

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 17th September 2018 at 7.30 pm

MINUTES

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

Apologies: Cllr Anderson and Ward Cllr Davies

1. Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda

None.

2. Previous meeting held on 16th July 2018

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th July 2018 (previously circulated) were signed as a true record.

3. Matters arising

Alex Fear (NSC) had been in contact with the residents of Leigh Bank Cottage. Since the July meeting, the residents had generally been parking in the pub car park, but had occasionally parked on the verge. STP would contact Alex Fear for an update.

4. Ward Councillor's Report

Cllr Davies was not present.

5. Planning

i. Applications:-

18/P/3730/LBC – 1 Church Road – Listed building consent for erection of replacement boundary fence, change to driveway surface, storage replacement, replacement gate and colour change to building. **No objections.**

18/P/3766/TPO – Blackmoor Copse, Blackmoor Road – T1 Ash in field to right of property (Woodlands) – Fell. T2 Sycamore – remove lowest two limbs growing over aviary and outbuildings.

Jason Cox (NSC) to decide this application.

18/P/4124/LDP - Oaklea Lodge, Blackmoor Road - Lawful Development Certificate for the proposed garage replacing the existing outbuildings, store and shed in connection with the main property. **No objections.**

ii. Refusals:

Windrush Appeal – Dismissed.

18/P/3305/FUL - Abbots Leigh Boarding Kennels – Refused.

18/P/3592/OUT - Land adjacent to 6 Church Road – Refused.

STP would attend the Leigh Warren Bungalow Planning Appeal this Thursday. He would request to speak at the appeal.

STP reported that Bristol Rugby had a pre-application consultation on a Minor Material Amendment. It was a very small amendment to the building.

6. Local Plan 2036: Issues & Options Stage

MS reported on this. NSC had issued a long consultation paper, covering many aspects. NSC would review the settlement hierarchy of villages. NSC would be looking at Abbots Leigh, which is currently categorised as 'Countryside'. This would probably become a 'Settlement'. It would also be looking at boundaries. There would be a Public Enquiry in the autumn, as NSC thought it had enough provision for housing, but developers wanted more. The consultation ends on 10th December. Need to look at options for Abbots Leigh at the next meeting. All agreed to hold a public meeting on a Thursday in November at 7.30pm. MS would check with John Prodger and confirm to Councillors. MS would put something about it in The Link. **Action MS/Clerk.**

7. Neighbourhood Plan

MS had produced an update on the Neighbourhood Plan which had been circulated to all. The traffic survey would take place on Tuesday 9th October. There would be a community workshop at Pill Community Centre – Sustainable Energy and the Neighbourhood Plan. MS would put an item about this in The Link. A small group was looking at halls and venues. STP suggested looking at aspirational permissive paths. **Action MS.**

8. Financial

Approval of Accounts for Payment for August and September. Approved.

The half year update would be done for October, following receipt of the September bank statement.

A donation of £100 had been received from AL Civic Society towards the cost of the pump for Abbots Pool.

9. Village Matters

- i. Police Report - No report received.
- ii. Village Hall - JB had tried to talk to Kevin Diamond regarding prices for a new screen, but had been unable to contact him. STP suggested talking to Merlin Wigley. **Action STP/JB.**
- iii. Former Skittle Alley - STP reported that he had spoken to Robert Narracott, who had given fees for producing plans for the VH car park. The planning application fee was £234, a land survey would also be required, costing £950 plus VAT (STP suggested the PC could possibly get this done for less). His fees would be approx. £1,000. As the tents were out of storage due to the Festival in Field, STP thought it a good time to clear out the store room. All the boards and skittle net were removed. STP & JP cleared out the rest of the store room and put the display boards back. STP, Drew and JP would move all the equipment back to the store room that was currently in the John Butler room. A few of the boards would be thrown away and the remainder were back in the store room.
- iv. Traffic Issues & Footpaths - Clerk to contact Liam Abercrombie again regarding an Advisory Disabled Parking Bay. Manor Road would be closed on 24th September. Gigaclear had damaged the playing field wall which STP had reported. Gigaclear would take this up with its sub-contractor. STP to chase up works on the speed reductions for Beggar Bush Lane, which should happen this year. **Action Clerk/STP.**
- v. Verges - The Clerk had emailed David Smith to ask not to cut the verges until after 2nd October. Also ask him to cut the verge on A369 near Home Farm Road. MS to confirm to Clerk how far back to the fence DS should cut in Manor Road. **Action MS.**
- vi. Playing Fields & Events - The Festival in the Field went well. There was good weather and good number had attended.
- vii. Village Orderly - Nothing to report.

Abbots Pool - STP reported that since the last meeting, all the fish in Abbots Pool, that were at risk due to the hot weather, had been saved. STP knew someone who came to check the oxygen. STP had purchased a village pump (petrol driven). Oxygen levels had now risen.

AT needs to meet with Sean Dorrington to discuss shelving in defibrillator box. STP would speak to him tomorrow. **Action STP/AT.**

10. Communications

The George – STP suggested the sewage problem needed to be sorted out when the new tenants move in. MS to speak to Fleurets regarding this issue, following which perhaps the PC should write a letter. **Action MS.**

11. Clerk's Report

Nothing to report.