

PARISH OF ABBOTS LEIGH
Virtual Meeting of Abbots Leigh Parish Council
Held on Monday 21st September 2020 at 7.30 pm via Zoom

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Talbot-Ponsonby, Walker, Butler, Narracott, Stewart, Ward Cllr Davies (8.00pm) and J Smart (Clerk)
Apologies: None.

1. Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda

None.

2. Previous meeting held on 20th July 2020

The minutes of the virtual meeting held on Monday 20th July 2020, previously circulated, were signed as a true record. STP to provide signed copy to Clerk when convenient.

3. Matters arising

None.

4. Planning

Applications:-

20/P/1482/FUH – Tanglewood, Ashgrove Avenue. Proposed erection of single storey extensions to front and rear of dwelling, demolition, and replacement of existing garage. **No objections.**

20/P/1496/TPO – West Gateway, Abbots Leigh Road. T1 – Sycamore – Reduce branches around BT lines to give 1.5m clearance. Remove first 4 branches back to main stem marked with orange dot on field side. T3 – Ash – Fell limb leaning towards the road marked with orange dot. **No objections.**

20/P/1437/FUL – Leigh Court Farm, Pill Road. Retention of timber chalet dwelling for farm manager for a 5-year period or on cessation of the farm enterprise. **No objections.**

20/P/1882/FUL – Flat, The Barns, Church Road. Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of replacement dwelling. **No objections.**

Approvals

20/P/1299/NMA – Leigh Warren Bungalow, Abbots Leigh Road. Non-material amendment to application 19/P/0734/FUL – to allow for changes to windows on the ground floor east and west elevation and first floor dormers on the west elevation.

20/P/1372/FUH – 1 Manor Cottages, Abbots Leigh Road. Proposed erection of a single storey extension to rear and single storey infill between main house and existing garage. Two storey side extension and reconfiguration of ground floor layout.

20/P/1545/TPO – Bow House, Home Farm Road. T1 – Beech – Reduce to previous points.

Other Planning Matters

5. Ward Councillor's Report

Abbots Pool – DD suggested the PC should wait until after half term to reopen. It would be sensible to keep the car park shut initially. STP would contact John Flannigan (NSC). MW – need to think long term whether the car park should be reopened. DD – did not think there would be a choice, but perhaps keep it closed for a long time. Worth keeping parking restrictions on the road ongoing. Some cones would need to be replaced. **Action STP.**

The new NSC Public Space Protection Orders had now been put back until December 2020.

DD – had heard from Highways England that there were no capital plans to expanding the capacity of J19 beyond what it was doing currently.

6. Neighbourhood Plan

MS reported on this. The consultation period had ended, and a lot of responses had come in, through email and drop-in sessions. The responses had been successful, and the team now needed to summarise comments and produce a response. The biggest issues were housing, transport and environment. A small Pill group would be meeting on Wednesday to go through the data and the consequent changes to the NP. He had begun to identify what small changes could be put into the plan. The bigger issues – given that NSC had invited comments for possible development sites up to 2028, what should be said about the longer term future. Should we respond to the call for sites?

DD – the NP goes to 2026 because that is when the current NSC Plan expires. Making comments post 2026 is somewhat difficult. The statement to make is that we put in 100-150 houses within the plan period. Should legitimately be able to say it would be wrong for us to prejudge the limitations around the Green Belt. Should be a joint response - in line with Neighbourhood Plan we have identified a strong desire to retain the Green Belt. Understand the need for housing and have put in 150 over a longer term than the plan.

North Somerset Call for Sites - MS advised that sites could be put forward without landowner's knowledge or agreement.

Hoping that the two PCs would sign the NP off in October, but then it would need to be printed. Can cross refer the NP with the NSC Call for Sites.

The PC to formally accept a motion that it delegates MS to set up a sub-group to discuss the NP responses. Agreed.

STP was concerned that the Pill and District Community Land Trust site was too dominant in the NP, as no formal consultation had yet been carried out here but would be subject to its own consultation.

STP and MW to meet with MS on Thursday to discuss.

7. Financial

Approval of Accounts for Payment – August and September 2020.

STP proposed approval of the Accounts for Payment for August and September 2020, JB seconded. Approved.

8. Village Matters

- i. Police Report - Leigh Court = 1 Anti-social Behaviour, 1 Criminal Damage & Arson; Sandy Lane = 3 x Anti-Social Behaviour; Manor Lane = 1 x Criminal Damage & Arson.
- ii. Village Hall - JB not much to report. JB had visited JP – everyone happy with Covid arrangements. Hoping that art class would be coming back soon. Groups were gradually coming back. WI were very pleased with the armchairs. STP reported that someone had expressed an interest in using the JB room to use Office Team meetings. MW – are we going to charge people more for cleaning afterwards. STP – no as this could possibly deter people from using it. STP had chased Andersons again about the testing for the car park.
- iii. Former Skittle Alley - STP advised that JT was operating again and was busy. Spoke to JT's electrician today who would provide a price for installing the ventilation. Look again when price comes in. Thought the PC could pay half for this. All agreed. It would be in their interest to get this installed in the next month or so.
- iv. Traffic Issues & Footpaths - There were blocked gulleys on the A369 at Home Farm Road and Church Road. Soakaways opposite Ashgrove Avenue and at Leigh Warren House/Cricket Club are both completely blocked. **Action** Clerk/STP. MB reported a sewage problem with the septic tank for The George. STP would speak to Dave Venables. **Action STP.**
- v. Verges - STP verges were due to be cut. David Smith – Blackmore Road (NOT Poundbatch Farm), below the George, between the Quarry and Home Farm Road and then up to The Avenue, Manor Lane, and Manor Road from Abbots Pool to Weir Lane. **Action Clerk.**

- vi. Playing Fields & Events - The Annual bonfire night event was discussed, and it was agreed that we should discuss this with the Civic Society as a matter of urgency, as the event would ultimately be the responsibility of the Parish Council. It was unlikely that it could go ahead as it would be almost impossible to operate safely under Covid restrictions and it was quite likely that further restrictions would be imposed. **Action STP.**
- vii. Village Orderly - Nothing to report.

9. Communications

Nothing to report.

10. Clerk's Report

The Clerk requested that all members complete a new Register of Interests forms, which had been emailed. These would then need to be posted on the website. **Action ALL.**

Website Accessibility Statement. The Clerk had received information regarding the PC's Website Accessibility Statement, and how the PC was required to comply with this. The Clerk would contact Paul Whitehouse (webmaster) to discuss. **Action Clerk.**