

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

Tuesday 18th April 2017 at 7.30 pm

MINUTES

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

Apologies: None

1. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda

None.

2. Previous meetings held on 20th March 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th March 2017 (previously circulated) were signed as a true record.

3. Matters arising

None.

4. Planning

i. Applications:

17/P/0594/F - Folleigh, Abbots Leigh Road, BS8 3QD - Retrospective application for alterations to windows and garage roof pitch. Addition of enclosed porch and 2No. single storey extensions to rear and side of property and 1`No. outbuilding to rear of garage. **No objections (NSC Planning Officer to check 50% rules).**

17/P/0607/F - 67 Church Road, BS8 3QU - Erection of a single storey front extension. **No objections.**

ii. Approvals:

16/P/2607/F - Bristol Rugby, Land at Kingcott Farm, Beggar Bush Lane, BS8 3TF - Proposed rugby training facility to include: erection of a two storey training barn and support building containing a gym, changing rooms and ancillary sports facilities. Construction of a floodlit all-weather pitch and 3No. grass pitches, with associated parking and landscaping.

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.

iv. Other Planning Matters

Bristol Rugby Club - At the appropriate time, DD advised that the PC and DD should would start approaching the Highways Team regarding fully funded (by Bristol Rugby) traffic calming on Beggar Bush Lane offered to ALPC.

The Orchard, Pill Road (Leigh Court access road) - DD had discussed this new application with the architects for Freeways. Explained concerns (it should only be used for that purpose, not commercial development). Why was it previously refused? DD suggested that Freeways speak to NSC to ascertain what the problem was. It could be that NSC would have to cover the cost of care for any resident, even if from Bristol. All agreed the Parish Council would support any future application.

The Spinney - Now moving soil again. DD agreed to keep an eye on it. All Councillors to let DD know if anything changes at the site.

Neighbourhood Plan – MS reported that he was taking the lead with this now, and reported on progress. He had visited Celia Dring of NSC for further information. The next meeting had been arranged for 22nd May at Pill Community Centre at 7.30pm.

5. Ward Councillor's Report

Bus timetables to change again at the end of this month. There would be a new X3A (night service).

Extra money being spent on Rownham Hill.

Construction in Manor Road – DD had noticed that the crawler digger had been out on the road. Possible damage being caused to road surface. DD agreed to ask Chris Joannou of NSC to investigate. **Action DD.**

DD reported on the poor standards of the new NSC waste service in some areas . Glen Avenue recycling had not been collected for five consecutive weeks. He had spoken to Colin Russell and Peter Bryant regarding this. Other Councillors reported no problems with the new collections.

6. Village Matters

- i. Police Report – No report had been received, but unfortunately the Village Hall had been broken into whilst John Prodger was on holiday.
- ii. Village Hall – JB reported on the break-in at the Village Hall. Window smashed, JP's front door glass was smashed. Burglar went into the flat and took a laptop, and escaped out of a rear window. A graphic equalizer and audio equipment (microphones) had also been stolen from main hall. All the equipment should be recoverable with insurance policy. Three quotes were needed. JS to email JB with Insurers requirements. **Action Clerk.**

JB reported that JP was very concerned about security, and suggested having a lock fitted on the store room off the JB room. The main entrance doors were also a problem. STP suggested reviewing the whole security issue in the village hall and make any changes that were necessary.

Sean should be starting work on the Village Hall soon. Including repairs to the rotten window cill, Velux window in the store room, replace Velux window in bathroom and install an extractor fan. JB reported that the outside painting all needed doing. There was also a roof leak (chimney).

Felix Designs had visited the VH and quoted £3,503 plus VAT. A quote for taking down existing stage for £600 had been received from Sean. Side panels, doors and frames were to be dismantled. The 2 x 8' x 4' panels should be removed and kept for future use. Provide lockable cabinet for audio equipment. Modification of the fire system and electrics was required and move fire exit sign. The floor needed to be sanded re-varnished, then redecoration of hall. Need to sort out timings, to aim for the floor to be done in August. JB agreed to make a list. All agreed in principle to ahead with the scheme. JB and Clerk had problems with contacting Paul Hares (electrician). MS offered to provide Clerk with name of alternative electrician. **Action JB/Clerk/MS.**

- iii. Skittle Alley - Nothing further to report.
- iv. Drainage – Nothing to report.
- v. Traffic Issues & Footpaths – JB asked if the Speed camera could be switched on again. DD agreed to check. Clerk to request meeting with Paul Smart for a village walkabout. Look at replacing stiles with kissing gates (AT). **Action Clerk/AT.**
- vi. Verges – Nothing to report, but check that Bank Cottage verge is reinstated when building works are finished.
- vii. Street Lighting – Nothing to report.
- viii. Playing Fields & Events – Clerk to chase replacement of two timbers with GB Sport & Leisure. Thanked Civic Society and reinstated plaque. Check with Civic Society and apply for TEN for the Festival in the Field.
- ix. Defibrillator – Clerk waiting for response from electrician. STP suggested asking the Civic Society to paint the outside of the phone kiosk prior to the defibrillator being installed.

7. Communications

The Clerk had received an email from Ian McFeat, which had been circulated to all members. Clerk to respond providing a copy of the annual accounts.

8. Financial

The Clerk reported on the end of year accounts.

GB Sport & Leisure would now be doing a monthly inspection of the play equipment.

9. Clerks Report

See above (McFeat email).

Next meeting 15th May and APM 17th May.

Annual Parish Meeting

AT to report on Planning.

MS to report on the Neighbourhood Plan.

DD to report on the Community Land Trust.

JB to report on the Village Hall.