

PARISH OF ABBOTS LEIGH
Meeting of Abbots Leigh Parish Council
Held at Abbots Leigh Village Hall, Church Road
Monday 17th May 2021 at 7.30 pm

MINUTES

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

1. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Parish Council

The Clerk asked for nominations for the position of Chair of the Parish Council for 2021-2022. MW proposed STP, MS seconded. There being no further nominations, STP was elected Chair of the Parish Council for the forthcoming year.

The Chair asked for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Parish Council for 2021-2022. STP proposed MW, MS seconded. There being no further nominations, MW was elected Vice-Chair of the Parish Council for the forthcoming year.

2. Declarations of Acceptance to Office

STP signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office for the position of Chair for the forthcoming year.

3. Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda

None.

4. Previous meeting held on 8th March 2021

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8th March 2021 (previously circulated) were signed as a true record.

5. Matters arising

Blackmoor Road – Lifting of Article 4 Direction. STP and RN had circulated comments. All members were opposed to the lifting of Article 4, and these comments had been forwarded to Simon Exley of NSC.

Local List Heritage Handbook – Circulated to all members and letter with suggestions had been sent to Kate Hudson-McAuley of NSC.

6. Planning

i. Applications:

21/P/1017/FUH – 14 Church Road, BS8 3QP. Proposed erection of a single storey rear infill extension, to the rear patio and associated internal and external alterations. ***Neighbour concerned about rear boundary details with the elevated terrace and the height of the fence. No objections provided it is within the permitted property has not been extended more than 50% of the original footprint.***

21/P/1188/FUH – Acres Holt, Valley Road, Leigh Woods, BS8 3PZ. Erection of an orangery to the rear of the proposed dwelling. ***Object on the grounds of overdevelopment of the site.***

21/P/1074/MMA – Acres Holt, Valley Road, Leigh Woods, BS8 3PZ. Variation of condition 2 of 19/P/0547/FUL (Erection of a dwelling with a detached garage and swimming pool, and the construction of a new access and driveway (following the demolition of existing house and garage) to allow the addition of an attic and basement to dwelling under construction. ***Object on the grounds of overdevelopment and no information, and whether this had already been constructed.***

21/P/1282/AOC – Glen Farm Cow Shed, Sandy Lane, BS8 3DE. Discharge condition No. 7 (construction management) of planning approval 20/P/0684/FUL. ***No comments.***

ii. Approvals:

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.

iii. Other Planning Matters

8 Dennyview Road – DD advised of the changes that the applicants had made to the proposal. No further objection to this application.

7. Ward Councillor's Report

The Clerk had circulated the Enforcement List for Abbots Leigh.

More soil tipping was going on opposite Blackmoor Road, behind the dog kennels. He had taken photographs of this happening, and asked if the PC wanted to progress this, as it was near to a water course.

MW – new waste bins at the new entrance to Grangewood House had appeared. (Airbnb 'The Pavilion').

NSC was pushing on with Clearway around Ashton Court, to include Weir Lane and Manor Road.

Leigh Woods Parking Scheme was progressing.

Waiting to hear back from Bristol City Council on the Clean Air Zone. Had spoken with Marvin Rees, who advised that he was being pushed by Government, and was required to include the Cumberland Basin in the Zone. NSC had lodged objections but was waiting to for a response.

There was a new Government backed nationwide strategy called Bus Back Better, which would change the way buses were run. Buses would be given priority as part of the funding. More information to come.

8. Neighbourhood Plan

MS reported on this. It had moved on much quicker than expected and the Examiner had given his report. A number of small changes to a few the policies had been suggested. He had asked that the social housing at Chapel Pill Lane be removed from the Plan, as this should be a decision for the local planning authority. Also recommended removal of barn conversions for the same reason. The NP would need to be amended as per the Examiner's comments. The referendum would be held in September and be run by NSC. Now need to decide whether the PC wanted to withdraw the NP or continue with it. All agreed not to withdraw the plan. Agreed.

9. Conservation Area

RN reported on this. Following the result of the consultation of the 70 people asked, there was a 35% response. 18 out of 50 responded. In favour = 14, 12 of which were totally in favour and 2 of which were 'in favour', against and totally anti = 2, 10 = against with one abstention. MW suggested there should be more than 60% in favour to go ahead with the scheme.

14/10 currently, but maybe now move to a public meeting to discuss further. MS advised that it was a recommendation in the NP.

RN would put an item in The Link to let people know the majority was in favour, then perhaps arrange a residents' meeting in July. The PC's view would be informed by the public debate. MW suggested it should be wider than the people that would be affected.

10. Local List Heritage Handbook

MS had written a letter to NSC, agreeing a Local List Heritage Handbook was a good idea. It would maybe be a good idea to have the PC or CS to take a strategic overview. This may tie in the Conservation Area. Wait until Conservation Area discussion progresses, then see if this could be included with it.

11. Financial

- i. Approval of Annual Governance Statement 2020-2021. This had been circulated by the Clerk. MW proposed approval, seconded by MS. Approved. **Action Clerk.**
- ii. Approval of Accounts Statements 2020-2021. This had been circulated by the Clerk. MW proposed approval, seconded by MS. Approved. **Action Clerk.**
- iii. Approval of Internal Auditor 2021-2022 – Clive Marshall had agreed to be the internal auditor for the PC for 2021-2022. All agreed. **Action Clerk.**
- iv. Approval of Accounts for Payment for May 2021. The Accounts for Payment had been circulated by the Clerk. STP proposed approval, seconded by MW. Approved. **Action Clerk.**

12. Village Matters

- i. Police Report - Police Crime Figures for February 2021:- Manor Lane – 1 x vehicle crime; Sandy Lane – 1 x burglary. March 2021 figures:- Manor Road – 1 x theft from person; 1 x violence & sexual offences.
- ii. Village Hall - JB reported on this. Bookings were now starting to increase again. A few children's parties had been booked for later in the year. John Prodger had decided to retire this year. He would be leaving at the end of July. STP suggested the PC would need to be open minded about his replacement. Advertise as previously (either live in or out). Various refurbishment works would need to take place in the flat, prior to anyone else living in it. Clerk to find out where it was advertised. Also put an item in the Link.
- iii. Former Skittle Alley - The estimate for the car park was over £100k, so STP and RN looked at providing less spaces and lower the specification. STP would request another price for the car park from a local builder. **Action STP.** The soakaway estimate from Andersons was £7k. Due to the current high building costs, it may be worth putting this project on hold.
- iv. Traffic Issues & Footpaths - Nothing to report.
- v. Verges - Street lights not working – o/s Abbots Way. Any main road streetlights should be reported on the NSC website. A resident would like to put up some no parking signs on the verges in Manor Road.
- vi. Playing Fields & Events - STP reported that some clearance work had been carried out.
- vii. Village Orderly - As above.
- viii. Abbots Pool - STP advised that cycle racks would be being supplied by NSC and installed by volunteers. and asked if the PC would contribute to the installation costs of approx. £20.00. Agreed. MS asked STP to chase the handrail. **Action STP.**

There was due to be a NSC meeting regarding enforcement at the pool, with an attempt to come up with a strategy for the area. NSC was very keen to get some people fined soon, to get the message out. This could be done by PCSOs. Clerk to find out who the current PCSOs were and ask them to come to the next meeting. Talking about getting the remaining litter bin removed. JB asked if the signs were big enough. STP advised that this was due to be reviewed.

13. Communications

RN reported on the notice boards. STP had put some headings in them, but RN advised that he would order more professional ones. Nibra signs could do this. **Action RN.**

MW had circulated something about the Civic Society wanting to change its Terms of Reference. He suggested having a standing item at the PC meetings, and the Civic Society should do the same.

14. Clerk's Report

The electricity supplier for the Village Hall had now been changed to EDF Energy.

Items for the Annual Parish Meeting – Conservation Area, Finance, and STP annual report.