

PARISH OF ABBOTS LEIGH

Meeting of Abbots Leigh Parish Council in the John Butler Room of the Village Hall, Church Road Monday 18th December 2017 at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs Talbot-Ponsonby (Chair), Anderson, Butler, Stewart, Telling, Ward Cllr
Davies & J Smart (Clerk)
Apologies: None

MINUTES

1. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda

None

2. Previous meeting held on 20th November 2017

The minutes of the previous meeting (previously circulated) were signed as a true record.

3. Matters arising

None.

4. Planning

i. Applications:-

17/P/5041/FUH - 67 Church Road, Abbots Leigh. Proposed new garage with studio office above. ***No objections, but Case Officer should condition that it could never be used as a dwelling.***

ii. Refusals:-

17/P/2279/F - Leigh Warren Bungalow, Abbots Leigh Road. Demolition of existing bungalow, garage and goat house and erection of 2No. Four bedroom dwellings with attached garages, provision of amenity space and refuse storage.

2 Dennyview Road – Withdrawn.

West of England Joint Spatial Plan. MS had produced a paper on this. The latest version was now out for final consultation. MS suggested the PC respond, agreeing with the plan. STP had some small alterations, and

suggested a Park & Ride station for the railway in the Portishead area. MS to finalise and forward to the Clerk for sending. **Action MS/Clerk.**

Local Plan – NSC were minded to revert back to having a settlement boundary. All agreed this was a good idea, and were happy to reinstate the village fence, as it was previously.

Neighbourhood Plan – MS had summarised the issues that may come up, and all involved needed to keep discussing these over the coming year. Concern had been raised about the playing field being safe from development. STP thought the 125 year lease would be enough to keep it secure. The George as a Community Asset was being taken forward. Provision for ‘smaller’ housing in Abbots Leigh was needed. Concern had been raised about large delivery lorries using the lanes. The major issue was the A369.

MS advised that additional people from Abbots Leigh were needed to be involved in producing the Neighbourhood Plan.

STP thanked MS for producing the reports.

DD had attended a Town & Country Planning meeting last month, where it had been stated that Local Plans were becoming less relevant, and Neighbourhood Plans were becoming more relevant.

5. Ward Councillor’s Report

DD reported that there had been an appeal against a separate planning application that had been refused at 67 Church Road.

There had been a further update on the £10m gap in NSC budget yesterday. The implications for Abbots Leigh were:- less Planning Officers, less road maintenance, and changes to waste and recycling. Impact on services to look after elderly residents (enablement) – a lot of the preventative work was being taken away. Council Tax would increase by 4.999%. Contact DD if anyone is concerned.

6. Village Matters

- a. Police Report – No report received.
- b. Village Hall – JB reported on this. Rug Sale man had his ‘A’ boards removed. Clerk to contact Carol Pike to see if NSC had removed them, and request they be returned. Clerk to contact NSC regarding incorrect address and telephone number – using Abbots Leigh Village Hall address and telephone number. JB reported a defective heater switch, stage lights in VH and dimmer, and extractor fan in the flat. Clerk to add to list and contact Dave the electrician to arrange a visit. Communication with the VH when John

Prodger was not there was not good. The answer phone needed to be on when JP was out, and a system for picking up messages when he was away should be put in place. Waste disposal could be a problem. A user having to take their waste away from the VH following an event was not ideal. STP stated that this was trade waste and the PC would need to pay to set up a system and get it collected. Clerk to make enquiries about this. **Action Clerk.**

As the Village Hall now had a licence, STP had amended the booking conditions for users. As the stage was now removable, the maximum number of persons had been increased from 80 to 100. 70 chairs were available. STP suggested the purchase of two more tables (making 12). All information had been updated where necessary. JB had carried out an inventory in the kitchen. MS suggested putting approximate number of people attending on booking form. Clerk to check type of drinking glasses required. AT & JB to purchase the same or similar crockery, and increase the amount to 100 of each. MS suggested inserting where the defibrillator is in the village. Insert iPod connection also. JB asked if the picture on the front of the booking form could be changed to the interior of the hall. Clerk to insert version number and date on the new form. Look to increase prices in April 2018. Members to suggest ideas for the amount of increase for the next meeting. The advertisement in The Link needed to be changed (inform David Davies by January). **Action AT/JB/STP/Clerk.**

- c. Skittle Alley - STP reported on progress. Asbestos survey had now been carried out. The lease was with Meade King (although James Tantram's solicitor was away for a few weeks). Kevin Weeks had agreed to carry out the necessary clearing works etc. MS suggested the PC needed to think about archive access arrangements. The old bar tables (6) were worth approx. £40-£50 each. STP suggested selling these and donating the money to the Civic Society to spend on the village.
- d. Traffic issues & Footpaths – Adam Wood had agreed to a village walkabout in January 2018. **Action STP/Clerk.**
- e. Playing Fields & Events - None upcoming. Thanks to Mike Crabtree for sewing the grass following bonfire night.
- f. AT would look at installing the library in the defibrillator when she returned from holiday. Ask Kevin about painting inside and out, and meet with AT about installing shelving etc. **Action AT.**

7. Communications

8. Financial

MS suggested putting the financial matters further up the agenda in future. **Action Clerk.**

9. Clerks Report

Graffiti on green box at corner of Manor Road and Manor Lane had been reported.
Bristol Airport magazine
Countryside Voice magazine
Open Spaces Society – Request for 'Lost Commons' funding.

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