

PARISH COUNCIL OF ABBOTTS ANN

MINUTES

OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 3rd January 2013
IN THE JUBILEE ROOM

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

In Attendance:

Mr. A. Stokes, Clerk; Cllr. A. Gibson, HCC; Cllr. M. Flood, TVBC; Mrs. L. Stockings, Burghclere Down.

The meeting opened at 6.36 p.m.

13/01. Apologies. Apologies were recorded from Cllr. R. Bone; Cllr G. Stallard, TVBC; Mr. P. Kelly, Footpaths Officer; Mr. T. Tayler, Archivist.

13/02. Minutes. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th December 2012 were confirmed and signed. *Pro GW Sec PW*

13/03. Matters arising.

a. Barbed wire. This was seen to be still in place.

b. Manor Close Playing Field. The Chairman reported on correspondence between himself, Sir George Young and Mr. Ken Thornber, leader of HCC. It was hoped that the outcome would be the setting-up of a meeting between the parties. The issue was complicated by the fact that the County Council, as landowner, had entered an objection to the application for registration of the area as a Village Green, but, as the statutory Registration Authority, was responsible for the final decision. This decision, which was still pending, would be made by the County Council's Regulatory Committee, acting in its quasi-judicial capacity. Mr. Thornber had made it clear that his preference was for the Village Green application to be withdrawn and negotiations to be resumed on the basis originally set out by Mr. Barry, involving the Council retaining part of the land for a small development of affordable housing and the remainder being leased or sold to the Parish.

c. Commemoration. Cllr Oram was requested to liaise with the War Memorial Hall Committee and to obtain quotes for a plaque or plaques to be fixed on an outside wall. *Action Cllr Oram*

d. Playground. The Chairman had met Mr. A. Rose, who was to quote for the construction of equipment on the lines of the plans produced by Cllr Bone. Cllr Whyte undertook to obtain a quote for the gateway from Mr. P. Barham. The Clerk distributed a summary of funds due from Section 106 contributions, and would check their availability with the Borough office. *Action Cllr Whyte; Clerk*

13/04. Planning.

a. **It was resolved** to register No Objection to the following applications:

TV No 12/02607/FULLN. Hillbury: Extension *Pro GW Sec SO*

“ 12/02767/FULLN. Timbertops: Extension *Pro GW Sec SO*

b. Re TV No 12/02654/TREEN (Multiple Works at Paddocks End) the Clerk was requested to register an objection based on the comments of the Hon Tree Warden and to suggest that at least one of the yew trees concerned should be subject to a Preservation Order.
Action Clerk

c. Re TV No 12/0202604/FULLN. Councillors wished to give further consideration to this application, to which No Objection was registered at the last meeting, having received representations from the Village School and neighbouring residents. The Clerk was instructed to write to explain that because plans had only been received on the day of the meeting, with the deadline for responding given as the same day, the Council had not had time to give due consideration to potential problems arising from noise, air-pollution and traffic and to ask that these factors be taken into account by the Planning Authority. It was understood that the application was to be called to the Borough Planning Committee.

Action Clerk

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

13/05. Organisations.

a. County Councillor. Cllr Gibson commented on the sale of the site of the old Primary School. The new school, together with an encouraging number of the County's schools, was showing good academic results.

He was keen that the Manor Close negotiations should be moved on, and would soon speak to Mr. Barry.

He was devoting much attention to Highway matters, and was finding that there were problems with pothole repairs and even with some recent work under "Operation Resilience." He was intending to reinforce the monitoring of the work of the contractors.

He was continuing to work for county-wide installation of fast broadband.

He encouraged the Council to apply for funding for the replacement of the gate into the Recreation Ground.

b. Borough Councillor. Cllr Flood reminded the Council of the availability of funding for setting up rural businesses. She would look into funding for the Recreation Ground gate.

c. Footpaths. Mr.P.Kelly had been impressed by the promptness of Strutt and Parker in responding to his request for clearing a fallen tree on Webbs Lane.

d. Primary School. Cllr Oram had spoken to the new Head Teacher, who was keen to meet the Parish Council. The Clerk was instructed to invite her to a future Council Meeting.
Action Clerk

e. Village Shop. The Council noted that Mrs. Geraldine Heather had just retired having been the Manager of the outstandingly successful Village Shop for all the ten years since its foundation. A Vote of Thanks by Acclaim was unanimously passed.

e. War Memorial Hall. Cllr Stallard had emailed to report on the re-decoration and improvement of the cloakrooms. The post of Chairman of the Committee was still unfilled. Tickets for the Burns Night celebrations on 18th January were selling well.

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13/06. Finance.

a. It was resolved to approve the following payments:	<i>Pro PW Sec SO</i>
Cheque No 729 Administration	£732.49
“ 730 British Red Cross	£300.00
“ P.O.Ltd. PAYE & NI	£574.26

b. 3rd Quarter Summary. The Clerk presented a summary of Receipts and Payments for the Financial Year to 31st December 2012.

c. Note was taken of the funds reserved under Section 106 (see 13/03 d. above)

13/07. Correspondence.

a. Moles. Comments had been received about mole activity in the Burial Ground. The Chairman was seeing to remedial action, but weather conditions had so far been unfavourable.

b. Moss. The Churchwardens had drawn attention to the growth of moss on the Churchyard paths. The Clerk had obtained a quantity of professional grade moss-killer and would try it out when the weather was favourable.

13/08. Other Business.

a. Planning Aid. Cllr Oram had arranged for Mr. Phil Turner of Planning Aid to attend the meeting in the War Memorial Hall to brief the Parish Council and the Joint Working Party on the Community Consultation and Neighbourhood Plan. This was scheduled for Wednesday January 23rd at 7.30 p.m.

b. First Aid Course. Cllr Oram reported that the course was certain to be fully booked. He was arranging to borrow the required equipment. The Chairman expressed the thanks of the Council to Cllr Oram for organising the event.

c. Jubilee Mugs. Cllr Oram reported that there were about 24 unsold mugs. It was suggested that these should be offered to children born in the jubilee year. Mrs. Stockings undertook to publicise this offer in Burghclere Down.

Action Cllr Oram; Mrs. Stockings

d. Build-out. Cllr Sims mentioned a broken post on the build-out near the Primary School. The Clerk would report this to the Highway Authority.

e. Poplar Farm Corner. It had been noticed that the white markers on the kerb at the junction had become invisible since the area was re-surfaced. The Clerk was asked to press Hampshire Highways for the rectification of the problem. *Action Clerk*

13/09. Future Meetings. The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday 7th February 2013. All regular meetings in 2013 would be held on the 1st Thursday of each month. The Annual Assembly would be held in the War Memorial Hall on Friday 5th April at 7 p.m.

The Meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

Signed

Date