

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 October 2018 at 7.30 pm

MINUTES

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

1. Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda

None.

2. Previous meeting held on 17th September 2018

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 17th September 2018 (previously circulated), were signed as a true record.

3. Matters arising

Cllr Anderson had tendered her resignation, and this would be her last meeting. STP thanked her for her work for the Parish Council over the years. Clerk to inform NSC. **Action Clerk.**

STP reported on his conversation with Enterprise Inns regarding The George's septic tank in the field, and was told that something would be done about it soon. The pub would be reopening to invited guests on Friday 2nd November, and would be open to the public the following weekend.

4. Ward Councillor's Report

DD reported a meeting would be held tomorrow with BIFFA regarding the bins, as there had been problems in WSM. He thought it had been working well in our area.

No problems in our area with buses, although there were problems in Bristol.

No news to report on Leigh Warren Bungalow, but would check with Louise Grover tomorrow.

NSC was taking enforcement action at Woodycombe, and there had also been problems with builders.

5. Planning

i. Approvals:-

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

Other Planning Matters – Possible Conservation Area

STP wondered whether the PC should consider a Conservation Area for the centre of the village. The NSC Conservation Officer had advised that it would take some time, but in principle this was achievable if the village wanted it. STP would find out what the process was, and whether consultation was required. **Action STP.**

6. Neighbourhood Plan

MS reported on this. The traffic survey had gone very well. There were no surprises, although a large number of vans were noted. MS would send the results to NSC (Darren Lovell) who would comment on this. STP thanked MS for organising the count.

The Centre for Sustainable Energy workshop would be held on 17th November from 10.00am to 4.00pm at Pill Community Centre. MS asked members to spread the word to encourage residents to sign up. **Action All.**

7. Local Plan 2036: Issues & Options Stage

MS spoke about the open meeting scheduled for 6th November, where we could possibly talk about traffic and the suggested Conservation Area. NSC would be looking at altering settlement boundaries. The best thing would be to keep to the current settlement boundary, but recognise the possibility of infill sites, or modest exception sites for affordable housing.

Maintain the Green Belt.

Retain existing settlement boundary.

Continue arguing about the reduction in traffic on the A369.

Agreed this should be a joint response from AL & Pill & EIG.

MS would put a reminder about the meeting on the website. **Action MS.**

MS would ask Quartet for a small grant for community engagement. Pill & EIG Parish Council would apply for this. **Action MS/Clerk.**

8. Financial

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

External Auditor – PKF Littlejohn had not completed the review of the Annual Return. SLCC had advised that PC's did not need to publish this until the actual return had been completed.

Half Year Actual against Budget had been circulated to all members – nothing to add.

9. Village Matters

- i. Police Report - No report received.
- ii. Village Hall - JB reported on the proposed new projection screen and projector. Kevin Dimond (Bristol Sound Systems) had sent a quote (£1,178.00 plus VAT), and JB, STP and MS had met with Merlin Wigley. JB had told KD what Merlin had suggested, and he would now investigate further and provide a new quote. STP suggested writing to the Civic Society to see if they would support this. MS suggested that the Wildlife Group and Heritage Group and other users of the equipment could possibly contribute to the cost. The Clerk had received a response from Paul Hares (electrician) regarding the installation of the extractor fan in the bathroom of the John Prodder's flat.
- iii. Former Skittle Alley - Dave Wyatt had now painted the windows and doors.
- iv. Traffic Issues & Footpaths - The A369 was flooded today. STP would ask Terry Bridgwood of NSC to unblock the drain. NSC had sent notification of the closure of Beggar Bush Lane. STP would write to David Bailey regarding the TRO for speed limits on the A369 and Beggar Bush Lane reiterating support for the changes.
- v. Verges - David Smith would soon be cutting the verges.
- vi. Playing Fields & Events - Bonfire Night would be held on 5th November.

Hi-Line, on behalf of Western Power Distribution, would soon be cutting the bushes down under the transformer in the field.

Avonline had still not responded regarding the damage to the wall.

Civic Society would like to erect a small shed in the playing field for storing BBQs and other equipment associated with events in the field. All agreed. **Action STP.**

Clerk to write to Civic Society to request it organises the Bonfire Night.

The next Abbots Pool Management meeting would be held on Friday 19th October.

- vii. Village Orderly - AT had a list of things for Nigel Mail to do. DD suggested the footpaths from the back of St Katherine's School to Lime Tree Grove, and from St Katherine's to Blackmoor Road needed to be cut back. DD to provide AT with a map. **Action DD/AT.**

10. Communications

MS would write items about The George, Local Plan and Heritage Group for the website/The Link. STP to write item about the new Traffic Regulation Order.

11. Clerk's Report

Nothing further to report.

Co-option notice. STP advised that Martin Walker could possibly be interested.