

PARISH OF ABBOTS LEIGH - NOTICE OF MEETING
Abbots Leigh Parish Council
Held at Abbots Leigh Village Hall on Monday 21st June 2021 at 7.30pm

MINUTES

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

1. Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda

None.

2. Previous meeting held on 17th May 2021

Following amendment of actions, the minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 17th May 2021 (previously circulated) were signed as a true record.

3. Matters arising

RN had ordered printed magnetic signs from NIBRA Signs to go into the notice boards.

4. Planning

Applications:-

21/P/1399/LDE – Tara, Manor Lane, BS8 3RU. Certificate of Lawfulness for the existing continued use of an area of land as part of the rear garden of the residential property. **Object. No evidence of being used as residential.**

21/P/1526/NMA – Leigh Warren Bungalow, Abbots Leigh Road. Minor material amendment to permission **19/P/0734/FUL**, to allow for 450mm increase in ridge height of the approved dwellings, alterations to the elevations. This includes the replacement of the chimneys with a flue, proposed cladding revised so that it extends to ground level. **Councillors objected to this application. The applicant must have been aware that there was rock under the property, prior to submitting the original application. DD also to contact Louise Grover of NSC.**

21/P/1549/FUH – 19 Dennyview Road, BS8 3RD. Proposed erection of a two storey side extension, rear veranda and raised terrace. **Councillors objected (see RN email). Check 50% rule.**

Other Planning Matters

5. Ward Councillor's Report

Clean Air Zone. MS reported that a resident of the village had raised the issue and asked what the PC was going to do about it, and should the PC be making some complaint about the impact of the zone on the village.

DD reported that Bristol City Council were breaking the law with emissions and had been forced by the Government to give plans on how to get air pollution down. BCC were planning to make the Centre, Hotwells, and the A370 CAZs. If vehicles did not meet the requirements for emissions, they would have to pay a charge if travelling through the zone. NSC was unhappy about the inclusion of the Cumberland Basin and the Portway. Confirmed that can use Bower Ashton. Minister response said that Bristol CC had to sort out the air pollution, and that the impact of diverting traffic into NSC was not sufficiently high enough to increase pollution levels into action.

MS and STP suggested the PC write to object to the plans, due to the effect of the CAZ on the A369. **Action STP/MS.**

And NSC Executive meeting would be held on Wednesday for the Busback project. NSC would be asking for Government funding.

The NP was going to the NSC Executive on Wednesday for approval, then to go forward to referendum in September.

STP reported that NSC had just been warning people not to swim at Abbots Pool, but not actually stopping them from swimming. The swimmers should be fined on the spot.

The planned Clearway was proceeding, and it was a priority.

6. Neighbourhood Plan

MS had circulated an update on the NP. If approved, it would go to referendum on 23rd September. This had been advertised in The Link, and residents should receive a polling card. RN had attended an NSC Town & Planning Workshop on Planning Permission and the Local Plan. In the presentation, it was stated that NSC was short of new housing by 5,000 – where was the capacity for that? Would some of that number need to be in the Green Belt, or maybe in small areas of land? NSC would be looking at settlement boundaries. MS asked if the PC should be talking to NSC about this. DD suggested speaking to Celia Dring. STP pointed out that this was already in the Neighbourhood Plan, so there would be no harm in reminding NSC.

7. Community Land Trust

The planning application for affordable housing at Chapel Pill Lane had now been submitted to NSC. There had been close to equal responses for supporting and objecting.

8. North Somerset Local Plan 2038

See Item 6.

9. Conservation Area

RN had put an item in The Link.

10. Village Hall Car Park

Nothing further to report.

11. Financial

Approval of Accounts for Payment – June 2021. STP proposed approval, MS seconded. Agreed. **Action Clerk.**

12. Village Matters

- i. Police Report - The Clerk reported that the PCSOs for Abbots Leigh were Olivia Newell and Connor Aitken. One or the other would be invited to the next PC meeting. **Action Clerk.**
- ii. Village Hall - JB reported there was still not much happening. JP had received a request to use the hall in August, and JB agreed to open up as JP would no longer be here then. The Clerk reported on the applicant for the Caretaker. JB suggested also placing the advert in the notice board, and contact Jobcentre. STP had asked Sean Dorrington to come to look at what needed to be done to repair the chimney. This would involve pricing for some scaffolding. STP had also asked him to investigate the storeroom in the flat, and perhaps install a rooflight. Works were also needed to the kitchen and the bathroom. **Action STP.**
- iii. Former Skittle Alley - Nothing to report.
- iv. Traffic Issues & Footpaths - STP would look up a table of landowners and pass to MW. Both to liaise with Pill & EIG Footpaths working group (Cllr Davies). There were potential Ideas for linking from the Church onto Blackmoor Road. STP reported that the soakaway planned for outside Leigh Warren had still not been done. **Action STP/MW.**
- v. Verges - Nothing to report.
- vi. Playing Fields & Events - Clerk to check works required to equipment in the playing field. **Action Clerk.** The Festival in the Field would be held on Sunday 12th September 2021. **Action Clerk.**
- vii. Village Orderly - Nothing to report.
- viii. Abbots Pool - STP had reminded Sean Dorrington about the handrail. Bicycle racks (3) had now been installed. STP to provide the Clerk with receipt for reimbursement of installation costs. **Action STP/Clerk.**
- ix. Civic Society - MS reported the CS would be meeting in a few weeks, but nothing further to report.

13. Communications

RN had now ordered magnetic signs for the notice boards.

14. Clerk's Report

The Clerk requested that the PC consider Internet banking – following discussion, all agreed to go ahead with this.
Action Clerk.

JB and MS gave their apologies for the next meeting.