

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 21st January 2019 at 8.00 pm

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Talbot-Ponsonby, Butler, Stewart, Ward Cllr Davies & J Smart (Clerk).
Martin Walker and Cat Abel were present.

Apologies: Cllr Telling

1. Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda

None.

2. Previous meeting held on 17th December 2018

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

3. Matters arising

See below.

4. Ward Councillor's Report

There had been a PACT meeting in Pill last week. Thefts from vans were on the increase. Thieves are able to clone the keys and unlock the doors to certain makes of vehicles.

5. Planning

i. Applications:-

18/P/4984/FUH – Glen Farm, Sandy Lane – Application for the removal of condition No. 4 on application 1361/91, to allow occupation by person not working in agriculture. Object. ***Request proof that the property had been advertised at agricultural rate, and that there was no demand for agricultural property.***

18/P/5217/FUH & 18/P/5218/LBC – Leigh Lodge, 3 Church Road – Replacement of an existing conservatory with a new single storey extension and internal alterations. ***No objections.***

ii. Approvals:-

18/P/4832/TPO – The Coppice, Home Farm Road – T1 Sycamore – reduce canopy by 2m; T2 Ash – reduce canopy by 2m.

iii. Appeals

18/P/3592/OUT – Outline application with all matters reserved for erection of up to two houses. Further comment had been made by written submission to the Planning Inspectorate.

iv. Other Planning Matters

Neighbourhood Plan – MS had circulated a January update, and reported on this. The NP was currently nine months behind schedule, but things had moved on regarding housing. Encourage CLT to move forward. A transport study had been carried out (vehicles) – now needed to look at cycling and walking. Economy, Education & Skills needed more information. There was a possibility of carrying out a survey of Employers. A lot of work had been done on the Environment. A lot was known about Heritage. A sustainability group had been set up. A survey of community buildings had been done. Agreement that some more 'small site' housing was

required (approx. 120 across both villages). The new website would be launched soon. Hope to submit to NSC in Dec. 2019/Jan. 2020. A grant of £920 had been received from Quartet.

6. Abbots Leigh Charity

JB reported on this. It had been proposed that the Parish Council administer the charity. At the last meeting STP had suggested that perhaps the charity was no longer relevant in the village, and that it could possibly be passed on to another charity. Steve Livings and MS would make some enquiries as to what was involved and what could be done with the charity. MS advised that it could possibly be managed by Quartet. MS reported on another charity – The Fry Abbots Leigh 2000 Charity. JB & MS would discuss the matter and take it back to the Trustees. **Action JB & MS.**

7. Financial

- i. Approval of Accounts for Payment - JB proposed and STP seconded approval of the Accounts for Payment. Agreed. **Action Clerk.**
- ii. Prepare Budget for 2019-2020 - The Clerk had prepared a draft budget. Following discussion, the budget was set for 2019-2020.
- iii. Precept Request 2019-2020 – Following discussion, the request to NSC for the 2019-2020 precept was agreed at £29,800.00. All agreed. **Action Clerk.**

8. Village Matters

- i. Police Report - No report received.
- ii. Village Hall - JB reported that the new screen and projector that were installed last Friday. STP has asked Sean Dorrington to return to investigate the drains, and would perhaps need to change the pipe under the kitchen floor.
- iii. Former Skittle Alley - Clerk reported on the quarterly lease payments for this. £1,000 was due each quarter for the next year on 25th March, 24th June, 29th September and 25th December.
- iv. Traffic Issues & Footpaths - MW reported on the drains near Ashgrove Avenue - he considered this to be dangerous. STP reported that it was the soakaway that was blocked (not the drain). STP had previously thoroughly investigated this ongoing issue and had suggested a solution to NSC – it was now on the NSC list.
- v. Verges - Nothing to report.
- vi. Playing Fields & Events - Nothing to report.
- vii. Village Orderly - Nothing to report.

9. Communications

Nothing to report.

10. Clerk's Report

The Clerk had renewed the unmetered public lighting electricity supply contract with EDF Energy, from 1st April 2019 until 31st March 2021. The contract would cost £1,168.66 over the next two years. This was a reduction on the previous cost of the contract.

11. Following agreement of the Councillors, Martin Walker was co-opted as a member of the Parish Council. **Action Clerk.**

The Clerk was requested to add Cllrs Stewart and Walker to the list of signatories for the Bank of Scotland. **Action Clerk.**