

ABBOTS LEIGH CIVIC SOCIETY (ALCS)
Meeting Minutes from 1900 Thursday 19th January 2023
The George Inn

Present Jane Gibbons (Joint Chair), Debra Nelmes (Joint Chair), Gabi Watson, Ian Larthe de Langladure, Rachael Doherty, Adriana Allen, Jon Brewer, Murray Stewart, Paulina Gillespie

Apologies: Henry Burnand

1) We approved the minutes of the meeting held on 29th November 2022

2) Debrief of last event –Children’s Christmas Party

RD, GW and AA. All 40 tickets sold. Cups as presents instead of selection boxes were received well. HB did a great job as Father Christmas. Disco Steve entertainer was excellent involving parents too. Children’s bake off so trophy from cancelled Festival in the Field was awarded.

Treasurers Report

The balance of the accounts are as follows	Current Account	£3435
	Deposit Account	£5011

IL reported that the CS has paid £50 to support the recent allotment get together in the village hall.

3) New Path and playground equipment update in the Village Field

GW reported that GB Sport has the equipment and are hoping to install it the week commencing 23rd January. Final cost to include removing the old mushrooms and installation is £5191.85 excluding VAT. Civic Society to liaise with PC and CS liability is to pay a quarter of this.

4) Traffic Survey and Traffic Calming

MS confirmed that PC are pursuing the relining of the main road.

DN mentioned the 700 allotments which would increase traffic and suggested signs “Please Drive Carefully in Through Our Village” and “thank-you for driving carefully through our village.” Suitable positioning was discussed.

JG proposed a civic society objective for 2023 would be to implement two village suggestions on traffic calming.

5) ALCS AGM

- AGM to be held on Thursday 2nd February in the Village Hall. The hall is booked FOC.
- All committee members to attend if possible and arrive at 6.30pm to set up chairs, bar and committee table.
- Doors open at 7pm, meeting starts at 7.30 and will be finished by 9pm.
- PG to buy wine for the event and hopefully have enough left over for Quiz Night.
- DN mentioned that HB, although absent at meeting, has offered to help on Bar
- AGM to be advertised in the link, on the village WhatsApp and on signs around the village in the café, pub, on telegraph poles and on the village notice boards. All committee members encouraged to spread the word to encourage attendance.
- DN reported that Paul Whitehouse would be standing down and that GW had kindly taken on the role of CS Secretary.
- All present confirmed they were happy to remain on the CS Committee. An assumption was taken that HB would also remain.
- DN to approach a possible new committee member before the AGM and report back.
- Draft powerpoint presentation and prose was shown and discussed by all committee members.
- Agreed that the committee would sit at the front of the meeting and everyone would join in with the presentation as a team effort. DN to write prose accordingly.
- JG reported that the Church Warden will be the Guest Speaker at the AGM to share plans for Holy Trinity Church for 2023 and how the village and church can support each other.

6) Quiz Night

This event is being organised and run by Stephen and Sue Robertson, to be held in the village hall, start at 7pm on 10th March 2023 and the money raised will go to local food banks. The Civic Society involvement is to advertise it, sell the tickets on the website, provide some prizes or a trophy and to run the bar.

Tickets will be £10 to include food.

GW to obtain a drinks license from 7pm until 11pm.

DN/JG to ask Sue how many prizes required?

7) Village event advertising

No progression on this over the festive period. Last meeting confirmed that the local postmen would deliver an A5 flyer to every house if asked. JB has put together some suggestions for the Link and a draft flyer for the village but as yet JG, DN and JB have not met to finalise ideas. Carry forward to next meeting.

8) 2023 Events – proposed dates

Jan		Bike Shed Coffee morning
Feb	AGM	Bike Shed Coffee morning
March	Quiz	Bike Shed Coffee morning
April	Easter Trail – starting after the Church service	Bike Shed Coffee morning
May	Coronation Celebration – light the tree red, white and blue? Have big crown cut out of plywood for children to paint.	Bike Shed Coffee morning
June	Summer drinks party	Bike Shed Coffee morning
July	Tennis Tournament	
August	Exact dates TBC. Mindful that many are away on holiday in Aug	
September	Festival in the Field	Bike Shed Coffee morning
October	MS and DS wine tasting event (new event)	Bike Shed Coffee morning
November	Bonfire Night	Bike Shed Coffee morning
December	Children’s Christmas Party early December	

JB mentioned that November the 5th is on a Sunday this coming year and therefore the CS will, in due course, need to decide whether it may be preferable to hold the Bonfire Night and Firework Display on Saturday 4th.

Questions to ask the villagers

- Are there any ideas on how we can celebrate the coronation?
- Do we need more events for adults? Should we bring back the village suppers or a village lunch at the pub?
- Teenagers. What sort of events would appeal to teenagers and are there any parents willing to help to run them?

9) Any Other Business

The idea arose during the meeting that a Suggestion box placed in the pub would be a good idea.

Action to implement this: Ask pubs permission

Purchase box

Advertise that it exists and where it is located.

Box to be checked and emptied before each monthly CS meeting

GW to amend CS monthly meeting agenda template to include, as No. 2.

Read suggestions from suggestion box, discuss and decide if to be actioned.

10) Next Meeting

Scheduled for Thursday 16th February 2023