

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 January 2018 at 7.30 pm

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Talbot-Ponsonby, Anderson, Butler, Stewart, Ward Cllr Davies & J Smart (Clerk).
Apologies: Cllr Telling.

1. Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda

None.

2. Previous meeting held on 18th December 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th December 2017 (previously circulated) were signed as a true record.

3. Matters arising

None.

4. Planning

i. Applications:

17/P/5468/TPO - 53c Church Road, Abbots Leigh. Pine (T1) – crown thin by up to 25%. *Refer to NSC Tree Officer, Jason Cox.*

ii. Appeals:

APP/D0121/D/3181940 – 67 Church Road, Abbots Leigh. Erection of a single storey front extension.

APP/D0121/D/17/3188395 - Hunters Lodge, Harris Lane, Abbots Leigh. First floor extension including new dormer to create lounge and study.

iii. Other Planning Matters

MS updated on the Neighbourhood Plan. He had talked to Bob Langton of P&EIG PC regarding sustainability issues, and would take some ideas forward. There was another issue regarding consultation and community involvement. There had been a Centre for Sustainable Energy meeting, where it was reported that the group could apply for a grant from CSE. Perhaps there would be some consultation in May. The NP was now taking shape, and MS would spend until the end of March to collect necessary information. Clerk to arrange a meeting with First Bus and inform MS. **Action Clerk.**

DD had received complaints about 1 Knightcott Road, and had reported this to NSC Enforcement. Concern was raised about noise from Sunday working, but he advised that nothing could be done about this.

5. Ward Councillor's Report

DD advised that NSC was increasing Council Tax by 5.99%, and the Police increase would be £12 for a Band D property.

There was concern that Carillion going into administration could possibly have a knock-on effect in the area. DD would let people know if he heard anything.

There had been problems with bin collections again over the last two weeks.

6. Financial

- i. Draft Budget 2018-2019 - Following discussion, the budget for 2018-2019 was agreed, with amendments to a number of items.
- ii. Precept Request 2018-2019 - The Clerk would request a precept of £29,700 for 2018-2019. This meant there would be no increase for residents for the forthcoming year. Approved. **Action Clerk.**

7. Village Matters

- i. Police Report - No report received.
- ii. Village Hall - JB thought the outside needed redecorating. He would contact Dave Wyatt to arrange for the works to be done in the next financial year. There had been a problem with contacting Dave the electrician to do the necessary works. Various repair works needed to be carried out, and PAT testing. Discuss the car parking issue at the Village Hall at a future meeting. The new booking form was now available on the website. JB had produced a new advert for The Link. Clerk to forward to RN/DD for ½ page advert. **Action JB/Clerk.**
- iii. Former Skittle Alley - STP reported on this. Clearance had started. Asbestos report had been received. Some low grade items needed to be removed, and Kevin Weekes would be doing this. No asbestos was found in the Village Hall. The neighbour next door had expressed concern about the crack in the wall at the end of the skittle alley. The guttering and fascia were damaged and a couple of roof tiles were slipping off. These repairs to be instructed when builders were on site. STP suggested recording any movement of the crack with a 'Tell-Tale'. Lease had now been drafted – Jeremy Brookes had inspected the draft, and was keen that the lease should not contain the phrase 'not unreasonably withheld'. Concern was also raised about clients blocking the road/entrance to VH, and something should be put in the lease regarding this issue. **Action STP.**
The shape and size of the archive store, and the electricity supply to it, had now been decided. All internal works were planned for February.
- iv. Traffic Issues & Footpaths - STP reported that the vegetation had been cut back on top of the retaining wall. STP had written to David Bailey of NSC regarding speed limits. He had responded that Clevedon Road and Tickenham Road were now underway. NSC would agree to go along with Beggar Bush Lane and Belmont Hill, but nothing on the A369. He now needed to ask Nigel Ashton to re-advertise the TRO already advertised to include the above changes.

David Bailey was now prepared to reduce the limit to 40mph from Dennyview Road to Martcombe Road.

DD asked STP and Clerk to visit Sandy Lane when meet up with Adam Wood of NSC, as the road surface was badly damaged. **Action STP/Clerk.**

EA reported that the road markings on the Portbury Roundabout were incorrect. This was not in the Parish, but DD advised that Highways England was responsible for this.

- v. Verges - Nothing to report.
- vi. Playing Fields & Events - Nothing to report.
- vii. Defibrillator - Nothing to report.
- viii. Assets of Community Value - Relating to The George Inn. More evidence was needed that this was wanted by local residents, that they would use it, and why they weren't already using it. More evidence would be obtained in the next month or so. MS to coordinate. **Action MS.**

8. Communications

Nothing to report.

9. Clerks Report

Nothing to report.