

PARISH OF ABBOTS LEIGH
Meeting of Abbots Leigh Parish Council

In the John Butler Room of the Village Hall, Church Road
Monday 19th June at 7.30 pm

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Talbot-Ponsonby, Anderson and Butler, and J Smart (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr Telling and Ward Cllr Davies

1. Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda

None.

2. Previous meeting held on 15th May 2017

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 15th May 2017 (previously circulated) were signed as a true record.

3. Matters arising

All present congratulated Cllr Don Davies on his success as an Independent Candidate in the recent election.

4. Planning

i. Applications:

17/P/1187/TPO – 28 Church Road, Abbots Leigh, BS8 3QP - 2 x Birch – reduce by 4-5m. **No objections.**

17/P/1189/TPO - Leigh Court Business Centre, Pill Road, BS8 3RA - Various tree works (including felling). **No objections.**

17/P/1233/F - The Orchard, 252 Pill Road, BS8 3RA - Demolition of existing bungalow (C3 use). Construction of a new single storey building containing 3No. supported accommodation flats (C2 use) with associated landscaping and car parking. **No objections.**

ii. Refusals:

17/P/0607/F - 67 Church Road, BS8 3QU - Erection of a single storey front extension.

iii. Other Planning Matters

Neighbourhood Plan - Another meeting had taken place, but had not been well attended.

5. Ward Councillor's Report

Ward Cllr Davies was not present, but had circulated his report for the month (attached). STP advised he would be meeting representatives from Failand and Wraxall PC and also Long Ashton PC, to discuss initiative to reduce national speed limits on the primary roads around, including Beggar Bush Lane.

6. Village Matters

i. Police Report - The Clerk read the report, and would circulate to members and only received this afternoon.

ii. Village Hall - STP advised that Sean Dorrington would carry out the work dismantling the stage when advised. Clerk to request him to confirm this by email, and also request the flashings around the chimney is fixed prior to the inside being painted. The stone wall next to skittle alley needed to be repaired. Alan (the stone mason) to look at this wall and the wall at the front adjacent to the road. Clerk to confirm with floor quotations companies when they can

attend. JB reported that the electrician (Dave) had carried out some of the required works. He would return on 30th June to finish other works. Clerk to confirm with Paul Hares that Dave would attend on 30th June. JB reported that the current curtain material was no longer available. JB had managed to track down where the curtains were originally made, and he would be meeting with someone tomorrow afternoon. He would probably come up with a plain material to match what is already there. There was a damp patch on the skittle alley, this was due to the downpipe coming loose. Clerk to ask Kevin Weekes to repair this. JB would paint the lines on the path soon, when there was a cool day. Clerk needed a plan of the village hall to apply for a licence. STP to forward NSC contact details for applying for the licence. Clerk to contact Dave Wyatt to see if he could fit in painting.

- iii. Skittle Alley - Nothing to report.
- iv. Drainage - Members discussed the email received from Bob Dury. Write to Wessex Water and ask if plans were drawn up for this, and what their position was on this matter. Many residents' tanks were old and soakaways were clogged – made obvious by clumps of stinging nettles.
- v. Traffic Issues & Footpaths - Clerk to arrange meeting with Paul Smart – STP away first week of July.
- vi. Verges - Due to be cut in September.
- vii. Street Lighting - Andrew Sayner – Clerk to forward quote for shield from Centregreat.
- viii. Playing Fields & Events - STP reported that Kevin Weeks had been doing required works at the playing field. The two broken benches had now been replaced. STP had arranged for replacement signs. Clerk to request the Civic Society to run the Festival in the Field, (2nd Sunday in September – 10th).
- ix. Defibrillator - Clerk would meet with Dave (Electrician) on 30th June to discuss this.

7. Communications

STP reported that the website was up to date with all future events.

8. Financial

The Clerk had circulated up to date accounts to all members.

9. Clerks Report

Open Spaces Summer magazine.

Wildlife summer magazine

Clerk had responded to Kay and Bert regarding the situation with 4 Blackmoor Road, and advised there was nothing more the Parish Council could do as this was a private matter.