

PARISH OF ABBOTS LEIGH - NOTICE OF MEETING
Virtual Meeting of Abbots Leigh Parish Council
Held on Monday 19th October 2020 at 7.00pm via Zoom Meetings

MINUTES

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

Apologies: None.

1. Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda

None.

2. Previous meeting held on 21st September 2020

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st September 2020 (previously circulated) were signed as a true record. STP to provide Clerk with signed copy when convenient. RN suggested that the issue of the Conservation Area should be a regular item on the agenda in future. **Action Clerk.**

3. Matters arising

STP reported a sewage problem with the septic tank belonging to The George Inn. This could possibly be caused by a broken pipe, as there was raw sewage in the field. STP had chased Enterprise Inns and Dave Venables, but as nothing had yet been done, he thought perhaps he should contact the Wills Estate. STP suggested that if replaced with new treatment works, the PC could perhaps come to an agreement with Enterprise Inns to use the Village Hall electricity supply. STP would try to contact Enterprise Inns again through the pub tenant, Dave Veneables, to request immediate action, or the matter could be reported to NSC Environmental Health Department. **Action STP.**

4. Planning

Applications:-

20/P/2187/FUH - 8 Dennyview Road, BS8 3RB. Proposed erection of a two storey rear extension, new double garage, and internal alterations to the first floor. ***No objections in principle, but difficult to consider proposed scale of the building, considering that it is almost a total rebuild, without sufficient supporting information. The views of the neighbours needed to be sought. Request further information from NSC Planning. Action RN/JS.***

20/P/2266/LDP - Drybridge, Manor Road, BS8 3RP. Lawful Development Certificate for a building extension and conversion of two outbuildings for residential ancillary use. ***Concern was raised about the buildings being used for commercial purposes. Request condition that it could only be used as part of the same dwelling and only for residential purposes.***

20/P/2270/HHPA - Orchard Lodge, Manor Road, BS8 3RS. Prior approval request for the erection of a single storey rear extension with a pitched roof that would 1) extend beyond the rear wall of the original house by 8 metres; 2) have a maximum height of 3 metres, and 3) have eaves that are 2.5 metres high.

Approvals:-

20/P/1482/FUH – Tanglewood, Ashgrove Avenue. Proposed erection of single storey extensions to front and rear of dwelling, demolition, and replacement of existing garage.

20/P/1496/TPO – West Gateway, Abbots Leigh Road. T1 – Sycamore – Reduce branches around BT lines to give 1.5m clearance. Remove first 4 branches back to main stem marked with orange dot on field side. T3 – Ash – Fell limb leaning towards the road marked with orange dot.

Other Planning Matters

Conservation Area - The PC had agreed an area following a walkabout. STP thought there was too much land included in the plan behind the Village Hall in the plan. RN thought there would be pressure to develop that field, so it should be included in the plan. The original report could now be updated with plans etc. STP suggested the PC needed to find out what process was required. RN would circulate the plan prior to the next meeting and hopefully put an item in The Link and on the website. **Action RN.**

5. Ward Councillor's Report

Abbots Pool – discussion with John Flannigan, STP. The Pool should now be open, and the car park would be open after half term. MW reported cars parking and blocking entrances today. The PSPO for the area had been delayed but should be coming through later in the year.

STP suggested getting the National Cycle Route 334 at Abbots Pool re-routed by Sustrans via Harris Lane to get round the fact that the route beyond Abbots Pool was currently directed along a section of footpath rather than a bridleway, and he had been investigating this. **Action STP.**

As the Leigh Woods car parking charging scheme would soon be active, DD had asked NSC Officers to look at the 'Clearway' status of Beggar Bush Lane.

Bristol City Council was holding a Consultation on a Bristol Avon Flood Strategy for the River Avon. The Clerk had emailed DD's email to all members.

6. Neighbourhood Plan

MS had circulated an update to all members, together with the Consultation Statement and Basic Conditions Statement – this was quite a complicated document and Celia Dring (NSC) was helping him with it. The motion to accept the Neighbourhood Plan had been put to all members.

Neighbourhood Plan Resolution

Abbots Leigh Parish Council had received final drafts of the Neighbourhood Plan, the Consultation Statement, and the Basic Conditions Statement. Subject to the most recent amendments made to these documents the Council welcomes and applauds the final version of the Neighbourhood Plan and the recommendation from the Steering Group that, barring any further corrections, the Plan and Consultation Statement be submitted to North Somerset Council as soon as practical to initiate the next stage in the development of the Plan. A final version of the Conditions Statement should be approved by the Chair of the Steering Group.

The Council thanks the Steering Group and, especially, Murray Stewart for the long-standing hard work that has led to the creation of a Plan in which we can feel justified pride. It also thanks the many people who have responded to the consultations about the plan, many of which have led to a number of significant improvements.

Agreed.

RN noted that the issue of barn conversions had not been included in the NP. Previously agreed notes to be sent to Celia Dring at NSC, and an amendment should be sent for inclusion in the NP. **Action RN/STP/MS.**

7. Financial

Approval of Accounts for Payment – October 2020. STP proposed and JB seconded approval of the Accounts for Payment for October. Approved. **Action Clerk.**

8. Village Matters

- i. Police Report - Crime figures for August. Leigh Court – Criminal Damage & Arson; Ashgrove Avenue = Public Order; Manor Road = Public Order; Manor Lane = Criminal Damage & Arson; 6 x Anti-Social Behaviour = Sandy Lane.
- ii. Village Hall - JB had spoken to JP regarding Andersons who had visited on Friday but were unable to empty the pit as the ground was too wet to take the lorry in the field. STP stated this needed to be carried out in the summer. Liaise with the McFeats. The tank also required a maintenance check. **Action STP/Clerk.**
Andersons had visited to investigate the car park drainage. They would be providing a quote for percolation tests and depending on the tests, they would come up with a design for the car park drainage and budget for installing it. JP had reported that bookings were doing quite well. JP would be away from 31st October to 7th November.
- iii. Former Skittle Alley - STP ventilation contractor would soon be providing quotation for the works.
- iv. Traffic Issues & Footpaths - STP reported that a couple of gullies had been dug out today.
- v. Verges - MS had been approached by the Verges Group who were concerned about damage caused by David Smith cutting the verges on Manor Road and Manor Lane, and the non-taking away of arisings. They suggested that they could find an alternative contractor and would be able to contribute towards this. This should be done in the next couple of weeks at a cost of approx. £300, with a PC contribution of £100. MS would liaise with the Verges Group regarding this. **Action MS.**
- vi. Playing Fields & Events - STP had spoken to the Civic Society and it had advised that the Bonfire Night event would not be going ahead this year. The Clerk reported that one of the picnic benches needed to be replaced and would get prices. **Action Clerk.**
- vii. Village Orderly - STP reported that Nigel had not strimmed the field this year. The Clerk to request he does this. **Action Clerk.**

9. Communications

All members to consider changing Parish Council meetings to the second Monday of each month, to enable any Parish Council items for The Link to reach David Davies prior to the monthly deadline. **Action All.**

10. Clerk's Report

Reminder to members to let the Clerk have their Register of Interests.

Blackmoor Road - The Clerk had received an email from Bert Roberts, a resident of Blackmoor Road. Clerk to respond stating that the PC would like to help but was unable to as it did not fall within 'Council' ownership. The PC would be happy to support. **Action Clerk.**

Legionella Risk Assessment - STP would help the Clerk with understanding the document. **Action STP/Clerk.**

Any other business

MS reported it was becoming difficult and dangerous to walk along Manor Road due to the overgrown hedge. STP reported that this was the responsibility of the owner of the field, who usually would get it cut back at this time of year. STP would remind the landowner. **Action STP.**