

PARISH OF ABBOTS LEIGH
Meeting of Abbots Leigh Parish Council
Held at Abbots Leigh Village Hall on Monday 8th November 2021 at 7.30pm

MINUTES

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

Public Participation

Mr Charlie Allen of 1 Church Road was present to hear about the Conservation Area. He stated that some residents of Church Road were not happy about it as they were not aware of what it would actually mean for them. MW asked Mr Allen if he could let the PC have a list of any questions and concerns of residents, and he was happy to do this.

1. Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda

None.

2. Previous meeting held on 18th October 2021

The minutes of the meeting held of Monday 18th October 2021 (previously circulated) were signed as a true record.

3. Matters arising

4. Planning

Applications:-

21/P/2889/FUH	Longacre Manor Lane BS8 3RU	Proposed erection of bay window extension to front elevation. No objections.
21/P/2694/FUL	Cotham Park Rugby Club Beggars Bush Lane BS8 3TF	Erection of a first floor balcony/viewing area to existing clubhouse. No objections.

Approvals/Refusals/Withdrawn:-

None.

Other Planning Matters

Amended Plans

21/P/1931/FUL – Atcost Barn, Glen Farm, Sandy Lane. **Reiterate previous comments. The principle of the application, if permitted, would set a precedent for future development. Councillors were concerned that the PC was not automatically consulted again following receipt of amended plans by NSC.**

21/P/2621/FUH – The Spinney, Manor Road. **Already approved.**

5. Ward Councillor's Report

MetroWest – decision put back for 6 months to consider environmental issues.

The Bus Service Improvement Plan bid to government was submitted in October, which included the A369.

Local Plan – the next round of consultation should be out at the beginning of 2022.

The Neighbourhood Plan would be formally adopted by NSC tomorrow, which meant the policies contained within it must be included in any decisions made by NSC.

Bristol Clean Air Zone going through. NSC should consider air quality testing near The George.

RN asked about parking charges in Leigh Woods. DD thought it would be next Spring.

6. Conservation Area

Following discussion, all decided that more online debate was required, as Cllrs were unsure where the boundary of the CA should be. Also see Public Participation.

7. Neighbourhood Plan

MS reported that both Parishes would now be thinking about implementation. He had produced and circulated a document. There would be a regular joint meeting with both Parishes, and then each Parish would implement the policies within their own area. He suggested that the Steering Group to reform to take this forward.

8. Local Authority Treescapes Funding

MS reported on this. NSC had offered all Parishes free trees. Planting must be near of visible from a public area. Four places had been suggested – 1. Track opposite entrance to Abbots Pool, 2. Land below the old school field, 3. Path leading from Home Farm Road along to Coronation Avenue, 4. Outside the Church gate (ask for smaller trees here). All planting would be subject to landowner approval. Trees are delivered by NSC, and arrangements would then need to be made to plant them.

9. Financial

Approval of Accounts for Payment – November 2021. Approval of the accounts for payment for November was proposed by RN, seconded by JB. Approved.

Received the North Somerset Council grant of £119.29 for the Village Orderly grant for 2021-2022.

Received the North Somerset Council CIL Income of £770.35 for 21 Church Road.

10. Village Matters

- i. Police Report - The Clerk reported that 1 x Violence & Sexual Behaviour at St Catherine's Mead had been reported in September. Mark Raby had now retired and there would be a new Beat Manager - Lee Kerslake.
- ii. Village Hall - The Clerk had received a complaint about the hedge in the Village Hall garden. No payments would be made to the resident for works they had done to the hedge, but the PC would be reducing the height of the hedge in due course. JB would visit the neighbours. JB talked to Mick about the VH garden. Dispense with border under the windows and just keep the one next to the wall. MW suggested a couple of Cllrs meet with JB to discuss what should be done. RN reported that the surface of the path in front of the hall was becoming slippery. JB to call MW at the beginning of next week to arrange. An 18th birthday party that was held in the hall last week had caused a bit of damage. MW suggested the PC should ask for a deposit of £100 for one off parties.
Wall lights – JB had investigated purchasing replacement LED bulbs, which would be purchased for £5.70 each. May have to change the dimmer. All agreed to go ahead with this. **Action JB.**
JB would be putting up the Christmas decorations on 1st December.
JB & MS would meet to size up the bookshelves in the JB Room.
- iii. Former Skittle Alley - Nothing to report.
- iv. Traffic Issues & Footpaths - Nothing to report.
- v. Verges - Clerk to chase Dave Smith again to cut the verges. Hedge in Manor Road needed to be cut and arisings removed. RN would mention this to the landowner. MW reported that the Manor Lane verges had been cut to everyone's satisfaction.
- vi. Playing Fields & Events - The Bonfire Night party had gone well, with over 600 people in attendance. The remains of the bonfire would be removed over the week and the area reseeded. The Clerk to ask Kevin Weekes to cut hedge down the side of the field and remove the cuttings. Also, to trim the remove arisings from the ivy on the road wall.
- vii. Village Orderly - Nothing to report.
- viii. Abbots Pool - Two new sign boards had been erected were looking really good. Chase STP about the handrail.
- ix. Civic Society - MS reported on the issue of traffic calming – he had asked for comments from the CS, and now had a contact at NSC.

11. Communications

MS would not be at next the meeting, but suggested the PC needed to start thinking about the NSC Local Plan. A full document would be coming out in December with public consultation in January. Clerk to add RN to NSC Local Plan Microsoft Teams meeting on Thursday 2nd December at 9.30am.

12. Clerk's Report

There would be a closure of the full extent of Harris Lane on 13th December for 1 day, for Gigaclear to clear blockages and carry out remedial works.