

**PARISH OF ABBOTS LEIGH - NOTICE OF VIRTUAL MEETING**  
**Meeting of Abbots Leigh Parish Council**  
**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at 7.00 pm**

## **MINUTES**

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

### **RESOLUTION FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE SUPPLEMENTARY STANDING ORDERS:**

To resolve to adopt Supplementary Standing Orders to meet the statutory requirements for the holding of remote meetings, and this lasts until 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021 or the repeal of legislation whichever is the earlier.

### **RESOLVED**

1. Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda

None.

2. Previous meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020 (previously circulated) were signed as a true record.

3. Matters arising

None.

4. Planning

**Applications:**

**20/P/0920/FUH – Tanglewood, Ashgrove Avenue.** Proposed extension to the front, rear and at first floor level. Demolition of existing garage with proposed erection of an open carport.

***No objection.***

**20/P/0927/FUH - 62 Church Road.** Demolition of existing lean to and conservatory. Proposed erection of two storey rear and side extensions. ***No objections in principle but could not comment on the quality of the design, and drawings were lacking in detail and could look better if it had a better façade. The external views of the Church Road properties are central to the character and appearance of Abbots Leigh, especially when seen from numerous vantage points and local footpaths. This is because Church Road runs long the crest of a hill, and hence the rear elevations of many houses along the road are particularly visible. The Church Road Cottages, of which no 62 is one, are of significant historical and heritage importance, probably built around the 1830's. For these two reasons, when combined, we believe it appropriate for the contextual elevations to be provided from both sides of the property, to allow an accurate judgement of the design's impacts in both directions.***

***In respect of details, we were concerned that the design to the rear lacked clarity in respect of how the abutment valley, where the two gables would meet, would practically be formed. The eventual appearance could not remain a "V" as presently drawn, hence we think it important to secure a***

***greater degree of accuracy before any Approval is granted. Adding a number of RWP's could also change the character of the design from that currently proposed.***

**Approvals:**

**19/P/3075/FUH – 2 Glen Cottages.** 1.5 storey side extension to provide ground floor accessible annexe rooms and first floor bathroom and bedroom.

**19/P/1949/FUH – Land at Kingcott Farm, Beggar Bush Lane.** Creation of additional rugby pitch and training grids, and erection of groundsman facilities.

**20/P/0247/FUH & LBC – 34 Church Road.** Removal of existing timber staircase and glazed top section to the modern conservatory located at the south west of the property, and to construct a new staircase and glazed lantern in its place.

**Refusals:**

**20/P/0411/TPO – Bow House, Home Farm Road.** T1 – Beech – reduce by up to 3m. Remove 5 lowest laterals. Crown list to 4.5m from ground level.

**Other Planning Matters**

None.

5. **Ward Councillor's Report**

DD reported problems with refuse/recycling collection due to builders in Ashgrove Avenue. STP would visit site and speak to the builders.

DD had been receiving complaints about parking on the verges at Abbots Pool, making driving down Manor Road difficult. Opening the car park would not solve the problem and would probably make it worse. All agreed to follow Forestry Commission with regard to opening again

The bollard was down at Abbots Pool and would be left open for a day or two - Clerk to check with Glendale as bins had not been emptied. DD advised that Glendale staff were being used elsewhere (kerbside collections etc).

Grangewood House – DD had not had a chance to look at the situation. The PC had objected to the plans for the entrance, which was supposedly only being used for oil deliveries. MW reported that the block paving had now been completed. Chris Joannou advised that the PC could not complain until people started using the property as an Air BNB property. DD would keep investigating this.

Not sure about public transport. Current timetable continues until 31<sup>st</sup> May then see where it goes from there.

Money would be coming out for Abbots Leigh Nursing Home (and all nursing homes) – Government funding for disease control work.

Brackenwood Garden Centre opens from Tuesday to Saturday from now on, for the foreseeable future.

Worried for Abbots Leigh for next weekend as influx of visitors would be higher, with nowhere to park.

Police were only looking for drivers overnight camping or making excessive journeys now.

## 6. Neighbourhood Plan

MS reported that the NP was out for consultation, but as there were no means for public to attend, the consultation has been extended until the PC decided when to end it. Thinking of having some Zoom meetings with various groups in June. Probably would not finish the consultation until the end of July at the earliest.

NSC had started to think about the Local Plan to 2038 and issued a statement of how they plan to proceed with that. The PC responded saying it was interested from NP point of view. There had been 40 responses to that consultation on the process, but also one from L&G about the Pill Green Markham site, they would like to see it on the agenda as it was particularly important. PC comment went in under MS name rather than the PC. Would be an issues paper in the summer and a choices paper in the autumn, which the PC would contribute to at the time. Principles of our NP would roll forward to 2038.

NSC funding available for walking or cycling. The NP does say more walking and cycling was needed. MS had let NSC know that this was in the NP and would like to be considered when resources became available.

RN asked about the Barn Conversion Policy. STP – Celia Dring (NSC) was going to check this, and then it needed to be submitted to NSC as a Policy. Perhaps should make the same type of Policy for the NP for converting sheds and stables as residential, as this was a concern. **Action STP/RN/MW.**

MS would like for the PC to formally comment that it welcomed the Neighbourhood Plan. All agreed.

## 7. Financial

The lack of Village Hall income would be a major issue for the next few months. Possibly £6k down due to hall bookings and rent-free Fit Tank. JB advised that only one person had requested a refund, all others would carry forward.

The PC had agreed one quarter rent free for The Fit Tank.

- i. Approval of Accounts for Payment for April & May 2020

STP proposed approval of the Accounts for Payment. JB seconded. Agreed. **Action Clerk.**

The Clerk was requested to change budget to show the possible effect of Coronavirus on the forthcoming year. **Action Clerk.**

## 9. Village Matters

- i. Police Report – The Clerk reported 4 crimes in Abbots Leigh in April. Two violent or sexual offences, one anti-social behaviour and one public order offences. All offences were in Dennyview Road.
- ii. Village Hall – JB keeps in touch with JP every week to make sure all OK. STP reported on the car park. There was now an updated plan with 13 places, although there would be no greenery. Now need to get some drainage soakaway tests. Could possibly get a price from Andersons (who did the work for the septic tank, which goes across McFeat's land and is in the Wills Estate land). Should be able to soakaway over the car park. RN and STP would discuss. Need to have a budget for the whole scheme, so need to design the drainage before we could come up with a price. The visibility splay had now been removed. **Action STP/RN.**
- iii. Former Skittle Alley – Nothing to report.
- iv. Traffic Issues & Footpaths - STP would report abandoned car at the end of Home Farm Road. **Action STP.**
- v. Verges – See above.
- vi. Playing Fields & Events – STP had been cutting the playing field in Nigel Mail's absence.
- vii. Village Orderly – See above.

10. Communications

Nothing to report.

11. Clerk's Report

The Clerk had received a large BT bill, which would be investigated.

Elaine Bowman of NSC had distributed an email explaining a Rights of Way consultation. Clerk to forward to all. **Action Clerk.**

STP – bins at Abbots Pool. AP working party was keen to get rid of the litter bins. Could we suggest putting a dog bin instead of the 3 litter bins. Monitor. STP would speak to Jason Cox about this issue. **Action STP.**

Meeting closed at 20:15