

PARISH OF ABBOTS LEIGH - NOTICE OF MEETING
Abbots Leigh Parish Council
Held at Abbots Leigh Village Hall on Monday 9th May 2022 at 7.30pm

MINUTES

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

1. Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda

STP declared an interest in Item 4, application 3, as owner of the property at West Barn, Home Farm.

2. Previous meeting held on 11th April 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11th April 2022, previously circulated, were signed as a true record.

3. Matters arising

None.

4. Planning

Applications:-

22/P/0741/FUH	Windrush Sandy Lane Lower Failand BS8 3SF	Move an existing greenhouse and construct a new swimming pool with a retractable hardwood timber cover. <i>No objections in principle, but as the house was only recently redeveloped and is in the Green Belt, how does this fit in with the original application.</i>
22/P/0853/TPO	Clifton College Sports Club Abbots Leigh Road BS8 3QD	All works recommended by accompanying tree report G1 - Consists of T2047, T2051, T2053, T289 (4 x Sycamore), T2064, T284, T285 (3 x Oak), T286 (Beech) - Fell due failure risk. T280 - Beech - Remove lowest limb beyond squirrel damaged portion. T2070 - Sycamore - Remove due failure risk. T2066 - Oak - Remove due failure risk. T292 - Ash - Remove 2 lowest limbs over car park. T312, T307, T2059 - 3 x Ash - Remove due failure risk. T2060 - Sycamore - Remove due failure risk. T266 & G2 mentioned on application not covered by TPO. <i>Unable to comment, but trust that a condition will be made to replace felled trees with appropriate species.</i>
22/P/0954/TPO	West Barn Home Farm Home Farm Road BS8 3QF	T1 - Ash - Dismantle due early signs of ash dieback. Replant with standard Hornbeam. T2 - Multi-stemmed Ash - Dismantle due signs of ash dieback, no replanting due sycamore growing directly below ash crown. <i>No objections.</i>
22/P/0553/FUH	Mena Pill Road Abbots Leigh BS8 3RF	Rear single storey extension with indoor pool addition to North-East elevation. <i>Object, as Councillors were unable to comment as could not tell what the impact on the neighbouring properties on either side would be. Recommend refusal.</i>

Approvals/Refusals/Withdrawn:-

22/P/0580/FUH	The Paddocks Manor Lane BS8 3RU	Erection of a single storey rear extension. Approved.
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Other Planning Matters

2 Slate Cottages – Neighbours were happy with the application. Clerk to make comments to NSC. **Action Clerk.**

5. Ward Councillor's Report

DD had announced he had stood down as Leader of North Somerset Council. Steve Bridger would take over as Leader. DD would remain Ward Councillor.

The reopening of the railway - Government was minded to approve the DCO, but a new business case would now have to be submitted, confirming that funding was available. All extra costs would need to be borne by WECA and NSC.

Another planning appeal had been received for Atcost Barn.

NSEC, the refuse contractor for North Somerset Council, had decided to accept the new pay offer, so there would be no strike action.

All thanked Don for his time as Leader of the NSC.

6. Neighbourhood Plan

Nothing to report.

7. North Somerset Local Plan 2038 – Preferred Options

The PC's Comments had now been submitted to NSC. STP thanked MS and the Clerk for the outstanding work that had been done on the NP consultation.

Following the meeting with MS, STP & MW, The Forestry Commission consultation had now been submitted by MS. STP would send a copy of the submission to the local FC team. **Action STP.**

8. Financial

Approval of Accounts for Payment – May 2022

Approval of the Accounts for payments for May was proposed by MW and seconded by STP. Agreed. **Action Clerk.**

9. Village Matters

- i. Police Report - The Police crime figures had not been updated since February 2022.
- ii. Village Hall - Following discussion, all agreed that due to budget limitations, the velux window in the small room should not be fitted, and the floor coverings should be carpet. RN and MW would arrange to meet Mick Dillon to discuss finishing the project. **Action RN/MW.**
- iii. Former Skittle Alley - STP would speak to James, as complaints had been received about the noise coming from the gym.
- iv. Traffic Issues & Footpaths - STP had received a detailed response from David Bailey (NSC) to the recent speed monitoring survey. Not a lot could be done, as the results were what would be expected on such a road. One option was that when the road was due for paint relining, make changes to the lines to change driver behaviour. STP to circulate. **Action STP.**
- v. Verges - Nothing to report.
- vi. Playing Fields & Events - Nothing to report.

- vii. Village Orderly - Nothing to report.
- viii. Abbots Pool - STP reported that nothing had been done about the PSPO signs, so there could be a problem with swimmers again as the weather warms up. MW reported that the car park sign had fallen over. STP would chase John Flannigan. **Action STP/DD.**
- ix. Civic Society - The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Plans were going ahead. Decorations would be put around the crossroads area by The George. Events were planned at The George and at Abbots Pool. Clerk to ask Mick Dillon or John Butler where the Union flag was, so this could be flown for the Jubilee. **Action Clerk.**

10. Communications

RN reported that if cover was not found for The Link Editor by July, there could be a problem.

11. Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported on the NSC Street naming consultation. This was unlikely to apply to Abbots Leigh, so no action was necessary.

There had been an increase in Insurance cost of approx. £500. The Clerk was asked to investigate with other insurers.
Action Clerk.