

Abbots Leigh Civic Society (ALCS)

Minutes of the Committee Meeting

1930 Wednesday 19 February 2020 at The George Inn

Present: Paul Thompson (PT) – Chair, Jane Gibbons (JG), Paulina Gillespie (PG), Ian Larthe de Langladure (ILdL)– Treasurer, Debbie Nelmes (DN), Murray Stewart (MS), Paul Whitehouse (PCW) – Secretary

Apologies: Pip A'Ness, Rachael Doherty (RD), Anoo Jain

- 1. Easter Egg Hunt:** We agreed that PT will email Adrian Watkinson to ask if he will organise this. If he is not able to assist PT will ask RD. As in previous years the Society will pay for the goods required.

Action PT

- 2. Tea party for VE Day:** We agreed that this would be a good event to bring all ages together on the Bank Holiday (Friday 8 May). PT will check whether the Village Hall is free. We noted that if this could include the provision of some display boards this could count as a Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Event for which MS has funds.

Action PT

- 3. Village Garden Party:** We thanked PG for offering Abbots Leigh Manor again. She will confirm if Saturday 13 June is suitable and PCW will provisionally book the Village Hall for that date in case of bad weather.

Action PG, PCW

- 4. Tennis Tournament:** We agreed that PT will ask Drew Smith to find a court. We noted that Alison Trujillo has one.

Action PT

- 5. Cricket Match:** We agreed that PT will make enquiries with the Cricket Club.

Action PT

6. Other Events

- ◆ **Festival in the Field:** Sunday 13 September
- ◆ **Bonfire Night:** Thursday 5 November
- ◆ **Christmas Party:** Either Sunday 6 or 13 December JG will check with RD
- ◆ **New Year's Day Brunch:** We asked PCW to email the village and seek volunteers to run it next year.

- 7. Grants to improve the Village:** ILdL reminded us that we could spend up to £5,000 and still have sufficient reserves. We agreed that the following options were worth pursuing:

- ◆ **Traffic calming:** We agreed to spend up to £3,000 on suitable signs at the start and end of the 30mph speed limit (see example below)*, and a portable smiley speed meter. The meter currently installed by Dennyview Road belongs to Pill. It was recognised that traffic calming measures would need to be negotiated with North Somerset Council and/or the police and it was appropriate for the Parish Council to lead on such negotiations.

- ◆ **Abbots Pool Handrail:** We ask MS to get the Parish Council to obtain costings for a handrail down the steps from the Gravel Track, and agree that we shall contribute towards its installation.

Action MS

- ◆ **Sustainability:** We asked PCW to discuss with the Abbots Leigh Wildlife Group (ALWG) on whether they could run a focus group (or do something similar) on how the village can become more involved, with a view to setting something going which the Society can support.

Action PCW

- ◆ **Ecobricks:** We agreed that it would be useful to have a specific place to collect these, which might only be available at fixed times each week. This could be outside the Village Hall.
- ◆ **Compostable Toilet:** We asked MS to seek the view of the Parish Council on an installation on the Old School Field.

Action MS

- ◆ **Storage for the Society's Equipment:** We agreed that the need for this provision was becoming urgent. We asked MS to establish the Parish Council's view on the installation of a suitably clad container on the Old School Field.

Action MS

The Meeting finished at 2100.

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