

PARISH OF ABBOTS LEIGH
Abbots Leigh Parish Council
Held at Abbots Leigh Village Hall on Monday 5th September 2022 at 7.30pm

MINUTES

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

1. Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda

None.

2. Previous meetings held on Monday 11th July and 8th August 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11th July and the Planning Meeting held on 8th August 2022, previously circulated, were signed as a true record.

3. Matters arising

See below.

4. Planning

Applications:-

22/P/1631/FUL	Hernhill Manor Lane BS8 3RU	Removal of Condition 4 of permission 20/P/1489/FUL, to allow the use of the garage for commercial/business purposes. Recommend refusal to avoid creating a precedent for developing additional potential dwellings in the Green Belt. In addition, the PC to write to the Chair of Planning & Regulatory Committee and Richard Kent at NSC to draw attention to all the incidences of this type of application in Abbots Leigh Green Belt. There was a Statement in Neighbourhood Plan opposing this type of development.
22/P/2056/NMA	2 Manor Cottages Abbots Leigh Road BS8 3QG	Non material amendment to application 20/P/2668/FUL. It is proposed to swap the double door to the right side of the elevation and have a window on the left side within the existing window and externally insulate the property. No objections.

Approvals/Refusals/Withdrawn:-

22/P/1443/LDP	Upper Farm Cottage Beggar Bush Lane BS8 3TF	Certificate of Lawful Development for the proposed erection of a single storey side extension. Approved.
22/P/1488/NMA	21 Church Road BS8 3QP	Minor material amendment to planning permission 19/P/1715/FUH to allow for alterations to approved 3 bed dwelling (redesign to front elevation, omit chimney, omit first floor rear window, omit door, and reposition of 2No. windows to south elevation.) Approved.
22/P/1532/FUH	Acres Holt Valley Road Leigh Woods, BS8 3PZ	Erection of greenhouse. TBC.

22/P/1617/FUH	Priory Gardens Harris Lane BS8 3QX	Conversion of existing attached garage to living area with wheelchair access, and erection of a new detached garage. TBC.
22/P/1156/FUH	43 Church Road BS8 3QU	Proposed alterations works to roof, balcony and external staircase, addition of external spiral staircase and reconfiguration of entrance. Alterations to fenestration. Approved.
22/P/1157/FUH	43 Church Road BS8 3QU	Proposed single storey extension to the existing detached garage and landscaping works. TBC.
22/P/1699/FUH	4 Blackmoor Road BS8 3RQ	Demolition of existing conservatory, proposed erection of a single storey rear extension, and conversion of attached garage. Enlargement of existing dormer and erection of a detached home office/outbuilding following demolition of existing. TBC.
22/P/1761/LDP	19 Dennyview Road BS8 3RD	Certificate of Lawful Development for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension to existing garage less than 8m deep and matching height and width of garage. Construction of a detached gazebo to rear and adjacent to oil tank. TBC.

Other Planning Matters

Climate Emergency New Build Planning Requirements (Nailsea Town Council) - The Clerk had circulated a letter received from Nailsea Town Council regarding lobbying North Somerset Council to bring in measures to combat climate change within its new build planning requirements. Following discussion, it was thought this issue was not relevant to Abbots Leigh.

5. Ward Councillor's Report

Bus services – The X4 service did seem to be secure. The X5 would be scrapped. Government had more funding to support the buses until next April, although the current problem was recruiting drivers.

6. Neighbourhood Plan Implementation

MS reported that in relation to the Local Plan, the report was now out, and comments had been published. MS had put an item in The Link.

7. Financial

- i. Approval of Accounts for Payment – August & September 2022 - The Accounts for Payment for August were approved. The Clerk would circulate the Accounts for Payment for September next week, as it was too early in the month to have received all invoices. **Action Clerk.**
- ii. Receipts & Payments to end of August 2022 - The Clerk had circulated the Receipts & Payments, and the bank reconciliation to the end of August 2022. An increase in hall bookings had been noted.

8. Village Matters

- i. Police Report - Crimes reported in June 2022 – 1 x Anti-Social Behaviour in Sandy Lane.
- ii. Village Hall - Mick Dillon had identified a large crop of Damsons on the tree in the garden of the Village Hall. Di & Murray Stewart had picked them and donated them to the Community Fridge in Pill.

Councillors had been consulted on a letter from Ed and Tracey Dodds, about the possibility of providing accommodation at the Village Hall for a Ukrainian refugee family. MW had responded saying that given a resident caretaker was already in post, this would not be possible. MS had spoken to Ed and Tracey to explain the PC position. They were grateful for the response from the PC.

JB had a met with Mick last week. The works to the flat were progressing well, the kitchen units were in and the worktops on, and looking really good. The bath, sink and toilet were now installed in the bathroom, but plumbing

had not yet been completed. MD had checked with the manufacturer of the wood burner who had stated that no ventilation was required with the out-put of the model. The PC would require written confirmation of this from the manufacturer.

MD was very keen for the chimney flashings to be repaired, then the flue liner could be installed at the same time. **Action STP/Clerk.**

- iii. Former Skittle Alley - MW suggested that the PC should negotiate an increase in the rent for the Fit Tank, and also charge them quarterly for any services used, rather than annually. Clerk to check lease with regard to rent increase. **Action Clerk.** JB reported there was an ongoing problem with loud music coming from the gym. The fire exit door leading into the garden was regularly propped open. STP suggested James should be informed of every complaint. **Action All.**
- iv. Traffic Issues & Footpaths - MS had completed the report on the NSC traffic speed survey and this had been circulated. The Parish Council was responsible for suggesting any alterations to NSC. MS suggested all read the detailed report and discuss this again in November. **Action All.**

JB asked about the missing streetlight in Manor Road. A replacement had been ordered by the Clerk months ago, and several reminders sent, but Centregreat (supplier) was currently proving very difficult to contact. The Clerk, together with STP would try to find a solution to the lack of contact from Centregreat. **Action STP/Clerk.**

- v. Verges - MS reported the time for cutting the verges was approaching. Ros Macbeth of the Verges Group had advised that the contractor that was used last year, would not be available this year. Prices would probably have increased, and the Civic Society and the Wildlife Group may not be willing to contribute this year. David Smith usually cut most of the verges but was unable to collect the arisings. STP/MS to confirm to the Clerk which verges David Smith should cut, and she would request that he cut the verges ASAP. **Action STP/MS/Clerk.**

STP/Clerk to chase up the Clearway signage and enforcement, as people were still parking there. The review of the signage locations on Manor Road was due. STP to check with David Murphy of NSC. **Action STP/Clerk.**

- vi. Playing Fields & Events - The Festival in the Field would take place this Sunday. The Clerk had applied for the TEN licence. Clerk to call Kevin Weekes to request cutting of the field on Saturday morning, and install the two new benches. The group would be setting up from 1pm. **Action Clerk.**

New Play equipment – STP to request GB Sport & Leisure for a price reduction for removing the mushrooms, then Clerk to ask Kevin to remove them and make good. Then the order could be placed for the new equipment. **Action STP/Clerk.**

- vii. Village Orderly - Remove this item from the agenda. **Action Clerk.**
- viii. Abbots Pool - Jason Cox of NSC had put the formal notices up at the pool, and he advised that the enforcement team would visit on Friday afternoons during the Summer. Feedback on effectiveness to be sought. **Action STP.**
- ix. Civic Society - MS reported that Diana Sayner had raised the issue of graffiti on the green boxes at Pound Batch verge. The Clerk had previously spoken with Diana, who stated she would be happy to continue to remove the graffiti as it arose. The Clerk had emailed Diana to asked what materials were used to remove it, as the Parish Council would obviously fund this whenever required.

9. Communications

John Blain – Following discussion at the August meeting, MS had sent a note of condolence to John's nephew on behalf of the Parish Council. STP had asked Steve Livings to write a piece for the Link, which he did. The funeral would be held on Friday 16th September at 10.30am at Abbots Leigh Church.

10. Clerk's Report

Included in items above.

The Clerk would be on holiday from Thursday 22nd September to Monday 3rd October (inclusive).