

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 19th February 2018 at 7.30 pm

MINUTES

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

Apologies: Cllrs Anderson & Telling

1. Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda

None.

2. Previous meeting held on 15th January 2018

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th January 2018 (previously circulated) were signed as a true record.

3. Matters arising

4. Planning

i. Applications:

17/P/5327/LDE - Skittle Alley to rear of 6 Church Road, Abbots Leigh. Application for certificate of lawfulness for the use of the skittle alley (use class D2) as a gym (use class D2). **No objections.**

18/P/0006/FUH - 2 Dennyview Road, Abbots Leigh. Proposed two storey side extension, front porch, and roof extension. **Following consideration, Councillors had no objections to this proposal.**

17/P/5304/FUL - Woodland Bungalow, Abbots Leigh Road, Abbots Leigh. Demolition of an existing 4 bed dwelling and construction of a 5 bed dwelling. **Following consideration, Councillors had no objections to this proposal in principle, provided that the size and scale of the building did not exceed planning policy guidelines.**

17/P/5544/FUL - Flat at The Barns, Church Road, Abbots Leigh. Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of a replacement dwelling. **Councillors recognised the proposal as well-hidden and unobtrusive to neighbours, but on balance, the design of the building was out of keeping with its surrounding Green Belt area. The above ground scale is almost double the size of the original building.**

17/P/5601/LDP - Park Hill, 59 Church Road, Abbots Leigh. Demolition of existing swimming pool and construction of new indoor pool. **Councillors objected to this proposal. They thought it inappropriate development to have a large scale new building (larger than necessary to cover the swimming pool) in the Green Belt.**

ii. Refusals:

17/P/5468/TPO - 53c Church Road, Abbots Leigh. Pine (T1) – crown thin by up to 25%.

iii. Other Planning Matters

It had been brought to the Parish Council's attention that a new building had appeared in the grounds of Deerhurst. Clerk to inform NSC Enforcement. **Action Clerk.**

DD reported that the tree house in in the garden of the property in The Avenue had now been dismantled.

DD reported that George Christodoulou was concerned that soil had been dumped in the valley near the kennels. He suggested members should look out for trucks entering the lane. **Action ALL.**

Andrew Sayner had written to both DD and STP regarding land at Beggars Path near Abbots Pool. The Clerk confirmed that this was already being investigated by NSC Enforcement.

Neighbourhood Plan - MS had circulated a consultation strategy, this included some propositions of how to go about the consultation. The strategy documents a commitment to do a lot of things in the summer. Clerk to put on the agenda for Pill & EIG PC's next meeting. **Action MS/Clerk.**

5. Ward Councillor's Report

The Budget meeting would be held tomorrow night at NSC - there was bound to be a proposal for a 5.99% increase in the precept.

DD reported that there would be further cuts to Children's Centre staffing in Pill.

A NSC Parking Review was imminent – DD would keep the PC posted.

DD reported on the meeting with First Bus. Clerk to circulate notes.

BIFFA would be changing the refuse and recycling collection pattern at the beginning of June. Each crew would have a small area (pocket) which they would cover Monday to Friday.

6. Financial

The accounts had been circulated to members.

JB was concerned that numbers of hall bookings were down.

Works to the former Skittle Alley was likely to cost in the region of £10k to the end of this financial year.

7. Village Matters

- i. Police Report – No report received.
- ii. Village Hall – JB reported PAT testing had been done. The extractor fan had still not been installed in JB's flat. He had asked Dave Wyatt to paint the outside of the VH. STP advised that repairs were required to the outside before any painting could be done. STP would speak to Craig the carpenter. JB suggested the PC could possibly use Gregory Electrical for future electricity works to the VH. **Action STP.**
- iii. Skittle Alley – James Tantram was getting on with works to the SA. The external works would be finished by the end of the week. The old pub tables had been sold for £175.00. JB handed the Clerk a cheque for this. STP reported that the lease had been agreed and was ready to be signed.
- iv. Traffic Issues & Footpaths – Still waiting for a date to meet with Shelley Lee. Clerk to let DD know. **Action Clerk.**
- v. Verges – Nothing to report.
- vi. Playing Fields & Events – Nothing to report.
- vii. Defibrillator Library – Nothing to report.
- viii. Village Orderly – Next Agenda
- ix. Assets of Community Value – The George – MS had resubmitted the application to be registered to NSC. DD asked MS to copy him in on the application. **Action MS.**

8. Communications

STP would put an item in The Link that the litter pick would be held on Sunday 18th March. DD advised of a River Bank pick 14th April at 10.00am. Meet at Ham Green Lake.

9. Clerks Report

The Clerk had spoken with Diana Sayner regarding regular litter picking in the village, perhaps using a 'road supervisor' in each road to arrange regular collection of litter. Discuss at next meeting. **Agenda 19/03.**