

**PARISH OF ABBOTS LEIGH - NOTICE OF MEETING**  
**Meeting of Abbots Leigh Parish Council**  
Held at Priory Close, Manor Road  
**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7.30 pm**

**MINUTES**

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

1. Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda

None.

2. Previous meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019 (previously circulated) were signed as a true record.

3. Matters arising

None.

4. Planning

i. Approvals:-

**18/P/4707/FUH – 4 Dennyview Road** – Demolition of existing small single storey extension to rear. Proposed single storey rear and side extension.

**18/P/5217/FUH – Leigh Lodge, 3 Church Road** – Replacement of an existing conservatory with a new single storey extension and internal alterations.

**19/P/0043/FUH – 57 Church Road** – Single storey rear extension to create dining room and basement together with extended terrace and steps, plus alteration to convert window on front elevation to doors.

**18/P/3305/FUL (Appeal) – Abbots Leigh Boarding Kennels, Pill Road** – Erection of a three bedroom bungalow following demolition of existing boarding kennels.

**18/P/5161/FUL – Land at Kingcott Farm, Beggar Bush Lane** – Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) to allow substitution of revised plans.

ii. Withdrawn:-

**18/P/4833/FUH – Priory Cottage, Manor Lane** – 2 storey rear extension.

iii. Other Planning Matters

MS reported that the Neighbourhood Plan website should be live within the next few days. Both AL and Pill & EIG PC websites would have a link to this. There was a footpath project taking place, encouraging people to get involved by taking photographs whilst out walking on public footpaths. MS would take up on the project again after Easter.

5. Financial

i. Approval of Accounts for Payment

STP proposed and JB seconded approval of the accounts for payment. Agreed.

The Clerk advised that the Fit Tank would start paying £1,000 per quarter for the lease of the skittle alley at the end of March.

#### 6. Village Matters

- i. Police Report - The Clerk advised that there were no crimes reported in AL.
- ii. Village Hall - JB suggested updating the advert for the Village Hall in The Link, including information on the new projector equipment. Clerk to arrange for an electrician to install the extractor fan in the village hall flat. JB reported that there was a problem with the heater in the kitchen - there was no earth wire. Arrange for an electrician to check this. JB offered a heater of his own. Electrician could install this at the same time. JB reported that the wall lights in the hall would soon be incompatible with new type of bulbs. He had purchased 18 bulbs that should cover it for a few years. STP reported on a temporary fix of the drains by covering up the vent hole. There was also a gully that may need to be replaced, at an approximate cost of £500. This would need to be done with potential car parking alterations in mind. The septic tank had a problem which had now been fixed, but this was still under guarantee.
- iii. Former Skittle Alley - Nothing to report.
- iv. Traffic Issues & Footpaths - There had been a traffic accident just below The George, the vehicle had hit the gabion wall. STP had spoken to Phil Bush to ask him to arrange for this wall to be checked. STP had also asked him about the blocked gully at Ashgrove Avenue. STP would write to Shelley Lee regarding the Sandy Lane road surface.
- v. Verges - AT would ask Nigel Mail to clear the gutters at the end of Church Road, where the grass was creeping onto the road. (Edging). STP reported there was a litter pick this weekend.
- vi. Playing Fields & Events - STP reported that he would write to Gigaclear again to attempt to get the damaged wall repaired.
- vii. Village Orderly - See above.

#### 7. Communications

STP reported that it was likely that the Forestry Commission would start charging for parking at Leigh Woods and North Road.

STP reported that he had now been invited to join the village WhatsApp Group, and would report back on its value.

#### 8. Clerk's Report

A renewal quotation had been received from Imperial Fire & Security for the Village Hall annual maintenance contract. This would mean an increase of £8.00 per year. All agreed to continue with the current contractor.

Bank of Scotland – Internet Banking forms had been completed by the Clerk and were signed by current signatories.

MS signed the papers for the Bank of Scotland to become a new signatory.

The Annual Parish Meeting would be held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

**Action Clerk.**