

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

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Cllrs Talbot-Ponsonby, Walker, Butler, Narracott, Stewart & Ward Cllr Davies

**Apologies:** None.

1. Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda

None.

2. Previous meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021 (previously circulated), were signed as a true record.

3. Matters arising

None.

4. Planning

**Applications:-**

<b>21/P/2969/MMA</b>	<b>Hernhill Manor Lane Abbots Leigh North Somerset BS8 3RU</b>	Minor material amendment to planning permission 20/P/1489/FUH (demolition of porch and decking to the main house. Proposed single storey rear extension with new terrace and balcony. Demolition of lean-to and proposed conversion of garage structure into studio and ancillary accommodation to the main house) to allow for external wall and roof material to be altered for the garage conversion. <b>No comments.</b>
<b>21/P/2419/FUL</b>	<b>Flat The Barns Church Road Abbots Leigh BS8 3QU</b>	Land remediation and associated earthworks; to move all basement arisings, together with surface soils from a site strip into the north-eastern corner of the site (currently comprises an unfilled quarry) and import new clean inert sub soil to restore land levels, following site strip, to existing levels. <b>No objections in principle but request a condition that during construction the hours of lorry movements to and from the premises be limited, so as not to clash with vehicle rush hours.</b>
<b>21/P/2939/FUH</b>	<b>30 Dennyview Road Abbots Leigh North Somerset BS8 3RB</b>	Proposed erection of single storey rear and front/side extensions, raising of roof ridge height to enable extension into loft space, with Juliet balcony and front dormer. Erection of a new detached garage. <b>Object to the siting of the double garage in front of the house. Request that Planning Officers ensure compliance with 50% increase in floor area rule.</b>
<b>21/P/2944/FUH</b>	<b>Leigh Lodge 3 Church Road Abbots Leigh North Somerset BS8 3QP</b>	Installation of a sensory water feature and associated landscape works. <b>No objections.</b>

21/P/3232/FUH	18 Church Road Abbots Leigh North Somerset BS8 3QP	Proposed erection of a two storey side extension and attached garage; widening of existing vehicular access. <b>Object on the grounds of overdevelopment in the Green Belt. Also, the inappropriate location of the proposed garage.</b>
21/P/3272/LDP	The Paddocks Manor Lane Abbots Leigh North Somerset BS8 3RU	Certificate of Lawful Development for the proposed erection of a new rear single storey extension to a maximum depth of 2150 mm. <b>No Comments.</b>

**Approvals/Refusals/Withdrawn:-**

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>Approved.</b>
21/P/2621/FUH	The Spinney Manor Road BS8 3RR	Retrospective application for the erection of a timber fenced. <b>Approved (but refused any planting on the highway).</b>
21/P/2889/FUH	Longacre Manor Lane BS8 3RU	Proposed erection of bay window extension to front elevation. <b>Approved.</b>

**Other Planning Matters**

5. Ward Councillor's Report

DD was hoping that the decision for the DCO for the railway would be out before the middle of January, but this was uncertain.

The new Covid Omicron variant was changing things rapidly.

Local Plan moving forward, with further consultation coming out in the new year.

Restructuring of buses going through the village at the end of January, which could mean a quarter hourly service for Abbots Leigh.

Complaints had been received about mud on the road at Beggar Bush Lane from the Bristol Bears site. Councillors agreed that this had now calmed down.

6. Conservation Area

MS reported on the CA, he had met with STP and RN with a view to taking forward the discussion from the last meeting. It was now further forward, but still a work in progress, to be finalised at the January meeting. The key conclusion was that it should be a larger area, stretching from The George to the end of Church Road, including areas that had previously been omitted.

7. Neighbourhood Plan

Nothing to report.

8. Financial

Approval of Accounts for Payment – December 2021. The Clerk reported there had been a problem with the switch from Bank of Scotland to Unity Trust Bank. The switch date had now been confirmed as 21<sup>st</sup> December, and Accounts for Payment for December would be raised then. **Action Clerk.**

9. Village Matters

- i. Police Report - There were no crimes reported in Abbots Leigh in October 2021.
- ii. Village Hall - JB/Clerk reported on the problems with double booking in the Hallmaster website, which had now been sorted out. Just waiting for Paul Whitehouse to put it back on the village website. Mick Dillon had carried out a major clear out of the garden. The Clerk had asked Kevin Weekes to contact Mick with regard to clearing the cuttings. The wall lights in the main hall had now been changed to 6w LED lights. Mick was hoping to make a bookshelf for the JB room, but he did not have the correct wood for the job. He would buy in some new timber, the cost of this and of Mick making it would be approx. £300. Sean Dorrington had still not fitted the rooflight in the flat. STP asked if anyone knew a small builder that would be able to do this. **Action All.**
- iii. Former Skittle Alley - Nothing to report.
- iv. Traffic Issues & Footpaths - NSC had received a complaint from a resident of Dennyview Road. STP had sent NSC all the data from the 'Smiley Sid' speed recordings. NSC advised that nothing would be done unless there was a fatality. STP sent on the data anyway and asked NSC to investigate and give some guidance on what would make a difference. **Action STP.**
- v. Verges - MS reported on the Wildlife Group working at the Poundbatch verge to make a wildflower meadow. More discussion would need to take place regarding any signage being sited at Poundbatch. **Action MS.**
- vi. Playing Fields & Events - Nothing to report.
- vii. Village Orderly - STP thought the cutting of the old school field fortnightly had now settled down.
- viii. Abbots Pool - NSC had still not erected the PSPO signs, and STP would follow this up. Still no price received from Sean for putting up the rail, but also needed to get permission from the owner of the wall. **Action STP.**
- ix. Civic Society - MS reported there had been a lot of discussion about lessons to be learnt from the firework display. The CS was reminded that it was due to let the PC have its comments on traffic calming. This would carry forward. MW reported on lots of complaints about the firework display at Leigh Court recently, and should this take place again next year, more notice should be given.

10. Communications

Nothing to report.

11. Clerk's Report

There would be a road closure at North Road on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022, to allow National Trust to replace fencing and tree trimming, which was likely to last five days.

MS reported on the Treescape Scheme. The PC would be receiving forty small whips and three larger trees. There would be discussion with landowners and neighbours with regard to exactly where and what. The trees would be planted by a volunteer group, and this needed to be done by the end of February.