement Garden Gate (Retrospective). The gate was considered obtrusive and out of character with its surroundings.

Pro GW Sec DP

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

11/82. Finance.

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

Cheque No. 628	Administration	£673.78
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11/83. Correspondence.

a. Red Post Bridge. Complaints had been raised about the inadequate time allowed by the traffic lights for vehicles and horses for negotiating the crossing. The traffic engineers had reacted promptly to emails, but there had still been many reports of

i. Long waiting times before the lights turned green.

ii. Too short a time allowed for crossing, especially for longer vehicles.

The Clerk was requested to make further approaches to the Traffic engineers.

Action Clerk

b. Farm traffic. The Regional Manager of Norman Court Estate had written to confirm that all operators of machinery had received instructions to minimise disturbance during harvest at Little Park. The Clerk had thanked him.

c. Community Consultations. The Clerk had circulated copies of the email from Donna Wagers, following the discussions at the previous meeting about affordable housing. Ms. Wagers had also telephoned the Clerk, who had indicated that the Council was not convinced that a Housing Needs Survey should be synchronised with the Community Consultation.

d. In connection with a possible Housing Needs survey, Cllr G.Stallard had emailed to say that he would be willing to take up, with the officers, the problems arising from the peculiar circumstances of Burghclere Down.

11/84. Other Business.

a. Community Consultation. It was noted that AAGA had booked the War Memorial Hall for a meeting on September 21st; a flier advertising this would be distributed. Detailed discussion was postponed to the next Council Meeting.

Cllr Barham undertook to produce two more estimates for the printing of the flier as approved by the Council.

Action Cllr Barham

b. Parish Map. Mr.D.Downey had taken delivery of the stock of copies of the Parish Map. It was agreed that it should be on sale at the Village Shop for £1.00.

c. Royal Mail. Cllr Whyte drew attention to the deplorable inefficiency of the postal service, which was frequently making very late deliveries or none at all. The Chairman and Clerk undertook to protest at the highest possible level in consultation with Cllr Flood.

Action Chairman and Clerk

11/85. Next Meeting. The next meeting was scheduled for **6.30 p.m.** on 1st September 2011 in the Jubilee Room.

The meeting closed at 8.05 p.m.

Signed

Date