

PARISH COUNCIL OF ABBOTTS ANN

MINUTES

OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 5th July 2012
IN THE JUBILEE ROOM

Present: Cllr. B. Griffiths, Chairman Cllr. R. Bone
 Cllr. G. Whyte, Vice-Chairman Cllr. D. Paffett

In Attendance:

Mr. A. Stokes, Clerk; Cllr. M. Flood, TVBC; Mr. P. Kelly, Footpaths Officer;
Mrs. L. Stockings, Burghclere Down; one member of the public.

The meeting opened at 6.35 p.m.

12/71. Apologies.

Apologies were recorded from Cllr. A. Gibson, HCC; Cllr. G. Stallard, TVBC;
Cllr. B. Sims; Cllr. S. Oram; Cllr. P. Wilkins; Mr. D. Downey, NHW; Mrs. W. Davis,
AAGA.

12/72. Minutes.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd May 2012 were approved and signed.

12/73. Matters Arising.

a. Footpath, Burghclere Down. Mrs. Stockings advised that there was insufficient demand for a finger-post to justify the expense of installation.

b. Skate Park Bin. It was reported that this was now being emptied by TVBC.

c. Jubilee Tree Junction. The Clerk had not received a response to his request for information about the removal of the ironwork and Keep Left signs.

d. Lorries in the Village. Cllr. Flood had been in touch with Mr. K. Barry of Alpine Group at Siteweld, who had issued maps for distribution to their regular suppliers. New pictorial signs would shortly be available to replace the old warning signs for HGVs.

e. Parking at Burghclere Down. Cllr. Flood had alerted the Police to the problem.

f. Playground. Cllr Bone brought illustrations of equipment of a type that could be made and installed by local suppliers. It was proposed that all equipment should be placed to the east side of the War Memorial Hall so that the area to the north could remain a clear open space. The Council approved the proposals in principle. The Clerk was requested to write to RoSPA to see if they could provide advice if professional installers were not employed.

Action

Clerk

12/74. Planning.

a. To meet the Borough Council's deadlines, the Clerk had already circulated details of the following applications and lodged objections:

TV No. 12/01080/FULLN: 20 Cattle Lane, revised plans for Garage.

TV No. 12/01112/FULLN: Dell Engineering site, redevelopment.

b. TV No 12/01081/FULLN & 12.01082.LBWN: Faircroft, alterations and extensions. **It was resolved** to lodge an Objection to this application on the grounds that

the proposals for the main doorway of the barn were out of keeping with its traditional structure and appearance.

Pro DP Sec GW

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c. TV No. 12/01332/FULLN: Old Primary School site. **It was resolved** to object to this application, as for the previous application, on the grounds that there was no proposed improvement to the vehicular access. In his response, the Clerk was instructed to express extreme disappointment that this important central site in the village was being used for a banal development which would give an overwhelming impression of a tarmac car-park.

Pro GW Sec RB Action Clerk

It was noted that the applicant had lodged an Appeal on the original application. The Clerk was requested to ensure that the Council's objections were passed to the Inspector.

Action Clerk

d. TV No 12/01358/CLEN: Rose Barn, 9 Farm Road, Certificate of Lawfulness as residential premises. It was noted that the Council could not dispute the lawfulness of the occupation, which covered over four years. However, the Chairman wished to give strong expression to the Council's disappointment that despite their concerns having been raised over many years, resulting in some visits by Enforcement Officers, the situation appeared to have been allowed to continue long enough for the lawfulness to be established, thereby providing an extra dwelling without an application for planning permission being entered or discussed. Further enquiries were to be made as to how this serious situation had been allowed to develop.

Action

Chairman and Borough Councillor

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

12/75. Clerk's Report.

The Chairman and Clerk had been in touch with Mr. D. Pritchard of Thornhill, Old Salisbury Road, about the area of ground on the corner opposite the Poplar farm Inn. Mr. Pritchard was interested in ensuring that this was maintained as a welcoming feature at the entrance to the village. He had been invited to the next Council meeting.

12/76. Organisations.

a. Borough Councillor. Cllr. M. Flood referred to the closure of the Duttons Road office in Romsey; there would be a small office elsewhere, but the Borough's administration would now be concentrated at Beech Hurst.

Cllr Flood confirmed that the Borough Council had formally adopted the new draft Code of Conduct as required by the Localism Act, but added that it would be subject to a later review.

A Jubilee Woodland was to be established near Andover.

Councillors were reminded that the Olympic Torch would be passing through Andover on July 11th.

b. Abbotts Ann Action. Following a Seminar conducted by CPRE attended by himself, the Chairman and Cllr Paffett, Mr. R. Lucas had volunteered to study the requirements for the formation of a Neighbourhood Plan and to advise the Council accordingly.

c. AAGA. Mrs. W. Davis had sent a report on the proposal to include a leaflet in the Welcome Pack.

AAGA was organising a Wildflower Walk on 22nd July as part of Plantlife's "Wildflowers Matter" campaign, which aims to collect data on wildflowers nationwide.

d. Burghclere Down. Mrs. L. Stockings reported that the desired locations for grit-bins were on Council land at the roundabout at Berry Way and at the Community Centre. The Clerk undertook to inform Cllr Andrews. *Action Clerk*

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The Council was concerned about the need for adequate posting in Burghclere Down of notices about important Parish matters, such as elections, assemblies and other events; discussion was deferred on this question and also about the possible distribution of welcome packs.

e. Footpaths. The fence between Church Path and the meadow had recently been repaired with barbed wire fixed to the pathway side of the fence. As this was clearly hazardous to children and dogs, the Clerk was instructed to contact Mr. Burnfield to request a safer repair and to draw attention to the general state of the fence. *Action Clerk*

f. Primary School. Cllr Bone asked about the timing of the installation of the traffic calming scheme on Duck Street, and requested that the School and parents should be informed when any dates are known. The Clerk undertook to contact Mr. Nightingale *Action Clerk*

g. Sports Field Committee. It was noted that the Chairman was now a member of the Committee

12/77. Finance.

a. **It was resolved** to approve the following payments: *Pro GW Sec RB*

Cheque No	688	AA Marquees	£1,797.78
“	689	Kangaroo: bouncy castles	£ 150.00
“	690	Administration	£ 693.90
“	691	Enham: May	£ 176.00
“	692	Alyson Godman: Jubilee Medals	£ 145.35
“	693	Hants Constabulary: video cameras	£ 50.00
“	694	Running Imp Ltd. : Trophies	£ 72.61
“	695	B.Sims: Fuel	£ 103.72
“	696	B.R.Griffiths: Merry-go-Round	£ 250.00
“	697	P.O.Ltd.: PAYE & NI	£ 573.96
“	698	T.C.Hook: Jan-June	£ 599.69
“	699	Enham: June	£ 109.99

b. It was noted, thanks to the generosity of many donors and the funds generated by the sale of mugs, that the cost of the Jubilee celebrations to the Council would amount to £756.21 after reclaim of VAT.

A Vote of Thanks by acclaim was passed in favour of Cllr Oram and all the volunteers who had worked so hard to ensure the success of the Celebrations and of the donors who had kept the cost to the Council to a minimum.

c. Parish Magazine. The Clerk had been in touch with the Editor, who had explained that the original contribution had been made in recognition of the use of up to four pages by the Council. This year's contributions to village organisations from the magazine's profits had been made to avoid the absorption of these profits into the general funds of the Church for the benefit of the Diocese rather than that of the village. It was agreed that the Council would be happy to reinstate the contribution if any profits were directed to the fund for the upkeep of the fabric of the Church, which was regarded by parishioners, of all denominations or none, as a major asset to the village. The Clerk

was instructed to negotiate on this basis.
Clerk

Action

d. It was noted that the War Memorial Hall Committee was planning a major re-furbishment of the kitchen and would be requesting funding from the Council.

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12/78. Other Business.

a. Code of Conduct. The Clerk had distributed the draft Code of Conduct prepared by TVBC; HALC had advised Parishes to adopt the codes of their principal authority. Councillors needed time to study the regulations, particularly those affecting Declarations of Pecuniary Interests in view of the apparent requirement to give details of the employment of Councillors and their spouses or partners. Discussion was therefore deferred.

b. Abbotts Ann Players: Storage. **It was resolved** to authorise the Players to install a second green ex-shipping container on the Sports Field. *Pro GW Sec DP*

c. Dogs. i. The Clerk was requested once again to mention the nuisance of dog fouling of public spaces in the newsletter. *Action Clerk*

ii. The question was raised of a dog or dogs being left in an outside run and causing a nuisance by continuous barking audible over a large area. The Chairman undertook to have a word with the owners. *Action Chairman*

d. Road Crossing It was reported that a number of residents had suffered injuries from tripping on the raised kerb at the Jubilee Oak junction. The Chairman undertook to see to the marking of the footpath to highlight the areas where the kerb is lower to indicate a safer crossing-point towards the Village Shop. *Action Chairman*

e. Grass-cutting in the Burial Ground. Cllr Paffett commented that the grass in the graveyard had recently been poorly maintained. The Clerk had commented similarly to Enham, but it was clear that the excessively wet weather had caused problems with the mowers and strimmers.

12/79. Next Meeting. The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday 26th July at 6.30 p.m. in the Pavilion. There would be no meeting in August.

The Meeting closed at 8.37 p.m.

Signed

Date