

PARISH OF ABBOTS LEIGH
Meeting of Abbots Leigh Parish Council
Held at Abbots Leigh Village Hall on Monday 18th October 2021 at 7.30pm

MINUTES

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

Apologies: Ward Cllr Davies

1. Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda

None.

2. Previous meeting held on 13th September 2021

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13th September 2021, previously circulated, were discussed and following some amendments, STP would sign as a true record.

3. Matters arising

None.

4. Planning

Applications:-

21/P/2621/FUH	The Spinney Manor Road BS8 3RR	Retrospective application for the erection of a timber fence. <i>Object to high fence, reinstate low level fence on inside of hedge, as previous. Object to planting on the highway.</i>
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Approvals/Refusals/Withdrawn:-

21/P/1874/FUH	18 Dennyview Road BS8 3RB	Proposed erection of a side and rear single and two storey extensions, with the addition of 10No. PV solar panels to the roof. <i>Approved.</i>
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. <i>Approved.</i>
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. <i>Approved.</i>

Other Planning Matters

Project: 16 Church Road, Abbots Leigh, Bristol, BS8 3QP.

Following an in depth discussion of this proposal, Councillors did not object to this proposal at this stage.

5. Ward Councillor's Report

Ward Cllr Davies was not present.

6. Neighbourhood Plan Referendum

MS reported on this. He had summarised the results in The Link and had also thanked those involved. NSC would formally approve the Neighbourhood Plan on Tuesday 9th November.

7. Conservation Area

RN reported on this. He had received a complaint asking what right the PC had to propose this, and that it was upsetting residents. RN had responded that it was included in the Neighbourhood Plan, and that nothing had been agreed yet, so there was no need for residents to be upset. MS suggested that there should now be a further consultation giving more detailed information to residents, also including the rest of the village, not just those in the proposed Conservation Area. Also asking people to identify whether they were in the proposed area, adjacent to it or elsewhere in the village. Also, perhaps consider at a smaller area. RN, STP and MS would form a sub-group to discuss. **Action RN/STP/MS.**

8. Publications at the Village Hall

MS had circulated a suggestion to display books about the area publicly, on a length of shelving in the John Butler Room. JB suggested having a tall set of shelves to the right of the door leading from the main hall to the JB Room. Mick Dillon would be willing to make one. **Action JB/MS.**

9. Village Hall Car Park

STP reported on this. Following receipt of a quantity surveyor's estimate of £77k, then altering the specification, a further contractor's estimate had been received for approx. £50k. All Councillors found this cost unjustifiable, but STP asked all members to think further about this issue. **Action All.**

10. Financial

Approval of Accounts for Payment – October 2021 - JB proposed acceptance and MW seconded approval of the Accounts for Payment for October. Agreed. **Action Clerk.**

11. Village Matters

- i. Police Report - There were no crimes reported in August 2021.
- ii. Village Hall - JB reported that MD was settling in well and making friends with users of the hall. He had been working on the flat and hoped to be moved in before Christmas. STP reported that the new programmable lock had now been installed. MD had worked with the Clerk and the new Cloud phone system was now working well and the wi-fi was now boosted. The booking were now available to make online. STP, JB, MD & JS arrange to meet to discuss charging for set up/clear up times.
- iii. Former Skittle Alley - Nothing to report.
- iv. Traffic Issues & Footpaths - STP reported that MS had submitted a report to the CS on traffic calming and asked for their views. He was currently waiting for the CS to respond. STP reported gullies blocked in numerous places. MW reported that old stiles would be replaced by new gates and kissing gates between Blackmoor Road and Pill Road, near St Katherine's. This work would be carried out mid-late November.
STP reported that the fence had now been removed by the landowner adjacent to the narrow bridleway that goes down to Sandy Lane from the Abbots Pool track.
- v. Verges - MS reported that half of the verges being managed by the Verges Group had been cut. Both the PC and the CS would be contributing to the cost of this. The Wildlife Group had done work to make Poundbatch verge rewilded. The Group would provide a report to the PC. JS to chase David Smith who had been asked to flail the rest of the verges.

- vi. Playing Fields & Events - The Clerk had applied for the TEN licence for the Bonfire Night Party and requested the CS to hold the event.
- vii. Village Orderly - STP reported that Kevin Weekes was now cutting the school field and the grass outside the church every fortnight. The Clerk reported that the quote for the replacement rope was £479 plus VAT. Instruct GB Sport & Leisure to go ahead, as it needed to be done. RN suggested installing some other equipment, and STP suggested he spoke Charlie Mayes of 56 Church Road.
- viii. Abbots Pool - Nothing to report.
- ix. Civic Society - See above.

12. Communications

RN would put an item on the Conservation Area in The Link.
MS reported that The Bike Shed café at The George was helping people to meet and chat.

13. Clerk's Report

Bristol Airport Stage 2 – Engagement Presentation. Due to ongoing covid restrictions, this would be a virtual presentation which you can access from a laptop or mobile device. **Two presentations would held on Tuesday 9th November 2021 between 1300-1500 and Wednesday 10th November 2021 between 1000-1200. You are only required to attend one session.**

Local Authority Treescapes Funding - NSC has been successful in gaining tree planting and aftercare funding from the Local Authority Treescapes Fund to plant 150 large trees and 3,000 whips for new woodland areas. NSC are offering each Town and Parish Council two large trees. The grant money also covers after care for the next 3 years – which will be coordinated by NSC. The PC would need to locate a suitable place to plant, and should contact NSC by 15th November. Clerk forward email.

There would be a closure of Sandy Lane for 75m south from Glen Farm, from 25th October for 3 days, for Bristol Water to replace a fire hydrant.