

**PARISH OF ABBOTS LEIGH**  
**Abbots Leigh Parish Council**  
**Held at Abbots Leigh Village Hall on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 7.30pm**

**MINUTES**

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

**Apologies:** Cllr Walker

1. Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda

None.

2. Previous meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021

The minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021 (previously circulated) were signed as a true record.

3. Matters arising

None.

4. Planning

**Applications:-**

21/P/2522/FUH	The Dene Glen Avenue BS8 3SD	Erection of a two storey and single storey extension to side of detached house, changes to fenestration and certain existing walls to be reclad with natural stone tiles. <b>No Design &amp; Access statement had been submitted. Clerk to request this from NSC Case Officer.</b>
21/P/1931/FUL	Atcost Barn Glen Farm Sandy Lane	Demolition of existing agricultural building and erection of 1No. dwelling. <b>Councillors objected to this application, as it did not meet Policy.</b>
21/P/1874/FUH	18 Dennyview Road BS8 3RB	Proposed erection of a side and rear single and two storey extensions. <b>No objections but concerned that the solar panels should not be visible from the ground.</b>
21/P/2248/AOC	Orchard Lodge Manor Road BS8 3RS	Discharge of condition No. 14 - finished floor, ground, and ridge height levels on application 21/P/0425/FUL. <b>No comments.</b>
21/P/2343/AOC	2 Glen Cottages Sandy Lane BS8 3SE	Discharge of condition No. 5 – a detailed method statement on application 19/P/3075/FUH. <b>No Comments.</b>

**Approvals/Refusals/Withdrawn:-**

21/P/1602/FUL	Cowshed At Glen Farm Sandy Lane Lower Failand Abbots Leigh BS8 3SE	Minor material amendment to vary condition 2 (approved plans) of permission 20/P/0684/FUL (Change of use of redundant agricultural building (cow shed) to residential use, demolition of existing agricultural building and construction of new bat house) to demolish a small section of the building to create a 1 metre gap between buildings. <b>Approved.</b>
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21/P/1620/FUL	Land To the Southeast of Manor Road Abbots Leigh	Erection of general purpose agricultural building with provision of permeable compacted aggregate access track and hardstanding. <b>Approved with conditions.</b>
21/P/1632/AOC	Orchard Lodge Manor Road Abbots Leigh	Discharge of condition No. 5 Method Statement and No. 9 Construction Method Statement on application 21/P/0425/FUL (Change of use of existing agricultural land to residential curtilage, demolition of existing dwelling, annexe, stable block, shed and oil tank store and erection of a dwelling and detached annexe.) <b>Approved.</b>
21/P/1624/MMA	Cowshed At Glen Farm Sandy Lane Lower Failand	Minor material amendment to permission 20/P/0684/FUL for the variation of condition 3 (Ecological Mitigation and Enhancement Plan) to remove reference to the provision of specialist glass and of condition 2 (approved plans and reports) to allow the substitution of a revised Ecological Mitigation and Enhancement Plan. <b>Application withdrawn.</b>
21/P/1739/FUH	25 Church Road Abbots Leigh	Removal of existing conservatory and proposed erection of a replacement single storey timber orangery to the South-West (side) elevation. <b>Approved.</b>

#### Other Planning Matters

None.

#### 5. Ward Councillor's Report

DD reported on problems with the garden waste collection service. NSC were 15% short on drivers. The current service may need change to every four weeks.

There had been an Adult Social Care Government announcement with extra tax funding. NSC Council Tax would still have to increase to cover social care, as the Government funding would not cover it.

The NSC Spending Review was due to be announced at the end of October 2021.

#### 6. Neighbourhood Plan Referendum

MS reported on this. Notice of the referendum had now been put in The Link, posters would be erected in noticeboards, the church, and lamp posts, and a circular would also go to all households. The referendum was to take place on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021. **Action MS.**

#### 7. Conservation Area

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RN reported on this.

The survey had been carried out with information and questionnaire delivered to 50 households within the proposed Conservation Area. 18 replied (36%), A further 20 were delivered to those households with just their stone wall fronting Church Road proposed to be included in the area, from which a further 7 replied giving a total response of 25).

There were 14 responses in favour - 56%, 10 not supportive 40% and 1 abstention of the 25 that responded.

After the responses had been received Cllrs had met with Dr Kate Hudson-McAuley of NSC which included a walk around the area. There had been comments from respondents that excluding some of the houses would lead to an inequality for permitted development in the area where the character is intended to be upheld. This was also acknowledged by Kate H-M. The conclusion was that whilst several the houses that had not been included were more recent, they still contributed to the special character of the area. Any proposed development near to a protected wall in a conservation area would still be subject to additional requirements, so it was agreed that a more logical and fairer extended Conservation Area should be put to the public meeting on the 22nd September.

Kate HM had explained how a Conservation Area worked and how the decision process would progress. Any publicly supported proposals that the Parish Council provided would then be taken and developed by the Council conservation team. They would then carry out a formal consultation exercise and make a proposal to the District Council Executive. She also explained what changes could be carried out to properties within a CA without needing planning permission.

MS asked if it would be sensible to provide copies of Abbots Leigh Centennial Record: Volume 3 Church Road at the consultation evening. RN agreed. **Action RN.**

8. Village Hall Car Park

STP had met Dave Venables with his ground worker to discuss providing a price for the car park, but he had not responded yet. **Action STP.**

9. Financial

Approval of Accounts for Payment – August & September 2021.

JB proposed approval of the Accounts for Payment for September 2021. STP seconded. Agreed. **Action Clerk.**

10 Village Matters

- i. Police Report - Crime figures for July 2021 – Burglary x 2 in Dennyview Road and Anti-Social Behaviour x 4 in Sandy Lane.
- ii. Village Hall - JB reported that Mick Dillon was now the new Caretaker for the Village Hall, and he had carried out a handover session. Bookings had increased, but a couple had been put off due to the size of the hall and that there was no car parking facility. Agreed a starting budget of £4k for Mick to start works on the flat. Everyone positive about online booking and direct payments into the bank.
- iii. Former Skittle Alley - Nothing to report.
- iv. Traffic Issues & Footpaths - MS reported on a discussion with the Civic Society regarding traffic calming, who may be willing to provide some funding for equipment. He had produced a paper on the matter. The Clerk had provided him with the data from 'Smiley Sid', and STP had done further analysis and would let MS have this. MS would be meeting with the CS on Wednesday. STP suggested asking what specific concerns in which locations that Civic Society members had, so that we could establish where we need to focus our attention. STP would meet with MS tomorrow morning at 10.00am to discuss this. **Action MS/STP.**  
STP and MW would look at reopening closed footpaths, as there was a time limit to apply. **Action STP/MW.**
- v. Verges - MS had circulated information on the upcoming cutting of the verges and hedges. The CS was likely to contribute towards this. The cost had increased this year. The proposal was that the PC's contribution would be increased this year to £225 - an increase of £50. **Agreed.** MS was going to ask Tom Walmsley for an update report on what has been done to-date and what was planned going forward. **Action MS.**
- vi. Playing Fields & Events - The Festival in the Field had gone well. The Clerk to apply for the TEN licence for Bonfire Night on 5<sup>th</sup> November. **Action Clerk.**
- vii. Village Orderly - Kevin Weekes had now taken over from Nigel Mail as Village Orderly.
- viii. Abbots Pool - Neither STP nor DD had heard of any complaints recently. DD had advised the Police to fine anyone breaking the rules, not just give them a warning. The new handrails were pending. STP would chase this up. **Action STP.**
- ix. Civic Society - As above.

11. Communications

RN would find out which church the Remembrance Service would be held in this year. **Action RN.**

12. Clerk's Report

The Clerk requested the PC purchase a printer for Mick Dillon for use at the Village Hall. Agreed. **Action Clerk.**

The Clerk reported on the Government (via NSC) 'Welcome Back Fund' – Following discussion, it was agreed to apply for a couple of picnic benches for the playing field. **Action Clerk.**