

**PARISH OF ABBOTS LEIGH**  
**Meeting of Abbots Leigh Parish Council**  
Held in the John Butler Room of the Village Hall, Church Road  
**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 7.30 pm**

**MINUTES**

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

1. Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda

None.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023, previously circulated, were signed as a true record.

3. Matters arising

None.

4. Planning

**Applications:-**

<b>23/P/1926/AGA</b>	<b>Orchard Lodge Manor Road</b>	Application to determine if prior approval is required for the proposed erection of a barn to be used for the storage of apples and cider production. <b><i>Prior approval not required.</i></b>
<b>23/P/1965/HHPA</b>	<b>Tree Tops Manor Road</b>	Prior approval request for the erection of a single storey rear extension with a flat roof that would 1) extend beyond the rear wall of the original house by 7.70 metres; 2) have a maximum height of 3.00 metres and 3) have eaves that are 3.00 metres high. <b><i>Due to the proposed excessive increase in the size of this property in the Green Belt, Councillors would request a full planning application be submitted.</i></b>
<b>23/P/1964/H2PA</b>	<b>Tree Tops Manor Road</b>	Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposal to construct a first floor extension (additional storey) to existing bungalow, to a maximum height of 9.30 metres. <b><i>Due to the proposed excessive increase in the size of this property in the Green Belt, Councillors would request a full planning application be submitted.</i></b>
<b>23/P/2016/FUH</b>	<b>19 Dennyview Road</b>	Proposed replacement of the existing garage with a matching single storey building to form a new bedroom. <b><i>No objection in principle, but request a condition that the room is not used for commercial use.</i></b>

**Approvals/Refusals/Withdrawn:-**

<b>23/P/1442/FUL</b>	<b>Land South of Staddlestone House Sandy Lane</b>	Proposed change of use of land from domestic use to mixed domestic and agricultural. Erection of mixed agricultural and domestic (garage) building with associated works. <b><i>TBC.</i></b>
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<b>23/P/0812/FUL</b>	<b>Land to the rear of The Gables Ashgrove Avenue Abbots Leigh Road</b>	Proposed conversion of an existing large double garage into a 1.5 storey, 2No. bedroom detached dwelling with existing vehicular access from Abbots Leigh Road. <b>TBC.</b>
<b>23/P/1464/FUH</b>	<b>Stokeleigh Cottage Manor Road</b>	Proposed loft conversion and installation of 1No. dormer at the north elevation. <b>TBC.</b>
<b>23/P/1525/FUH</b>	<b>67 Church Road Abbots Leigh</b>	Proposed infill of existing basement level courtyard and erection of a single storey extension above. <b>TBC.</b>
<b>22/P/2346/LDP</b>	<b>19 Dennyview Road BS8 3RD</b>	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. <b>TBC.</b>
<b>23/P/1061/FUL</b>	<b>Land to South of Haberfield Park Farm Pill Road</b>	Installation of ground mounted solar to export up to 5MW (AC) electricity, comprising photo voltaic (PV) panels and associated infrastructure and works (2No. inverter/transformer cabins, 2No. sub-station cabins, 1No. control room, access tracks, gates, fencing, CCT, electrical connections/cables and landscaping/bio-diversity enhancements. <b>TBC.</b>
<b>23/P/1638/TPO</b>	<b>45 Church Road</b>	Copper Beech – Reduce crown at the top by up to 4 metres, reduce sides by up to 3 metres. <b>TBC.</b>
<b>23/P/1688/AOC</b>	<b>Clifton College Sports Club Abbots Leigh Road</b>	Request to discharge condition numbers 6 (construction management development), 7 (lighting scheme), 10 (extractor flues), 12 (BRE 365), 13 (water drainage details), 14 (external building materials) from application 22/P/2030/FUL. <b>TBC.</b>
<b>23/P/1826/AOC</b>	<b>Clifton College Sports Club Abbots Leigh Road</b>	Request to discharge condition number 121 (environmental protection – noise) on application 22/P/2030/FUL. <b>Approved.</b>
<b>23/P/1828/LDP</b>	<b>Land off Abbots Leigh Road</b>	Certificate of Lawful Development for the proposed use of the land as allotments. <b>TBC.</b>

#### Other Planning Matters

STP reported that Roots Allotments had now opened other sites at Croydon and Stourbridge. The application for a Certificate of Lawful Development would go to the NSC Planning Committee for a decision in November. Clifton College Sports Club had objected to the application. Forestry England would also be objecting to the application.

#### 5. Ward Councillor's Report

JHM reported that on 19th September the Green Party proposed a Motion for the Oceans and Rivers which was passed with almost unanimous support, as the 17th Council around the country to have done so, NSC had used a non-prescriptive wording where officers undertake to bring a report to council within 12 months with recommendations to ensure NSC plays its part in realising clean healthy and productive rivers and oceans, alongside its existing commitment to tackle the climate emergency.

In reality, Councillors cross-party were planning an Enquiry Day where they would invite different stakeholders to come forward with their action plan and for the residents and stakeholders to hold each other to account, and taking a watershed approach. JHM had already raised this with Bristol Port Company in a meeting this morning.

While Abbots Leigh does not have any coastline or rivers, it is a watershed with farmland, and has no main drainage, so JHM invited ALPC to consider its response, along with other Town and Parish Councils. **Action All.**

### Motion for Oceans and Rivers

North Somerset is a coastal district that is also one of the most low-lying and flood prone areas in England. We depend on the sea for our livelihood through tourism, and on the land threatened by sea-level rise and river flooding for our farming and places to live and work. We recognise the importance of the marine and river ecosystems and our role as a stakeholder for them. We undertake to bring a report forward to Council within 12 months of this motion containing appropriate recommendations to ensure we play our part in ensuring realising clean, healthy and productive rivers and oceans alongside our existing commitment to tackle the climate emergency.

JHM had taken the Carbon Literacy course with NSC. She suggested forming a group of interested local residents to take this issue forward. STP suggested a Climate Emergency workshop. JHM & KD to form a sub-group. **Action JHM/KD.**

The Draft Local Plan would go to the NSC Executive next week, and the Inspector following that.

### 6. Neighbourhood Plan Implementation

Nothing to report.

### 7. Financial

- i. Approval of Accounts for Payment for October 2023 - The Clerk had circulated the Accounts for Payment for October. MW proposed approval, RD seconded. Approved. **Action Clerk.**
- ii. Actual against Budget to end of September 2023 - The Clerk had circulated the figures to the end of September 2023. Nothing of concern to note. The Clerk would meet with Cllr Walker on his return to discuss the accounts. **Action Clerk/MW.**
- ii. Community Infrastructure Levy - Nothing to report.

### 8. Village Matters

- i. Police Report - Crime figures for August 2023 = Manor Lane = 1 x Burglary and Church Road = 2 x Vehicle Crime.
- ii. Village Hall - STP would ask a contractor to look at the leak around the arched window. STP now had a full set of keys if anyone was having problems entering the VH. A complaint had been received that the dishwasher was not working. A replacement used one would cost approx. £700. For the time being, Mick to let hirers know that there is currently no dishwasher, and this should be updated on the website. **Action STP/MW.**
- iii. Former Skittle Alley - Nothing to report.
- iv. Traffic Issues & Footpaths - The Clerk had brought Smiley Sid up from Pill & EIG. STP would find a suitable site. RD reported that the Civic Society had come up with three ideas for sites – between Sandy Lane and Dennyview Road (going North), Watson’s Field and at the bus stop (going North), and Dennyview Road area (going South). RD would ask the Civic Society and put an item in The Link for volunteers to put the sign up, change and charge batteries, and download data. STP would set it up initially. **Action All.**

RD suggested considering a village wide (not A369) 20mph speed limit. PC to consider this.

STP reported on the cycle bath below The George – he had spoken with owner of property to open a discussion a remove the poles (old butcher’s shop), maybe sharing cost with NSC from CIL Income. STP to ask RN if he would be prepared to do sketch drawings. Clerk to report gully blocked on A369 (Terry Bridgwood scheme). **Action STP/Clerk.**

JS confirmed that North Somerset had confirmed that the waste bin could be moved from beside the phone box in Church Road to the verge on Manor Road beside the George. Kevin had been asked to move it and then we would advise the collection team. **Action STP/Clerk.**

- v. Verges - David Smith had cut the verges. Kevin Weekes had cut the verges at Poundbatch Farm and Church Road. Litter bin to be moved next to the road sign on the verge outside The George at Manor Road.
- vi. Playing Fields & Events - Clerk to apply for a TEN for the Bonfire Night 5<sup>th</sup> November. RD to speak to the CS about the risk assessment and who will be in charge on the night.

STP had written to the CS to suggest an alternative route for the proposed path in the playing field, but had received no reply. STP to ask John Flannigan (NSC) about accessibility to the field. **Action STP.**

vii. Abbots Pool - Nothing to report.

viii. Civic Society - See above.

9. Communications

RD has circulated an email about dates for items to go in The Link, whilst she was away on holiday.

STP asked Councillors to use their 'abbotsleigh.org' email addresses. **Action All.**

10. Clerk's Report

AL would contribute to all costs of employing the replacement Clerk, based on precept/population.

Two people from each Parish Council to be present at interview.