

PARISH OF ABBOTS LEIGH
Meeting of Abbots Leigh Parish Council
Held in the John Butler Room of the Village Hall, Church Road
Monday 12th June 2023 at 7.30 pm

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Talbot-Ponsonby, Das, Delany & J Smart (Clerk)
Apologies: Cllrs Ho Marris & Walker

1. Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda

None.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday 16th May 2023

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 16th May 2023, previously circulated, were signed as a true record. **Action Clerk.** (See item 8 iv & viii).

3. Matters arising

RD asked about the new dog bin location and re-siting of the litter bin. Members would need to decide the best location for the new dog bin somewhere between the George and Manor Lane following a suggestion by a member of the public, and the Clerk would need to ask for permission from NSC to move the litter bin from beside the phone box to the other side of the A369 road at the end of Manor Road. **Action ALL.**

4. Planning

Applications:-

23/P/1058/NMA	Atcost Barn Glen Farm Sandy Lane	Non-material amendment to prior approval 22/P/2390/CQA (change of use from an agricultural barn (sui generis use) to a dwelling (use class C3), operational development consisting of replacement of existing corrugated asbestos roof with metal roof, new timber cladding and insertion of windows and doors) to allow the reorganisation of fenestration and door openings and rebuilding of the walls within the retained concrete frame; inclusion of roof lights; replacement of external timber cladding with natural stone and timber. No comments.
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Approvals/Refusals/Withdrawn:-

23/P/0438/FUL	Orchard Cottage 252 Pill Road BS8 3RA	External alterations to doors/fenestration to the south-east elevation of the building. Construction of additional hardstanding to the south-east of the building. TBC.
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. Approved.
22/P/0266/FUL	Land to the South of Round Hill Clump Manor Road	Retention of agricultural building. Removal of non-agricultural fixtures and fittings. TBC.
22/P/2030/FUL	Clifton College Sports Club Abbots Leigh Road BS8 3QD	Demolition of existing indoor sports "dome" and replacement with new indoor sports hall and associated toilets and changing facilities. Approve with legal agreement.

22/P/2346/LDP	19 Dennyview Road BS8 3RD	Certificate of Lawful Development for the proposed erection of a rear extension to existing original garage less than 8m deep, matching height and width of garage. Construction of a detached gazebo to rear and adjacent oil tank. TBC.
23/P/0192/LDP	Land off Abbots Leigh Road BS8 3QB	Certificate of Lawful Development for the placement of 2No. shipping containers. Withdrawn by applicant after being advised it would be refused.
23/P/0194/LDP	Land off Abbots Leigh Road BS8 3QB	Certificate of Lawful Development for the creation of allotments on existing agricultural land alongside hard standing for up to 80 car parking spaces. TBC.
23/P/0467/FUH	30 Dennyview Road BS8 3RB	Proposed demolition of existing conservatory, rear extension, front porch and South side lean-to. Proposed garage conversion and erection of a new front porch, single storey wraparound extension to the South elevation and two storey rear extension. Internal and external alterations, to include the replacement of 2No. windows to the front elevation and removal of existing garage door. Approved.
23/P/0549/MMA	Cowshed Glen Farm Sandy Lane BS8 3SE	Minor material amendment to permission 22/P/2286/MMA (change of use of redundant agricultural building (cow shed) to residential use, demolition of existing agricultural building and construction of new bat house, to allow for the retention of one of the two existing timber sheds schedule to demolition prior to occupation of the dwelling. Withdrawn by applicant.
23/P/0779/HHPA	3 Ashgrove Avenue BS8 3QE	Prior approval request for the erection of a single storey rear extension with a pitched roof and would 1) extend beyond the rear wall of the original house by 6.00 metres; 2) have a maximum height of 3.45 metres and 3) have eaves that are 2.82 metres high. Prior approval not required.
23/P/0830/MMA	Greenwood Stables Begger Bush Lane	Minor material amendment to planning permission 22/P/0972/FUL (conversion of existing barn to 1No. residential dwelling (C3)) to allow for slight increase in footprint and changes to windows and doors. TBC.
23/P/0916/AOC	Orchard Lodge Manor Road BS8 3RS	Request to discharge condition 7 (external lighting scheme) from application number 21/P/0425/FUL. TBC.

Other Planning Matters

PS Solar Panels had held an online meeting for the public. STP reported that only 12 people had attended. Following discussion, it was agreed to ask Cat Abel to comment on this application. This application would be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting on 3rd July. **Action STP/Clerk.**

Roots Allotments – STP reported that at the beginning of the first meeting of the new North Somerset Council, a resident had requested that the permitted development certificate application be refused. In response to a question during the meeting Cllr Mark Canniford (NSC) reported at that meeting that the permitted development application for the containers would be refused. Cllr Ho Marris has requested to NS that the matter of whether a planning application would be required for the allotments or not would go to the NSC Planning Committee in July.

5. Ward Councillor's Report

Cllr Ho Marris was not present.

6. Neighbourhood Plan Implementation

STP reported that MS would be happy to advise on the Neighbourhood Plan as and when necessary.

7. Financial

i. Approval of Accounts for Payment for June 2023

As the Clerk had been away on leave, and the meeting was early in the month, the Accounts for Payment for June would be listed and set up with Unity Trust Bank during the forthcoming week. **Action Clerk.**

ii. Community Infrastructure Levy

Following a request from the Clerk, information on expected CIL income for 23-24 had now been received from NSC. ALPC would not qualify for CIL on some of the buildings that were listed, as they would be covered by the 'self-build exemption.' This meant that if the necessary qualification requirements were met and the application process was completed within required timescales, an exemption from the Community Infrastructure Levy would be available to anybody who was building their own home or had commissioned a home from a contractor, house builder or sub-contractor. Individuals benefiting from the exemption must own the property and occupy it as their principal residence for a minimum of 3 years after the work is completed.

8. Village Matters

i. Police Report - Blackmoor Road = 1 x Violence & Sexual Offences, Ashgrove Avenue = 1 x Violence & Sexual Offences.

ii. Village Hall - STP reported that the terms and conditions of booking the village hall needed to be updated and put on the website. **Action STP/MD/Clerk.** Following discussion, all agreed to purchase blinds for the Caretaker's flat, and they would be classed as a fixture and fitting. KD and RD declined to comment, as they had not been involved in previous discussions of the works. MD had purchased blinds for the whole flat from Blinds2go, at a cost of £694.90 plus VAT. **Action STP/Clerk.**

iii. Former Skittle Alley - Nothing to report.

iv. Traffic Issues & Footpaths - RD reported there were now around 20 volunteers for the Community Speedwatch, six were now fully trained. Peter Wilson, a former traffic officer and now an area Speed watch Co-ordinator had trained the volunteers. A practice run had taken place on Friday which threw up some issues (make, model, colour of cars etc). Overall there was an impressive result in recording speeding drivers. More training taking place tomorrow. Oliver Delany would co-ordinate when the Speedwatch sessions would take place with the four groups. The PC would be continuing to consider other options for reducing speed on the A369 and side roads. **Action ALL.**

v. Verges - RD reported that the stones on the circular verge outside the Church had become impacted and were no longer a deterrent. People had now started parking on it. Clerk to ask Kevin Weeks to quote for the removal of the stones, fill holes and replace, then paint the stones white. **Action Clerk**

vi. Playing Fields & Events - A picnic bench had been reported broken. The bench had been donated by the Civic Society. The CS also wanted to build a path in the field, but this would need to be agreed with the PC. STP to reapply to NSC for the removal of branches from the goat willow tree which has a TPO. **Action STP & Clerk.**

vii. Abbots Pool - STP reported that people had been swimming in Abbots Pool. This was not causing too much of a problem at the moment, but it would get worse. The Management Committee would be meeting in a couple of weeks to discuss signage etc. KD would like to attend the meeting. **Action STP.**

viii. Civic Society - JHM, KD & RD had met with members of the CS and thought they were keen to work with the PC. STP reminded members that the CS had stated they did not want a Parish Councillor on the Committee. Following discussion, RD agreed to liaise with the CS. **Action RD.**

9. Communications

STP informed new members that any submission to The Link should be submitted to the editor by 17th of each month, and it was distributed on the last Saturday of every month.

MW had offered to work with Paul Whitehouse on the transfer of the website, as had Vicky Howard. A meeting had been planned between PW, MW, VH and STP in the near future. **Action STP** (speak to Pete Gibbons).

10. Clerk's Report

Road Closures:-

- i. **6th July 2023** - Manor Road, between Weir Lane and Abbots Leigh Road. 08:00 – 17:00, five days duration. Laying of high friction surfacing and new lining and road markings.
- ii. **6th July 2023** - Weir Lane, between Manor Road and Beggar Bush Lane. 08:00 – 17:00, five days duration. Laying of high friction surfacing and new lining and road markings.
- iii. **18th July 2023** - Sandy Lane, from the junction of A369 Pill Road to the junction of Manor Lane, continuing to outside property 'Scarletts'. 09:30 – 15:30, 1 day duration. Gigaclear to relocate and clear cable blockages.
- iv. **4th July 2023** - Notification received from Clifton Suspension Bridge of closure of bridge. 09:30 – 15:30. Installation of card payment only barriers.