

PARISH OF ABBOTS LEIGH - NOTICE OF MEETING
Virtual Meeting of Abbots Leigh Parish Council
Held on Monday 8th March 2021 at 7.00pm via Zoom Meetings

MINUTES

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

Apologies: None.

1. Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda

None.

2. Previous meeting held on 8th February 2021

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8th February 2021 (previously circulated), were signed as a true record. STP to provide the Clerk with a signed copy as soon as convenient.

3. Matters arising

4. Planning

Applications:-

21/P/0425/FUL - Orchard Lodge, Manor Road, BS8 3RS. Demolition of existing dwelling, annexe, stable block, shed and oil tank store and erection of a dwelling and detached annexe. ***No objections in principle, but Councillors were concerned about the metal roof. It would be more in keeping if it were a pantile roof.***

Approvals/Refusals:-

Application 20/P/3127/H2PA – Woodland Bungalow, Abbots Leigh Road, BS8 3QA. Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposal to increase the height of the dwelling by one storey to a maximum of 9.0 metres. **Prior approval is required and granted.**

20/P/2668/FUH - 2 Manor Cottages Abbots Leigh Road, BS8 3QG. Proposed erection of a single storey rear extension and associated internal alterations, rebuilding of side bay window on the West elevation with a narrow balcony above to first floor level. Remodelling of existing double garage into a single garage with guest room above/adjacent. **Approved.**

Other Planning Matters

Planning Application No. 21/P/0184/LDE Certificate of Lawful Development for use of land at Staddlestone House, Sandy Lane, Abbots Leigh, as part of the residential curtilage serving Staddlestones House.

Councillors had no objection in principle to the application, but did have concerns that if the residential curtilage was extended, as sought in this application, future outbuildings could potentially be created and / or converted to residential use under "Permitted Development"

powers. Councillors request a Condition be applied to this application, if approved, to ensure any such Permitted Development rights are withdrawn, and any alterations to buildings should be subject to planning permission being granted.

Blackmore Road – Following discussion, STP and RN would investigate further, as no conclusion was made.

5. Ward Councillor's Report

DD reported on issues at Glen Farm, where clearing of foliage was being carried out outside of planning conditions. NSC Enforcement would visit site.

There had been an alleged leak of milk products from a farm in Failand into Martcombe Brook. The Environment Agency were investigating.

The 'Clearway' around Ashton Court was now progressing, which would hopefully include the length of Manor Road up to Abbots Pool. Waiting for updates on parking places at Tanpits Lane.

STP was trying to obtain more information on the PSPO. He had asked Jason Cox what had been included for Abbots Pool. He suggested a Management meeting before Easter.

6. Neighbourhood Plan

MS updated all on the NP. A draft response had been circulated to all members. Alterations to be made to a sentence in Section 3, also a spelling error to be corrected. MS encouraged all to make comments on the consultation website or send an email, as individuals, but highlighting what they are responsible for within the Parish.

RN asked if building design was included in the NP. MS confirmed that it was not, but a design plan could be developed at any time. STP suggested writing with support, as the PC had a Character Statement, Neighbourhood Plan etc. **Action STP/RN.**

7. Community Land Trust

STP reported that the CLT was hoping to submit the planning application in the next few weeks. A design meeting with the architects and Alliance Homes would be held tomorrow. A board meeting would be held on 17th March.

8. North Somerset Local Plan 2038

MS reported that a public meeting of SPEDR committee on would be held on Wednesday afternoon. Nothing further to report.

9. Conservation Area

RN reported on this. He planned to send a letter, survey and plan to residents within the walls which should be protected, which probably included most of Church Road. Residents would be asked to complete and respond either by email or put through JP's letterbox at the Village Hall. Clerk to check with JP tomorrow. More information was also available on the village website. **Action RN/Clerk.** Consultation would finish on Easter Monday.

10. Local List Heritage Handbook

MS asked if having a list was a good thing. This would mainly include the older cottages. Would the idea and the criteria they would choose be OK or not. RN – this would be useful for the Conservation Area. All members should think of relevant properties, for discussion at next meeting. MS would send round a reminder with list of Listed buildings. **Action MS.**

11. Financial

Approval of Accounts for Payment – March 2021

MS proposed and STP seconded approval of the Accounts for Payment for March 2021. Agreed.
Action Clerk.

12. Village Matters

- i. Police Report - Crime figures for January 2021 – 1 x burglary in Manor Road, 1 x burglary in Church Road and 1 x possession of weapons in Church Road.
- ii. Village Hall - JB reported that all was very quiet, and that no bookings had been received. The VH would probably reopen in May. JP had received no enquiries. STP suggested contacting the clubs that previously used the VH to encourage them to return. JP asked about the two green waste bins from NSC. JP to pay for this and claim reimbursement from the PC. RN waiting for QS assessment on the different surfacing costs for the car park.
- iii. Former Skittle Alley - Nothing to report.
- iv. Traffic Issues & Footpaths - The cycle path near Leigh Warren had now been lifted. NSC confirmed that the recently replaced crossroads sign was too low, and there was an order now in for it to be put in at the correct height. The damaged Abbots Leigh village sign on Haberfield Hill had now been reported to Liam Abercrombie by STP.
- v. Verges - Nothing to report.
- vi. Playing Fields & Events - Fences had now been repaired and were looking much better. STP would be asking the CS to remove the pallets, as they were becoming a hazard. Informal group of parents would be keeping an eye on the play area and making suggestions for planting or tidying. There was a suggestion of having a play equipment box for young children's toys. Ask Nigel Mail to cut back brambles and ivy etc. **Action Clerk.**
- vii. Village Orderly - See above.
- viii. Abbots Pool - STP had asked Jason Cox for a Management Committee meeting before the Easter holidays. He had not yet responded, so STP would follow up. **Action STP.**

13. Communications

STP reported the litter pick would be on Sunday 21st March. He would send a reminder email out the week before.

14. Clerk's Report

20's Plenty for North Somerset – Following discussion, it was agreed that the PC supported the idea, but it was not relevant in Abbots Leigh.

NSC Green infrastructure draft strategy consultation – Send to Cat Abel and STP. **Action Clerk.**