

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 18th November 2019 at 7.30 pm

MINUTES

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

1. Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda

None.

2. Previous meeting held on 21st October 2019

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 21st October 2019 (previously circulated) were signed as a true record.

3. Matters arising

None.

4. Planning

i. Applications:

19/P/2653/LDP – The Gables, Ashgrove Avenue, Abbots Leigh. Lawful Development Certificate for the proposed demolition of existing conservatory, erection of a single storey side extension, and 3No. roof-lights to rear elevation. ***The PC was not required to comment on LDCs.***

ii. Approvals:

19/P/1603/FUH – Priory Cottage, Manor Lane. 2 storey rear extension.

19/P/1355/FUH – 58 Church Road. Extension/remodelling of an existing house, to include a double storey side extension and single storey rear extension.

19/P/1985/FUH – Lea View, Pill Road. Replace lower portion of front slope to form new porch and installation of 3No. new dormer windows.

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.

iii. Other Planning Matters

Application withdrawn - 19/P/1499/FUH – Tanglewood, Ashgrove Avenue. Demolition of garage. Construction of timber carport and revised access. Replacement roof, first floor rear extension, two storey front extension, integrated porch and associated works as per submitted plans.

5. Ward Councillor's Report

DD advised that the 2019 Lower Super Outlet had been published, measuring relative deprivation levels. It measures wealth, resources etc. AL currently classed as deprived as there was no sewage system, gas supply, no shops or community services etc.

The Joint Spatial Plan had ground to a halt due to Purdah.

The A369 was due to be closed for resurfacing from Sandy Lane to Rectory Road. No buses would be running, and DD would find out what plans were in place for this tomorrow. **Action DD.**

Bristol City Council Bristol Clean Air Zone – The planned start of this would be at Bower Ashton. The scheme would go out to consultation early next year, when the PC would have an opportunity to comment.

6. Neighbourhood Plan

Murray Stewart reported on this. The exhibitions had taken place in both Pill & Easton-in-Gordano and Abbots Leigh. 150 people attended between the two venues. A range of views had been expressed. The final exhibition would take place at St George's Hall from 3.00pm to 6.00pm on Wednesday of this week. The draft of the plan had been circulated, and MS was seeking approval of this. STP asked all present to familiarise themselves with the draft plan. MS asked for members to respond with any comments by 26th November. **Action ALL.**

7. Financial

- i. Approval of Accounts for Payment for November 2019. STP proposed approval, JB seconded. Agreed. STP recommended withholding payment to SwitchSafe Environmental for the Legionella Risk Assessment until he had inspected the report. **Action STP/Clerk.**

Clerk to check situation with Robert Narracott being a signatory for the Parish Council with the Bank of Scotland. **Action Clerk.**

8. Village Matters

- i. Police Report – There had been three offences in September 2019. One theft from Leigh Court, and two violent offences in Blackmoor Road.
- ii. Village Hall – JB had received a quote for the replacement chairs. He suggested that the recently purchased green chairs be could be used in the JB room. STP suggested buying 5 new green chairs to match existing, three for the hall area and two for the JB room. Agreed. Clerk to advertise on Freecycle the red chairs as free to collect. JP would be away for a week from this Saturday. Christmas trees would go up on Friday 29th November. **Action JB/Clerk.**
STP reported that the Gigaclear network was not working well in the hall as the router was not sited close enough. He had been in contact with Gigaclear to try to sort out this problem, and requested they provide a 'Mesh'. **Action STP.**
JB and the Clerk would look at increasing pricing in the hall. **Action JB & Clerk.**
- iii. Former Skittle Alley – STP and the Clerk had met with James and Katie Tantram of FitTank for their annual review. They were asked to provide an indication of how many people drive to attend the gym. He agreed to make a note. There was a condensation problem in the gym. STP asked RN if he could investigate what would be beneficial to do to solve this, and what it would cost. STP and RN to investigate this. There were no further problems to report. **Action STP/RN.**
- iv. Traffic Issues & Footpaths – DD reported that NSC was looking for a residents parking scheme to run seven days per week in Leigh Woods – two permits per house, following that a charge to park. The scheme needed to be proposed then go out for consultation. This was likely to be next September. DD had asked NSC to also look at a scheme in Abbots Leigh.
Agenda for December - PC comments on the Leigh Woods residents parking scheme. **Action Clerk.**
DD reported that Blackmoor Road to Markham Brook footpath was in the process of being cleared. MW & STP had started to put a case together of footpaths for the 'Lost Ways' project.
- v. Verges – Fergus Macbeth had cleared some of the cuttings from when David Smith had cut the verges in October.
- vi. Playing Fields & Events – The Civic Society had held the annual Bonfire Party which had gone very well. Mike Crabtree had re-seeded the field. STP and Mike Crabtree had cleared the remains of the bonfire.
- vii. Village Orderly – Nigel Mail had stated that he wasn't bothered whether he did the VO work or not, as it costs him to bring the necessary machinery to AL. The Clerk had investigated the possibility of another contractor cutting the play area and green area outside the church. Kevin Weekes had quoted £100 to cut and strim the areas twice per month. This would mean a saving of approx. £2.5k per year. The Clerk was requested to discuss with Nigel Mail. **Action Clerk.**

viii. Other - MS suggested the PC should start to think about a Conservation Area in the village. NSC would be happy to support this, as long as it was funded by the PC. STP advised that some evidence was already available as a starting point. **Action STP/RN.** Agenda item for future (February 2020).

9. Communications

STP would put a note in The Link asking people to ask their builders to park carefully, so as not to obstruct the access for the refuse and recycling lorries along Church Road. **Action STP**

10. Clerk's Report

Legionella Risk Assessment – see item 8iii.

Village Orderly – see item 8vii.

Notice Boards – NR asked when the new notice boards would be arriving. STP confirmed that he had been in contact with Earth Anchors regarding the fixing of the boards onto the current poles, which had been agreed, and delivery was now imminent. Either STP or Kevin Weeks would fit the boards. **Action Clerk/STP.**

Open Spaces Society Autumn magazine.

Countryside Voice Summer magazine.

Avon Wildlife Trust Autumn magazine.