

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 21st October 2019 at 7.30 pm

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Talbot-Ponsonby, Butler, Narracott, Stewart, Walker, Ward Cllr Davies & J Smart
(Clerk)
Apologies: None

1. Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda

None.

2. Previous meeting held on 16th September 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th September 2019 (previously circulated) were signed as a true record.

3. Matters arising

Would arise within meeting.

4. Planning

i. Applications:

19/P/1949/FUL – Land at Kingcott Farm, Beggar Bush Lane. Creation of additional rugby pitch and training grids and erection of groundsman facilities in connection with the approved rugby training facility (Ref: 18/P/5161/FUL which varied planning permission ref: 16/P/2607/F). ***OBJECT – concern about the location of a dominant earthworks structure immediately adjacent to a public bridleway with a 1 in 2 slope. There was limited planting proposed and it would generate a lot of lorry movements through the village importing the required fill material. STP said that he would contact Matthew Kendrick (Bristol Rugby) and outline our objections.***

19/P/2290/FUH – Home Farm House, Home Farm, Home Farm Road. Two storey side extension, single storey side extension, construction of dormer windows to loft space. ***Clerk to request plans for second floor.***

ii. Approvals:

19/P/2014/FUH – 57 Church Road. Single storey rear extension to create kitchen and guest room with extended terrace and steps.

iii. Other Planning Matters

None.

5. Ward Councillor's Report

DD advised that the plans for the flat roof at Priory Cottage had been changed (CHECK).

DD reported that the Joint Spatial Plan must now be scrapped. There would now be four local plans produced, and a Mayoral Spatial Strategy. At least 4,000 more dwellings would be required in North Somerset, and depending on which scenario, it could be double that number. This would affect the Green Belt in the future, and DD would push for 40% affordable housing on this.

MS asked about Leigh Woods residential parking. DD advised that the proposals would be going to the NSC Executive on Wednesday. DD had requested that Ward Councillors in neighbouring parishes were consulted. The plans for LW residential parking were on the NSC website.

6. Neighbourhood Plan

CLlr Stewart had prepared a Neighbourhood Plan Update, and this was circulated at the meeting.

7. Financial

i. Approval of Accounts for Payment for October 2019

CLlr Walker proposed approval of the Accounts for Payment for October. Seconded by CLlr Talbot-Ponsonby. Agreed.

9. Village Matters

i. Police Report – The Clerk reported 1 crime in Manor Close.

ii. Village Hall - STP and the Clerk had met with JB to update his employment contract. JP would now be paying Council Tax on the flat directly. The PC would reimburse him for this. JP had resisted a pay increase, but it was agreed that his pay would be increased by £50 per month, backdated to April 2019.

JB reported that the drains had been fixed and the smell had gone. JP told STP that another smell had come back on Saturday. JB to check on this.

STP advised that he would obtain a survey of the garden area by next month.

JB reported that the new water heater was now installed in the bathroom of the flat. There was now a problem with a socket in the kitchen, serving the heater, which was possibly a cable fault. JB would contact Paul Hares tomorrow.

JB had contacted the providers of the chairs in the JB room, who had said they would contact the suppliers. No response had been received. JB had found another contact. Clerk to contact. **Action STP/JB/Clerk.**

STP reported he was unable to pick up the Gigaclear broadband signal in the hall. Clerk to contact Gigaclear. **Action Clerk/STP.**

iii. Former Skittle Alley - STP would replace light, and arrange to meet with James Tantram. **Action STP.**

- iv. Traffic Issues & Footpaths – STP reported on pothole on A369. RN asked about Smiley Sid. Clerk to chase when the speed limit would be changing on the A369. Following discussion, STP suggested that following the change and gathering of more data, go back to David Bailey (NSC) to ask for suggestions on traffic calming. **Action STP/Clerk.**
DD advised that the Severnet Cycling & Walking Forum would be held on 7th November at 4.00pm at St Andrew’s House in Avonmouth (improvements to walking and cycle paths to the dock areas now to include North Somerset).
MW had been investigating the ‘Don’t Lose Your Way’ scheme, finding lost rights of way. STP suggested that Ian McFeat would be useful with regards to this issue. MW had found a couple of paths. STP suggested marking them on a map with a view to reinstating on the definitive map.
- v. Verges - STP advised that David Smith had cut the verges today. JB reported that the gabion wall had now been repaired.
- vi. Playing Fields & Events – The Clerk had applied for the Temporary Event Notice for Bonfire Night.
Clerk to order net from GB Sport & Leisure. Ask Kevin Weekes to carry out any works on the play equipment. **Action Clerk.**
- vii. Village Orderly – Nothing to report.

10. Communications

Nothing to report.

11. Clerk’s Report

A Legionella risk assessment had taken place at the Village Hall and the Gym, and the report and any recommendations would be available soon.

The Clerk reported that electrical installation testing was required at the Village Hall. JB to arrange this with Paul Hares.

Replacement notice boards for the Village Hall and Manor Lane were due to be delivered by the end of October.