

**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 20<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 pm**

**MINUTES**

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

1. Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda

None.

2. Previous meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017 (previously circulated) were signed as a true record. Amendment: 'Steps, not stage' on Village Hall. **Action Clerk.**

3. Matters arising

Clerk to chase Adam Wood regarding annual walkabout and verges. **Action Clerk.**

Following recent problems, a resident of Abbots Orchard, Manor Road reported that she was now happy with the NSC recycling and refuse collections.

4. Planning

i. Applications:

**17/P/2516/F - 2 Dennyview Road, BS8 3RB.** Erection of a two storey side extension, front porch, raise ridge height and a detached garage. ***No objections provided 150% planning policy had not been exceeded.***

**17/P/2571/NMA - 1 Manor View, Manor Lane, BS8 3RY.** Non material amendment to application 17/P/0100/F (Single storey porch extension), to allow a reduction in the size of the porch extension. ***No comments.***

ii. Approvals:

**17/P/2152/LUP - 22 Dennyview Road, BS8 3RB.** Application for a lawful development certificate for a proposed single storey rear extension and proposed loft conversion including a rear dormer and roof lights to the front elevation.

iii. Neighbourhood Plan

MS had circulated a paper to all members on the current situation with the Neighbourhood Plan, and this was discussed. More volunteers were now coming on board. The PC was not looking for expansion of housing in this area, unless it was low cost housing. STP suggested that appropriate infill development in keeping with the street scene should be included in the Plan.

The A369 separates the village, which causes isolation, and this would increase in the future with the increase in vehicles using the road. There was already quite a lot of employment. Perhaps encourage local employers to recruit locally. Encourage home working. Pursue potential for apprenticeships/training etc. Rob Harvey would lead an Environmental Group. Strong Heritage Groups already in both AL and Pill & EIG. Collect more information regarding Community Assets. Perhaps explore Village Green status at The Old School Field, also the green triangle outside the Church. Bob Langton (Pill & EIG Councillor) would explore sustainability. Clerk to arrange meeting with Iain Locke of Alliance Homes. STP thanked MS for the report.  
**Action Clerk.**

iv. Other Planning Matters

None.

5. Ward Councillor's Report

Refuse and recycling seems to have improved. BIFFA had a staffing problem, and often failures arose as there was nobody to send out on the rounds. DD now receives a daily report on the contract.

The next MetroWest exhibition would be held on Friday at Pill Community Centre, 12.30 to 7.30pm.

DD had received a complaint about the way the hedges had been cut in Manor Road and Weir Lane. He had driven down and did not see any problems.

Bristol Airport was talking about further expansion (doubling the size), which could possibly increase traffic through the village.

6. Village Matters

- i. Police Report - No A&S Police Report, as Martin Faithfull away until 23<sup>rd</sup> November.
- ii. Village Hall – JB reported that John Prodger would be away from 8<sup>th</sup> December for one week. JP had a few new enquiries about the hall. Wall repairs had still not been started. There was still a problem with a leak coming in through the large window. Sean had suggested repointing with silicone. Clerk to arrange PAT testing and extractor fan in the flat. Civic Society wanted to buy a new urn and keep it at the VH. STP had suggested that the PC purchase the urn. Clerk to drop a note to Paul Whitehouse, advising that the PC would be happy to buy it and look after it if the CS contributes to the cost. JB had now collected the new Christmas trees and decorations. STP suggested a 'Big Switch-on' on 8<sup>th</sup> December at Tommo's Tavern. The Clerk had applied for the Premises Licence for the VH. STP/JB & Clerk to meet to amend booking conditions. **Action STP/JB/Clerk.**
- iii. Skittle Alley – STP had circulated relevant documents and reported on the lease of the Skittle Alley by James Tantram (personal trainer) as a gym. Most of the terms on the Heads of Terms had now been agreed. Following discussion, all agreed it was a good use of the SA. The Clerk had obtained two quotes for an asbestos survey for both the VH and SA. STP suggested that the boiler and the tank be removed whilst building works were going on. Clerk to arrange asbestos survey, and write to James to confirm go ahead and with historical usage information, find a solicitor to draw up the lease (perhaps Meade King). **Action STP/Clerk.**
- iv. Traffic Issues & Footpaths – STP reported that the cycle path had now been cleared.
- v. Verges – STP would speak to John Flanagan of NSC to see if the tape on the verge in Manor Road could be removed. **Action STP.**

- vi. Playing Fields & Events – STP reported that Bonfire Night was a great success.
- vii. Defibrillator – STP reported that the 'DEFIBRILLATOR' signs were now in place in the telephone kiosk. Ask the Civic Society to paint the box. Paul Whitehouse had agreed to carry out the checks on the defibrillator. AT agreed to investigate what to do with shelving in the kiosk, and also to be the librarian. **Action AT.**
  
- viii. Assets of Community Value – MS reported on this. Following the initial bid, NSC had responded with more questions. The CS agreed that there was information around, and should probably do a bit more consultation over Christmas, collect evidence and enter a revised bid in the New Year. STP thanked MS for his work on this project.

7. Communications

AT reported a sinking manhole cover outside the entrance to AL Nursing Home. Clerk to report this to NSC. **Action Clerk.**

8. Financial

JB reported £40 received for loan of tables. JP had banked this.

Ideas for development items for 2018-2019 to be discussed at the December meeting. **Action ALL.**

For any works on the skittle alley in this financial year, all agreed expenditure, subject to a maximum of £5k.

9. Clerks Report

Nothing further than reported above.