

PARISH OF ABBOTS LEIGH - NOTICE OF MEETING

Meeting of Abbots Leigh Parish Council

Held in the John Butler Room of the Village Hall, Church Road

Monday 15th May 2017 at 7.30 pm

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Talbot-Ponsonby, Anderson, Butler, Stewart, Ward Cllr Davies and J Smart (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr Telling

1. Election of Chair of the Parish Council and Acceptance to Office

Cllr Anderson nominated Cllr Talbot-Ponsonby as Chair to the Parish Council, seconded by Cllr Murray. There being no further nominations, Cllr Talbot-Ponsonby was elected Chair for the forthcoming year.

2. Election of Vice-Chair of the Parish Council and Acceptance to Office

Cllr Talbot-Ponsonby nominated Cllr Telling as Vice-Chair to the Parish Council, seconded by Cllr Butler. There being no further nominations, Cllr Telling was elected Vice-Chair for the forthcoming year.

3. Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda

None.

4. Previous meeting held on 18th April 2017

STP had made some amendments to the minutes, and these were duly signed as a true record.

5. Matters arising

6. Planning

i. Applications:

17/P/0961/F – Hunters Lodge, Harris Lane, BS8 3QX – First floor extension including new dormer to create lounge and study. **Councillors objected to this proposal due to loss of privacy to neighbouring property.**

17/P/0967/TPO - Leigh Warren Bungalow, Abbots Leigh Road, BS8 3QD – S1 – Elm – Fell (dead). S2 – Ash – Fell (basal decay). S3 – Oak – Fell (dead). S4 – Oak – Fell. T5 – Sycamore – Fell. **No comments – refer decision to Jason Cox (NSC Tree Officer).**

ii. Approvals:

iv. Other Planning Matters

Neighbourhood Plan – MS reported on this. More work had been done, and what was now needed was to ensure that the PC was behind the scheme. The Neighbourhood Plan would be an item at the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday. The next Neighbourhood Plan meeting would be held on Monday 22nd May at Pill Community Centre.

7. Ward Councillor's Report

The Spinney – NSC Enforcement had visited the site and expressed concern about soil being spread out. If levels were to be permanently increased, a planning application would have to be submitted.

Freeways had put another planning application in for The Orchard.

Pill Library was now closed for the conversion work to incorporate the Children's Centre, and should be reopening around 11th July.

Buses had now changed to X3A at night and early morning, and also at weekends. Problems were occurring with not having enough drivers, and this had been causing delays.

8. Village Matters

- i. Police Report - No report received.
- ii. Village Hall - JB reported on this. He had received two quotes for refurbishing the floor, one for £1,560 plus VAT) and the other for £1,650 (plus VAT). He had tried to get a third, but had been let down. JB, JP and the Clerk had met to discuss a schedule of works. Clerk to speak to Dave Wyatt regarding painting the remainder of the hall once the stage is removed. JB had brought the sample of the stage to show Councillors who had not yet seen it. STP suggested ordering the stage now, for delivery at the end of August. Move the drop down screen to the back wall. JB had bought two new kettles.
- iii. Skittle Alley - Mike Crabtree reported to JB that he could see a wet patch running down the stonework of the skittle alley. Clerk to ask JP to investigate tomorrow.
- iv. Drainage - Nothing to report.
- v. Traffic Issues & Footpaths - STP reported he had been contact by Dave Robinson of Wraxall & Failand PC, who had been contacted by David Bailey of NSC regarding the 50mph on Beggar Bush Lane. He had suggested both councils work together to lower the speed limit. STP happy to take this forward and talk to all involved. The scheme would involve Long Ashton and Tickenham Parish Councils.
- vi. Verges - Nothing to report.
- vii. Street Lighting - Clerk to remind Centregreat about request for prices for back shields.
- viii. Playing Fields & Events - The condemned play equipment had now all been replaced. It was agreed that the two broken benches at the bottom of the field would be replaced in June by E Arnold (furniture sales at the Village Hall). Thanks to the Civic Society for the generous donation. Clerk to apply for TEN licence for Festival in the Field.
- ix. Defibrillator - Still waiting to see Paul Hares (electrician).

9. Communications

Paul Whitehouse should be sending an email asking all to come to the Civic Society meeting.

Ian McFeat had written regarding ALPC, STP had replied and read his response.

10. Financial

- i. Approval of Annual Governance Statement 2016/2017 - Cllr STP proposed approval of the Annual Governance Statement for 2016/2017 (previously circulated). Seconded by Cllr Telling. Approved.
- ii. Approval of Accounting Statements 2016/2017 – Cllr Talbot-Ponsonby proposed approval of the Annual Accounting Statements for 2016/2017 (previously circulated). Seconded by Cllr Telling. Approved.
- iii. Appointment of Internal Auditor for 2017/2018 – Clive Marshall was appointed Internal Auditor for the year 2017/2018. Approved.

11. Annual Parish Meeting

DD would speak about the Community Land Trust and do an annual report.

MS would speak about the Neighbourhood Plan.

AT will report on planning.

JB report on Village Hall.

STP would report on Skittle Alley.

12. Clerks Report

Received another email from Bert & Kay regarding the parking issues at Blackmoor Road, and the dispute over the extended front boundary of No. 4. The Clerk had forwarded the response from HM Land Registry, who was unable to help, but had suggested contacting the Dispute Resolution Service at the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. Following discussion, it was agreed that there was nothing further that the Parish Council could do to help, as it was a private matter.