

PARISH OF ABBOTS LEIGH
Meeting of Abbots Leigh Parish Council
Held in the John Butler Room of the Village Hall, Church Road
Monday 20th March 2017 at 7.30 pm

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Talbot-Ponsonby Butler, Stewart, Telling & Ward Cllr Davies

Apologies: Cllr Anderson & J Smart (Clerk)

1. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda

None.

2. Previous meeting held on 16th January and 20th February 2017

The minutes of the meetings held on 16st January and 20th February_2017 (previously circulated) were signed as a true record.

3. Matters arising

None that were not covered in agenda items

4. Planning

i. Local Applications:

17/P/0428/F – Heywood Lodge, Manor Lane, BS8 3RU – First floor extension over garage and single storey rear extension

The Council had no objection to the scale and content of the proposed extension, The council considered that the design of the extension was incompatible with the existing rendered building and surrounding properties. The proposed timber cladding contradicts the approved Village Character Statement, it appears incongruous and draws attention to the design which will resemble a stack of timber clad shipping containers with windows. The Parish Council therefore **objects to the application** on the grounds of its incompatibility with the surrounding area.

17/P/0552/F - Bankside Cottage, Pill Road, BS8 3QW – Two storey side extension (revision of 16/P/1508/F)

The Council considered that as the revised application is very similar to approved planning permission which is currently under construction. The Parish Council therefore and has **no objection** to the application.

ii. Previous application

16/P/3047/F – 1 Knightcott Road, BS8 3SB – First floor extension over existing garage, enlargement of garden terrace and replace roof with slate tiles.

Nothing further has been heard on this application, the revised drawings have not been displayed on the North Somerset Council planning website. DD will follow this up with the planning department

iii. Approved/Refused Applications:

17/P/0100/F – 1 Manor View, Manor Lane, BS8 3RY – Single storey porch extension. **Approved**

17/P/0142/F - 63 Church Road, BS8 3QU – Erection of a two storey extension following the demolition of existing conservatory. **Approved**

iv. Other planning matters:

Bristol Rugby Club – The Parish Council had received a letter from Bristol Rugby offering to contribute £7,300 to the Parish Council towards introducing a reduced speed limit on Beggar Bush Lane in mitigation, subject to Planning Permission being granted and acceptance by NSC Highways department.

Clifton College Sports Ground DD Reported on the pre application meeting he attended with Clifton College and North Somerset Council planners and other officers to discuss their proposals for further development on the site. The outcome as that Clifton College would have to demonstrate that they had explored every other opportunity to develop the scheme on other sites closer to the college before it would even be considered, considering that it does not fall into the sporting facilities category for exceptional development in the green belt.

5. Ward Councillor's Report

See above.

DD reported that he will be raising a motion with the District council on the matter of lack of consultation with the local councils on other potential parking restrictions, other than those requested by the refuse collection teams.

DD reported on the meeting he had attended with the West of England Authorities the previous week when the problems associated with the escalation of the costs of providing passenger services on the Portishead railway which would result not being able to upgrade to a 50 MPH line along the gorge which would mean that only hourly services could be operated.

6. Village Matters

- i. Police Report - No report received.
- ii. Village Hall
 - JB provided details of proposed improved light fittings that could be used outside the front entrance at £123 each. It was agreed that these should be installed. Also JB has sourced suitable marking paint for delineating the edges of the slopes outside the entrance to reduce the chance of people tripping. **Action JB/Clerk to progress**
 - Sean Dorrington the builder is to start the works to the caretakers flat, including a rooflight, after Easter
 - Proposed alterations to the stage, JB had been given a budget for the removal of the stage of £600 and a budget for rebuilding it using the old materials where possible at a height of 200mm above the existing floor of £1350. JB had also received an indication from Felix Design of Tiverton for a budget for removable staging 190mm high for £3,500 with units being 1 metre square. The existing stage area is about 3 metres by 5 metres. It was agreed that we do want to reduce the height of the stage to about 200mm, whatever happens we need to spend the £600 for removal, but agreement was not reached on the best form of replacement, fixed or removable, with the advantages and disadvantages of either scheme being discussed. Felix Design would need to visit site to assess the options before giving a firmer price. JB agreed to ask for more details about ease of removal, storage/stacking and assembly. **Action JB to follow up.**
 - The Parish Council had received a letter from the Herb Group requesting that some chairs with arms should be provided to assist the more elderly participants. The council considered that this would be a valuable improvement and JB agreed to investigate getting 6 suitable chairs which matched the existing. **Action JB to contact original supplier of chairs if possible**
 - The Civic Society had requested that the Council should investigate getting a license for the Village Hall to enable alcohol to be sold at events in order to cover costs. This has been discussed with the licensing team at NSC who advised that a Premises license would be appropriate which would cost about £100 to apply for, with suitable plans, and the need for it to be advertised in a local newspaper. There would be an annual renewal fee of about £70. It was agreed that the Council should apply. **Action - Clerk**
- iii. Skittle Alley - STP had met Paul Thompson of the Civic Society together with JB, Dave Venables and Robert Narracott to discuss the Skittle Alley. Since then Dave Venables and Paul Thomson have looked at the skittle alley and have concluded that maybe we should consider converting the space into 3 small light business units. If there is the demand this could recover its costs in 3 to 4 years and then surplus revenue could be used to build up a reserve to cover the costs of creating an extension with the right facilities for the Hall. Further work needed to establish whether there is a market for light business units and the likely revenues it could generate. **Action STP to set up a group to investigate further.**
- iv. Drainage – Nothing further to report.
- v. Traffic Issues & Footpaths - Damage to retaining slabs to the cycleway on A369 has been repaired. Glendale had cleared a lot of the cycle path between The George and Beggar Bush Lane as well as below Harris Lane It was noted that there are plans to repair the potholes developing in Beggar Bush Lane at the Redwood Lodge development on Wednesday 22 March.

- v. Verges. The litter pick held on Sunday had been a success with 23 volunteers collecting a large amount of rubbish which NSC had removed the following day. Lunch had been provided for most participants at a cost of £75. It had been reported that small trees had been planted in the highway verge on Manor Road. It was agreed that a letter should be written to the adjacent landowner advising them that as it is highway no works should be carried out without permission of the Highway Authority, ie NSC. **Action STP/Clerk to write**
- vii. Street Lighting – Matt Sherman of Abbotsway, Manor Road (corner of Cinder Track) had requested that a light shield be fitted to the replacement light outside his house. It was agreed that if he contributed to the installation the Council could get it carried out. **Action - STP to follow up**
- viii. Playing Fields & Events –
- Installation of the new play equipment has been completed. The Civic Society increased their contribution to £6,000 towards the project and their cheque has been received. **Action STP to write and thank CS**
 - The outstanding work needed is to replace two timber beams on the newer equipment. A quotation has been received from GB Sport for £713.40 to carry out this work. STP had requested a reduction in the carriage costs element of £192 but they had been unable to improve on this. It was agreed that the order for replacement should be made. **Action STP/Clerk**
 - It had been noted that piles of vegetation had been left around the playground area. **AT to follow up with Nigel Mail**
- ix. Defibrillator - The defibrillator has been ordered by the Portishead Lions. We are still awaiting confirmation of the delivery date. The Parish Council need to instruct a contractor to install it. It is suggested that we use Paul Hares the electrician who works on the Village Hall. **Action Clerk.**
- It was suggested that the Phone Box could benefit from being repainted inside and out before the defibrillator is installed. The CS should be asked to carry this out as they had offered to look after the phone box when it was retained. **Action STP to write to CS**

7. Communications - Nothing further to report

8. Financial

- i. Cheques for authorisation
- ii. No other comments

9. Clerks Report

No report available

10. Other matters

Next Meeting to be held on Tuesday 18th April as the normal Monday is a Bank Holiday