

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 June 2019 at 7.30 pm

MINUTES

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

Apologies: Cllrs Narracott & Walker

1. Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda

None.

2. Previous meeting held on 20th May 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th May 2019 (previously circulated), were signed as a true record.

3. Matters arising

None.

4. Planning

i. Applications:

19/P/1109/FUL - Clifton College Sports Club, Abbots Leigh Road. Erection of open-fronted wooden hut to support a golf driving range. **No objections.**

19/P/1241/LDP – 8 Church Road. Lawful development certificate for the proposed erection of a single storey extension following the demolition of existing conservatory. **No comments.**

19/P/1282/FUL - The Gables, Ashgrove Avenue. Demolition of existing house and erection of replacement dwelling with associated hard/soft landscape works. **Councillors were concerned about the increase in floor area and requested assurance that NSC Planners agreed with the Policy. Objected to the seam zinc roof as it was out of character in this location in the Green Belt, and did not accord with the Village Character Statement. Concern was also raised about the inadequate foul drainage tank at the location, which regularly encountered problems.**

19/P/1343/CQA – Atcost Barn, Glen Farm, Sandy Lane. Prior approval for the change of use from an agricultural barn (Sui Generis Use) to a dwelling (Use Class C3), with operational development consisting of replacement of existing corrugated asbestos roof with metal roof; new timber cladding and insertion of windows and doors. **No objections.**

ii. Refusals:

19/P/0784/CQA – Atcost Barn, Glen Farm, Sandy Lane. Prior approval for the change of use from an agricultural barn (Sui Generis Use) to 1No. dwelling (Use Class C3), with operational development consisting of replacement of existing corrugated asbestos roof with metal roof; new timber cladding and insertion of windows and doors. **Insufficient information provided.**

19/P/0791/CAQ - Cowshed, Glen Farm, Sandy Lane. Prior approval for the change of use of an agricultural building (Sui Generis Use) to 1No. dwelling house (Use Class C3), with operational development consisting of the insertion of windows and doors. **Insufficient information provided.**

iii. Other Planning Matters

5. Ward Councillor's Report

DD reported that the West of England Partnership had found more funding for the reopening of the railway line.

It had been confirmed that Gigaclear was now behind schedule.

Road surface repairs in Sandy Lane would be completed by the end of July.

There was concern about the application of the residents parking scheme in Leigh Woods. There was likelihood that this would just move the problem onto somewhere else.

DD would request the Police speed van move to more relevant places, rather than half way down Rownham Hill.

6. Neighbourhood Plan

MS reported on the new NP Steering Group. There was quite a bit of consultation coming up. Approx. 60 questionnaires were completed at the Pill Rag. Next Saturday the Wildlife Group would be doing an exhibition in the Village Hall. A Transport & Travel, and Heritage & Conservation consultation event would take place on Wednesday, 3rd July at the Village Hall. There had been some discussion about web based surveys.

The Joint Spatial Plan examination would be starting next week. The Inspector would be looking at affordable housing in the autumn.

7. Financial

- i. Approval of Accounts for Payment for June 2019. The accounts for payment were approved.

The Clerk advised that MW and MS had now been confirmed by Bank of Scotland as new signatories on the Parish Council bank account.

8. Village Matters

- i. Police Report - STP reported numerous car break-ins at North Road and Leigh Woods. DD reported that the culprits were after cash.

- ii. Village Hall - JB reported that Paul Hares had been in touch regarding the works at the village hall. JB had given a time to meet, but PH had not responded yet. DD suggested the drains needed investigating as during his surgery it had been particularly smelly. STP would keep pursuing Sean regarding this. STP and JS would set a time to meet with JP. Clerk to contact other Clerks to investigate if they had a similar situation. Paul Whitehouse had found a good online booking system for the hall. Should get a simple laptop for JP to use for booking system. Clerk to investigate phone line and calls being answered when JP was away. All were happy to pay for the new booking system, in principle. **Action JB/STP/Clerk.**

- iii. Former Skittle Alley - STP would ask Sean to fix the slats in skittle alley roof. Ask to meet James for the annual review. **Action STP.**

- iv. Traffic Issues & Footpaths - JB reported lots of flooding during the heavy rain. There was a particular problem with the drain opposite North Road. The Leigh Warren drain should also be investigated. **Action Clerk.**

- v. Verges - The verges (4ft) had still not been cut. **Action Clerk.**

vi. Playing Fields & Events - The Festival in the Field was likely to be held on the 2nd Sunday in September. **Action Clerk.**

vii. Village Orderly - STP would get the list of duties for Nigel Mail from Audrey Telling. **Action STP.**

9. Communications

STP to confirm Leigh Court Farm was now safe via an item in The Link. **Action STP.**

10. Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that following the cabling installation through the village, Gigaclear had been in contact to offer a free fibre broadband service to the Village Hall (to be revisited after a 12 month period). The contract with BT did not end until 2020, but members agreed to go ahead with the Gigaclear service running alongside BT, to allow users of the hall to use an ultrafast broadband service at no cost to the PC. **Action Clerk.**