

PARISH OF ABBOTS LEIGH - NOTICE OF MEETING
Abbots Leigh Parish Council
Held at Abbots Leigh Village Hall on Monday 17th January 2022 at 7.30pm

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Talbot-Ponsonby, Butler, Narracott, Stewart, Walker (8.15pm), Ward Cllr Davies & J Smart (Clerk)
Apologies: None.

1. Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda

None.

2. Previous meeting held on 13th December 2021

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13th December 2021 (previously circulated) were signed as a true record.

3. Matters arising

The new shelves had been fitted in the John Butler room.

NSC Tree Scape project – MS reported that two holes had been dug and other trees would be arriving this week or next.

4. Planning

Applications:-

21/P/3314/TPO	Myrtle Cottage Pill Road Abbots Leigh	T1 – Ash – Fell due to Ash Dieback. <i>NSC Officer to decide.</i>
21/P/3386/LDP	19 Dennyview Road Abbots Leigh	Certificate of Lawful Development for a single storey building in garden at rear. <i>No comments, although Councillors would like it conditioned that the building could not be used as a separate dwelling.</i>

Approvals/Refusals/Withdrawn:-

21/P/2969/MMA	Hernhill Manor Lane Abbots Leigh North Somerset BS8 3RU	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. <i>Approved.</i>
21/P/2944/FUH	Leigh Lodge 3 Church Road Abbots Leigh North Somerset BS8 3QP	Installation of a sensory water feature and associated landscape works. <i>Approved.</i>
21/P/2889/FUH	Longacre Manor Lane BS8 3RU	Proposed erection of bay window extension to front elevation. <i>Approved.</i>

Other Planning Matters

More development had taken place at Stoke Leigh Lodge, The Avenue. STP to check issues with Enforcement Officer.
Action STP.

5. Ward Councillor's Report

DD reported there had been a revision of services by First Bus – there would now be 2 buses per hour (only X4, no X3). The number of staff off sick was very high. Bus usage was 2/3rd lower than pre-pandemic. Government funding would end at the end of April.

Sgt. Lee Kerslake had taken over from Mark Raby on the Redwood Beat.

The Local Plan was progressing, and nothing in this contradicted the Neighbourhood Plan. The Call for Sites should be coming out next month.

Leigh Woods parking consultation would be launched soon. STP reported that the parking bays had already been marked out. DD suggested writing to Lucy Shomali (NSC) regarding the effect this would have of moving the parking problem into Abbots Leigh.

No news on DCO for MetroWest.

Weir Lane and Manor Road were in the TPO for the Clearway plans in Beggar Bush Lane. Long Ashton Parish Council had objected as it thought parking should remain in Longwood Lane.

NSC budget was likely to increase by 2.99%.

6. Conservation Area

STP reported that some residents of Church Road were against the Conservation Area.

RN had issued a revised potential plan. STP had suggested at the previous meeting that more houses were included in Church Road. RN amended the plan and would circulate this. STP, MS & RN to bring a written proposal to the next meeting. **Action STP/RN/MS.**

7. Neighbourhood Plan

MS reported there was now an Implementation Group that would be progressing with actions.

8. Traffic Calming

MS had circulated a paper on this, and the Civic Society had written a note with ideas for traffic calming. He suggested forming a small group to look at it in more detail. STP suggested that official traffic surveys should be carried out (with a contribution from the CS) and then progress any suitable schemes from that. DD suggested that air quality surveys should also be carried out. STP suggested asking NSC to conduct some speed surveys – 1 at Sandy Lane and 1 at Dennyview Road, 1 below at the dip after Home Farm Road, and 1 by The George. JB suggested trying to extend the 30mph up past Home Farm Road. STP advised this had been tried before, but the PC should push for it again. STP would find out the cost from NSC, and also enquire about air quality monitoring. RN would also investigate air quality monitoring **Action STP/RN.**

9. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

JB reported that Steve Livings had written to JB & MS to ask if it would be appropriate to provide a mug for the children of the village. Neither thought this would be appropriate. MS suggested that this event would be the responsibility of the Civic Society. The CS would be meeting next week, and MS would ask if anything was planned. The PC would be supportive of any event and would contribute to it. The PC could offer the CS the use of the Village Hall. **Action MS.**

10. Financial

Approval of Accounts for Payment – January 2022 - MS proposed approval of the Accounts for Payment for January, seconded by STP. Agreed. **Action Clerk.**

Budget 2022-2023 - The Clerk had circulated the draft budget, and members went through this one item at a time. Agreed the draft budget for 2022-2023.

Precept Request 2022-2023 - The Precept Request to NSC for 2022-2023 was agreed at £31,550.00. A 2.5% increase, resulting in a Band D property paying £72.35 per year, an increase of £1.85 per household, per year. **Action Clerk.**

11. Village Matters

- i. Police Report - November crime figures = 1 x Vehicle Crime, 2 x Violence & Sexual Offences – Dennyview Road.
- ii. Village Hall - JB reported bookings were still quiet. STP & JB needed to review prices. The Clerk reported there was still a problem with the Hallmaster booking site. STP advised that Sean Dorrington would install the rooflight and repair roof in mid-Feb. **Action JB/STP/Clerk.**
- iii. Former Skittle Alley - STP to ask Sean Dorrington to repair the slats in the side of the building and ask James if the ventilation was working. **Action STP.**
- iv. Traffic Issues & Footpaths - Flooding from Bristol Bears Rugby Training Facility. MW had produced a letter for STP, who would report this to Matthew Kendrick from Grass Roots Rugby, who would direct it to the appropriate person. **Action MW/STP.**
RN suggested that the footway just down from the entrance to Home Farm Road was not wide enough for two people to walk next to each other. STP would investigate. **Action STP.**
Overgrown foliage in Manor Road on right hand side. **Action MS.**
JB and Clerk reported there was a problem with Centregreat maintaining the streetlights. STP would speak to Steve Lloyd (Centregreat). **Action STP/Clerk.**
- v. Verges - Nothing to report.
- vi. Playing Fields & Events - STP reported that some of the parents had requested a spring/rocker type piece of play equipment. He would find out what is required and obtain quotes. **Action STP.** There would possibly be another event held in the field for the Jubilee.
- vii. Village Orderly - Nothing to report.
- viii. Abbots Pool - STP reported that Sean Dorrington would sort out the handrail. Flooding (as above). STP would chase up NSC about the signage. MW asked about the gate and would it be locked. STP reported it would need a new lock. **Action STP.**
- ix. Civic Society - MS reported that the Annual meeting would be held online.

12. Communications

Nothing to report.

13. Clerk's Report

Nothing to report.