

**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 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 7.30 pm**

**MINUTES**

Present: Cllrs Talbot-Ponsonby, Butler, Stewart, Telling and Ward Cllr Davies.

Apologies: J Smart (Clerk)

1. Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda

None.

2. Previous meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018 (previously circulated), were signed as a true record.

3. Matters arising

None that were not covered under standard agenda items.

4. Ward Councillor's Report

DD had taken up the issue with the Deputy Leader regarding the Bristol Water leaving temporary traffic lights on the A369 outside Folleigh for two sessions of three consecutive days at a time, in order to install a planned replacement water supply following STP's complaint to North Somerset.

DD had questioned the Deputy Leader as to why Beggarbush Lane needed to be closed for 3 weeks for resurfacing, but had had no response. STP had spoken to Phil Bush who had explained that it would take that long to completely resurface 2 miles of carriageway had said that if the road was closed an hour later the works would take even longer.

DD had raised with Bristol Airport the issue of the effect of doubling passenger numbers using the airport which would have a significant impact on the traffic using the A369.

5. Planning

i. Applications:-

**18/P/4609/FUH** – Fair Provence, Blackmoor Road, BS8 3RH. Replacement car port. **No objections.**

ii. Appeals

**18/P/3305/FUL** – Abbots Leigh Boarding Kennels, Pill Road. Erection of a three bedroom bungalow following demolition of existing boarding kennels. **Appeal made against decision to refuse.**

**17/P2279/F** – Leigh Warren Bungalow, Abbots Leigh Road. **Appeal dismissed**

iii. Other Planning Matters – Possible Conservation Area

This had been briefly discussed at the public meeting on 6th November. It was agreed that a sub group should be appointed to investigate the matter further. STP to approach some retired architects or planners who live in the village to ask whether they might be interested. STP and MS would write a brief. **Action STP/MS.**

6. Neighbourhood Plan

The public meeting on 6th November to discuss NSC Issues and options paper had been well attended (39 attending) and well received. Comments endorsed the thinking of the Parish Council in relation to the retention of the 'Village fence', and the possibility of small scale exceptional housing development around the fence. Murray Stewart was thanked for organising this. The results of the Traffic survey (October 9<sup>th</sup> were reported, the idea of a Conservation Area introduced (with the importance of conservation of natural as well as physical assets recognised).

7. Local Plan 2036: Issues & Options Stage

Building on the discussion at the 6<sup>th</sup> November meeting MS had finalised a response to the NSC Consultation paper on Issues and options for the 2036 Local plan. The response addressed the Green Belt, the role of Portishead, Settlements and their boundaries, Traffic and Transport and a range of other policy areas.

8. Financial

Approval of Accounts for Payment – The cheque payments for October had been circulated to all members. Approved.

External Auditor – PKF Littlejohn had now completed the review of the Annual Return.

9. Village Matters

- i. Police Report - No report received.
- ii. Village Hall - JB reported on the proposed new projection screen and projector. Members present agreed that the screen/projector was a key priority for renting the hall. Kevin Dimond (Bristol Sound Systems) had sent a revised quote (£1,566.61 plus VAT). He had also been approached by Merlin Wigley's former company offering to quote which it was agreed should be followed up for comparison. **Action JB**  
Paul Hares (electrician) had still not installed the extractor fan in the bathroom of the John Prodger's flat.  
The Christmas decorations were to be put up imminently.  
It was agreed that Sean Dorrington, the builder, should be asked to lift the floor beneath the sink in the kitchen so that the sink drainage below the suspended floor could be investigated to establish whether the intermittent smells were coming from defective pipework. **Action STP**  
Parking. A complaint had been received about the volume of parking and poor parking outside the village hall leading to congestion on Church Road. It is not known how much parking is generated by the Fit Tank. **Action STP to ask Fit Tank to carry out a survey of numbers of users arriving by car.**  
The topographical survey of the garden needs to be carried out before options can be considered.  
**Action STP to get quotes**
- iii. Former Skittle Alley - Nothing to report.
- iv. Traffic Issues & Footpaths - The gully in the dip on A369 which floods was due to be jetted this week according to Terry Bridgwood of NSC.  
STP had written to David Bailey regarding the TRO for speed limits on the A369 and Beggar Bush Lane reiterating support for the changes.  
STP had spoken to Hi-Line who will soon be cutting the vegetation back from the Low Voltage overhead cables on Sandy Lane and had asked them to cut back the vegetation around the street lamps at the same time.  
Steve Livings had complained about poor surface of Sandy Lane, which had had temporary patch repairs. DD had still not had a satisfactory response. **Action STP to try to get an answer from Phil Bush and respond to Steve Livings. .**  
Terry Bridgwood from NSC had enquired whether the Council had any desire for the ford on Sandy Lane to be retained. STP had told him that it is not in the Parish, but had said that the main priority had been to stop the road from flooding and to reduce the danger that the flooding caused. DD

reported that there had been a number of accidents to cyclists due to the poor conditions on the ford and that he had been already been assured that a new bigger culvert would be installed.

- v. Verges - David Smith had cut the verges. The verges group had arranged volunteers to clear the arisings on Manor Road and Manor Lane
- vi. Playing Fields & Events - Bonfire Night had been successful with a very good display, although there had been a lot of debris falling on the spectators on account of the south easterly wind. The method statement and risk assessment needs to be reviewed to reduce the chances in the event of similar conditions in the future. **Action STP to liaise with Civic Society**  
Hi-Line, on behalf of Western Power Distribution, would soon be cutting the bushes down under the transformer in the field.  
Avonline project manager had left, request had been passed on to his successor regarding the damage to the school filed wall.  
Abbots Pool Management meeting would be held on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October.
- vii. Village Orderly - DD reported that the vegetation on the footpath adjacent to St Katherine's school, within our parish had still not been cut back. **Action AT to speak to the village orderly**

10. Communications

Nothing to add.

11. Clerk's Report

We are awaiting confirmation form North Somerset Council that we can co-opt an additional Councillor to replace Elizabeth Anderson.