

**PARISH OF ABBOTS LEIGH**  
**Virtual Meeting of Abbots Leigh Parish Council**  
**Held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 7.00pm via Zoom Meetings**

**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 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 (previously circulated) were signed as a true record. STP to provide the Clerk with signed copy as soon as convenient. **Action STP.**

3. Matters arising

DD reported that the NSC Public Space Protection Order for Abbots Pool should be passed on Thursday.

4. Planning

**Applications:-**

No applications received.

**Approvals:-**

**20/P/2434/FUL - 28 Church Road, BS8 3QP.** Raise and replace rear garden terrace and landscape works to front and rear garden. **Approved with conditions relating to privacy screens.**

**Refusals:-**

**20/P/2694/FUL - Sunnyside, Blackmoor Road.** Proposed erection of a two storey rear extension.

**Other Planning Matters**

None.

5. Ward Councillor's Report

DD had been in discussion with STP regarding traffic, and NSC would be sorting out the Clearway on Beggar Bush Lane, the scheme would continue all around Ashton Court. NSC would possibly also include Weir Lane and Manor Road up to the entrance of Abbots Pool.

There was a health scare with the new mutation of Covid-19, which was now in BS8. People should not be crossing the bridge out of Bristol City Council area to exercise in North Somerset area.

The Local Plan consultation had now finished and NSC were working on responses. NSC seemed relaxed about the submission that ALPC had made. If there was to be some smaller developments in the Green Belt, the field opposite St Katherine's School would suit.

More spoil was being tipped near the kennels, and DD had reported this. A new gate had been erected in Blackmoor Road to move livestock from one field to another.

STP asked who would be enforcing the Abbots Pool PSPO. DD presumed the same people who carry out all enforcement in NSC.

6. Neighbourhood Plan

STP updated members on this. The NSC six week consultation started last Monday. NSC had asked MS to distribute the flyer and information to those who had responded to the local consultation. He would email this. MS suggested the PC should comment on this, highlighting important aspects, and in particular in regard to the unpleasant comments received about the principles of how the NP was formed. STP agreed that the PC should respond about important aspects but commenting on the unpleasant comments was not necessary. MS would draft comments. **Action MS.**

The Examiner had been appointed, but it was uncertain how she could visit the area as she lives in Sussex. Hopefully by May this would be easier.

The Northern Corridor paper was now on the website. RN asked if this was to do with the NP. MS advised it was offering a comment on the most recent consultation document.

7. Community Land Trust

STP advised that if anyone had not yet commented, the Alliance Homes website was still accepting comments. **Action ALL.**

8. Conservation Area

RN had heard back from the Civic Society, who had stated that they agreed that they had insufficient information to respond fully but were not opposed to the concept. They were not clear what effect the proposal would have on the residents of the area and had asked for RN to attend a future committee meeting to explain. **Action RN.**

RN advised that Kate Hudson-McAulay's (NSC) last email had suggested it might be worth widening the Conservation Area to include some of the fields outside of the boundary, which may become an attraction for development in the future.

RN would soon be able to put something on the website, explaining what a Conservation Area would mean for residents. He would consider putting on two options of different sizes. **Action RN.**

9. Ecobrick Project

STP advised that this was a Civic Society project, but the PC would purchase the bin and the CS would provide a grant for it. MS advised that they may buy it themselves. The bin would be sited in The George car park.

10. Financial

Approval of Accounts for Payment – February 2021

MS would provide evidence of cost of the verge cutting (Ros Macbeth payment of £175.00) to the Clerk. **Action MS.**

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

11. Village Matters

- i. Police Report - December 2020 = 1 Violence and Sexual Offence in Dennyview Road. DD advised that any firearms incidents would not be included in the local Redwood Beat crime figures.
- ii. Village Hall - The Clerk reported that she had received a request for the Police & Crime Commissioner Election on 6<sup>th</sup> May from 6.00am to 10.00pm at the Village Hall. STP advised that the car park scheme could soon move on. He had received a price for the soakaway. The architect had come up with a sketch, and STP had asked him for a broad budget for the whole scheme.
- iii. Former Skittle Alley - STP reported that James was still operating outside as a one-to-one personal trainer.

- iv. Traffic Issues & Footpaths - STP reported that NSC would soon be raising the cycle path opposite Ashgrove Avenue, where it regularly floods. The gulleys had all been cleaned out. Leigh Warren – plan to put in another soakaway opposite. STP would promote a socially distanced litter pick at the end of March. **Action STP.**  
RN reported that the crossroads sign on the A369 had been reinstated, but the post was too low. There was a possibility of pedestrians hitting their heads. Report to Liam Abercrombie at NSC. **Action STP/Clerk.**
- v. Verges - Nothing to report.
- vi. Playing Fields & Events - STP reported that Kevin Weekes had repaired the fence at the bottom of the playing field. STP had also been complimented that the dog bin was being emptied regularly. In the bottom corner of playing field the Civic Society have been stacking pallets for bonfire night. This had now become a den for youngsters. STP would ask the Civic Society to remove to another location (Paulina’s stables perhaps). STP would speak to Drew. **Action STP.**
- vii. Village Orderly - STP reported that Nigel Mail was not taking away his arisings when he cuts back overgrowth. STP would ask Kevin Weekes to clear this. **Action STP.**

12. Communications

Nothing to report.

13. Clerk’s Report

The Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2021-2022 = £8.32. Clerk to send out the list of Parish Council Powers & Duties to all members. **Action Clerk.**