

PARISH OF ABBOTS LEIGH - NOTICE OF MEETING
Abbots Leigh Parish Council
Held at Abbots Leigh Village Hall on Monday 11th April 2022 at 7.30pm

MINUTES

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

Apologies: None.

Public Participation

Mr Jon Brewer was present.

1. Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda

None.

2. Previous meeting held on 14th March 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 14th March 2022, previously circulated, were signed as a true record. MS gave an account of the Treescape expenses, to which the PC had previously agreed to contribute £75.00. Due to other donations, this amount would now reduce to £30.00.

3. Matters arising

None.

4. Planning

Applications:-

22/P/0433/LDE	Bosley Manor Road BS8 3RT	Certificate of lawfulness for the existing use of agricultural sheds and surrounding land that have been used for garages, leisure and garden use ancillary to the house. <i>Shed is sited too far from the property to be part of the garden. Also, the shed is sited outside the proposed Settlement Boundary.</i>
22/P/0557/FUH	2 Slate Cottages Manor Lane BS8 3RX	Erection of a single storey rear extension and loft conversion including dormer windows to rear. <i>Establish if the neighbours object. Action MW.</i>
22/P/0610/LDE	Glen Farm Sandy Lane BS8 3SE	Certificate of lawfulness for the existing occupation of the dwelling in breach of condition 4 of planning permission 1361/91 (agricultural occupancy). <i>No comment.</i>
22/P/0580/FUH	The Paddocks Manor Lane BS8 3RU	Erection of a single storey rear extension. <i>No objections.</i>

Approvals/Refusals/Withdrawn:-

22/P/0296/FUH	Cherry Holt Harris Lane BS8 3QX	Erection of a front porch and rear dormer extension. Demolition of balcony at rear and chimney stack to be replaced by steel flue pipe. <i>OBJECT. Approved.</i>
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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. AMENDED PLANS. OBJECT. Approved.
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Other Planning Matters

5. Ward Councillor's Report

DD had attended the leaving lunch for Hester. There was concern about who would now cover for Hester.

There had been £48million of capital and £58million of revenue funding forthcoming from Government for North Somerset for bus services. This would run over three years, starting at the end of this year.

No further news about the MetroWest DCO.

6. Conservation Area

The consultation on the Conservation Area ended on Monday 21st March 2022. There were 106 responses - 83 against, 22 for, 1 neither way. As a significant majority were against, the PC would not be taking the scheme forward. STP had contacted Kate Hudson-Macauley to inform and thank her.

7. Neighbourhood Plan

Nothing to report.

8. North Somerset Local Plan 2038 – Preferred Options

MS reported on this. Working with Pill & EIG on this, using a number of sub-groups. Three legs of possible response. 1. Filling in a 60 box questionnaire. Agreed to prepare a overview paper for submission, as many issues overlap, and this was now moving forward

There had been a meeting about the Settlement Boundary. MS had sent out one possible suggestion to include the Manor Care Home to be included in the boundary. STP – the PC should say what it thinks, and individual people should also comment. Request adjustments prior to agreeing NSC's proposal – include the Manor Care home, remove Treetops, bring in north boundary on Church Road closer to the houses at No.s 1, 3 & ?, back to the earlier 'Village Fence' line. Also, move the line in Manor Lane closer to the back of the houses. MW suggested putting the proposal on the Parish website, so residents could make their own comments. STP proposed MS would supervise making the amendments with STP, then circulate to all members for approval, then put on the website. MS to ind Celia Dring's Village Fence drawing and make adjustments to Settlement Boundary as on the VF. MS would also amend the overview response and circulate this. **Action MS/STP.**

MS went to the exhibition Portishead and talked to some of the Planners.

9. Financial

Approval of Accounts for Payment – April 2022

MW proposed approval of the Accounts for Payment for April 2022, seconded by STP. Approved. **Action Clerk.**

All members discussed the current costs for the refurbishment of the village hall flat.

10. Village Matters

i. Police Report for February 2022

- 1 x Theft Manor Close
- 1 x Burglary Knightcott Road
- 2 x Burglary Dennyview Road
- 1 x Vehicle Crime Dennyview Road

2 x Burglary Church Road
 1 x Vehicle Crime Church Road
 1 x Burglary Clifton College Sports Ground

- ii. Village Hall - JB asked STP to confirm the date of the Annual Parish Meeting, as it had been incorrectly printed in The Link as Wednesday 18th May. STP would correct it in the next issue of the Link to Wednesday 11th May. **Action STP.**

JB reported that both he and Mick Dillon would be away for the APM. Naomi's (Mick's partner) Mother and Father (residents of Harris Lane) had offered to look after the Village Hall whilst Mick was away. As long as the Clerk had their contact details, they would be covered by the PC's insurance policy as volunteers. All members were happy for this to happen.

New rates for rental of the village hall as follows:-

Scale of Hiring Charges	Monday- Friday 9.00 am-11.30pm	Saturday 9.00 am-11.30pm	Sunday 9.00am-6.00pm
One-off Party (Adult) * Max. 8 Hours	£200.00 (£100 deposit)	£200.00 (£100 deposit)	£200.00 (£100 deposit)
One-off Party (Child) * Max. 6 Hours	£100.00 (£50 deposit)	£100.00 (£50 deposit)	£100.00 (£50 deposit)
Main Hall (per hour)	£13.00	£15.00	£15.00
Kitchen (per hour)	£4.00	£5.00	£5.00
John Butler Room (per hour) **	£4.00	£5.00	£5.00
<p>**If booked alone, the John Butler Room charge is £8.00 Monday-Friday, £10.00 Saturday & Sunday</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>PLEASE READ BOOKING CONDITIONS.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">NOTE: For Weddings, parties and functions, a deposit and minimum charges apply. These prices will be subject to increase in April 2023.</p>			

All agreed there would be no further discounts for local groups.

RN had contacted Darren Evans regarding the EPC for the flat. An EPC was currently enforceable by Local Authorities, and by law the PC should be complying. After 2025 local authorities would be paying more attention to it. If the PC wanted to go ahead, 'Easy EPC' had been recommended. STP suggested the PC should get this done once the works to the flat were complete. RN would obtain a price for the Certificate. **Action RN.**

- iii. Former Skittle Alley - Nothing to report.
- iv. Traffic Issues & Footpaths - STP reported on this. Speed surveys had been carried out and information was back. Had a conversation with a NSC Traffic Engineer. The speed through the village was fairly consistent, except at The George, where the average speed was 24mph. STP to write to him to ask him comment on what was found, and what options could be considered. NSC could put speed humps, but it is a major road and are quite expensive. Change the markings to make the road feel narrower – cars would go slower. **Action STP.**

STP reported that the Litter pick had been held, The George provided the sandwiches. Less rubbish than normal.

STP had complained about the Clearway signs – NSC would be doing a review in August and sign was too big and in the wrong place.

- v. Verges - Nothing to report.
- vi. Playing Fields & Events - Clerk to apply for the Temporary Event Notice for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee event.
- vii. Village Orderly - The Clerk had asked Kevin Weekes to rub down and repaint the metal railings near the telephone box.
- viii. Abbots Pool - Nothing to report.
- ix. Civic Society - MS reported an Easter Trail was being organised. No news on the Queen's Platinum Jubilee event, but this was in hand. There had been no meeting in March.

11. Communications

Abbots Leigh land – find out who owns the quarry. MS would investigate. **Action MS.**

The George – STP reported that the septic tank was working much better. There was a lot of grease build up that was blocking the pipes. There was a possibility that it could be replaced in the near future.

12. Clerk's Report

Had asked Kevin Weeks to rub down and repaint the metal railings near the phone box.

Increase in subscription to Village Hall booking system of approx. £50.00 per year.

Clerk would not be available for the June meeting.