

PARISH OF ABBOTS LEIGH
Meeting of Abbots Leigh Parish Council
Held in the John Butler Room of the Village Hall, Church Road
Monday 13th November 2023 at 7.30 pm

MINUTES

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

1. Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda

None.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 9th October 2023

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9th October 2023, previously circulated, were signed as a true record.
Action Clerk.

3. Matters arising

None.

4. Planning

Applications:-

23/P/2059/LDP	57 Church Road	Certificate of Lawful Development for the extension and alteration of existing garage, including the extension of the roof to create a canopy and placement of solar panels. Approved (lawful).
23/P/1797/FUL & 23/P/1798/LBC	Stable Block Leigh Court	Proposed landscaping of walled garden to include creation of a stream and natural pool, erection of a sauna building, gazebo and sitting platforms and addition of awnings fixed to the rear façade. Councillors, whilst they recognised the benefit of restoring and reusing a neglected part of a grade II listed building, they objected to this application on grounds of the impact of so much intrusive development, including a swimming pool, on a grade II listed buildings and adjacent to a grade II* listed building. The councillors look forward to hearing the opinion of the Conservation Officer.
23/P/2286/FUH	4a Blackmoor Road	Proposed demolition of existing rear conservatory. Proposed erection of a single storey rear extension in place with attached canopy. Erection of a half-wall at the rear elevation, front porch extension and an outbuilding to the rear of the property. Loft conversion and roofing extension/alterations including:- Raising of the ridge line, creation of a gable at the South-West elevation and above the proposed porch, erection of a dormer at the West elevation and installation of 7No. rooflights. Creation of an overhanging front canopy, side canopy at the South elevation and overhanging rear canopy. Garage conversion and fenestration alterations including the installation, replacement and removal of multiple windows and doors. Councillors objected to this proposal, on the grounds of overdevelopment in the Green Belt.

Approvals/Refusals/Withdrawn:-

23/P/1442/FUL	Land South of Staddlestone House Sandy Lane	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. TBC.
23/P/0812/FUL	Land to the rear of The Gables Ashgrove Avenue Abbots Leigh Road	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. TBC.
23/P/1464/FUH	Stokeleigh Cottage Manor Road	Proposed loft conversion and installation of 1No. dormer at the north elevation. TBC.
23/P/1525/FUH	67 Church Road Abbots Leigh	Proposed infill of existing basement level courtyard and erection of a single storey extension above. Approved.
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/1061/FUL	Land to South of Haberfield Park Farm Pill Road	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. TBC.
23/P/1638/TPO	45 Church Road	Copper Beech – Reduce crown at the top by up to 4 metres, reduce sides by up to 3 metres. TBC.
23/P/1688/AOC	Clifton College Sports Club Abbots Leigh Road	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. TBC.
23/P/1828/LDP	Land off Abbots Leigh Road	Certificate of Lawful Development for the proposed use of the land as allotments. TBC.
23/P/1926/AGA	Orchard Lodge Manor Road	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. Prior approval not required.
23/P/1965/HHPA	Tree Tops Manor Road	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. Prior approval refused.
23/P/1964/H2PA	Tree Tops Manor Road	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. TBC.
23/P/2016/FUH	19 Dennyview Road	Proposed replacement of the existing garage with a matching single storey building to form a new bedroom. Approved.

Other Planning Matters

The Roots Allotments application was going to the NSC Planning Committee on Wednesday. They had already cut down vegetation and erected fencing.

Edward Ware of Treetops had contacted STP to request a meeting with him to discuss his planning application. STP and MW would arrange to meet with him. **Action STP/MW.**

5. Ward Councillor's Report

The NSC Local Plan would be made available for consultation soon. There would then be six weeks to make any comments. The whole process would take at least another six months.

NSC Rural Strategy Workshops for smaller villages. JHM would circulate the draft when available.

6. Neighbourhood Plan Implementation

Nothing to report.

7. Financial

i. Approval of Accounts for Payment for November 2023

The Accounts for Payment for November had been circulated to all members. MW proposed, RD seconded. Agreed. **Action Clerk.**

ii. Community Infrastructure Levy

NSC had paid £3,200.06 for CIL relating to development at the Cow Shed, Glen Farm, Sandy Lane. Unity Trust Bank had paid £57.27 in interest on the CIL account. Total funds now available in the CIL account = £12,902.94.

8. Village Matters

i. Police Report - Crime figures for September 2023 – 1 x Violence & Sexual Offences – Church Road; 1 x Criminal Damage & Arson – Abbots Leigh Kennels.

Keith Millard – arrange meeting for 10.00am at Abbots Leigh Village Hall on Thursday 23rd November. **Action Clerk.**

ii. Village Hall - RD had received an email from Ian McFeat, which she had circulated to all members. RD would respond to advise the PC would respond to him in December.

STP reported that the shed roof outside the village hall had collapsed, and MD had repaired it at a cost of £450.00. Agreed. Following the removal of the old night storage heaters in the flat, two replacements were needed. MW suggested oil filled heaters, or mobile convector heater. STP would discuss with MD. Councillors agreed a budget of £200.00 for the replacements. **Action STP.**

The Clerk was asked to request MD's weekly hours that he had been monitoring and what took up his time each week. **Action Clerk.**

iii. Former Skittle Alley - Nothing to report.

iv. Traffic Issues & Footpaths - KD had circulated a paper on 'Quiet Lanes'. This would be discussed at the next PC meeting when KD would be present.

RD reported that both Smiley Sid and the Community Speedwatch were having an effect on reducing the speed of vehicles going through the village. The SID sign on loan from Pill & EiG Parish council has been in place outside The Chestnuts on Pill Road by Sandy lane facing up hill and has now been turned to face downhill. It will be moved to an alternative Location by Harris Lane and then used to monitor traffic on Manor Road.

It had previously been suggested that Weir Lane could be made one-way. Now the roadworks had finished, MW reported there was not a problem with lots of traffic. Members to consider whether this was appropriate or necessary. **Action All.**

The litter bin in Church Road had now been moved to Manor Road.

Leigh Bank canopy over cycle path. Robert Narracott is looking at ideas for brackets to support the canopy over the former butcher's shop window in order that the posts, which severely restrict the shared path could be removed. This would enable quotes to be sought for the work and discussions to be held with the owner. The possibility of part funding in conjunction with North Somerset Council was discussed.

v. Verges - Nothing to report.

vi. Playing Fields & Events - STP reported that the Firework event went very well. Drew would be handing over doing the fireworks for next year. Drew had also done an excellent job tidying up after the event. The Clerk to request the full online Method Statement for the Bonfire event from Murray Stewart. **Action Clerk.**

The dog bag dispenser had now been put up in the playing field next to the dog bin. Andy Cunliffe would be responsible for refilling the dog bag dispenser.

Councillors need to decide whether to install wooden or recycled plastic picnic benches. The Civic Society would like to know what the PC had decided, and what the cost would be. Following discussion, the Clerk was requested to order two new wooden benches. Clerk to check with supplier the most sustainable, and let RD know the price. **Action Clerk.**

STP had written to the Civic Society to request a meeting to discuss the path, but no response had been received.

RD reported that the boules court needed weeding. **Action Clerk.**

vii. Abbots Pool - STP reported there would be a working party at Abbots Pool on Sunday.

viii. Civic Society - Nothing to report.

9. Communications

STP reported there would be a new editor for The Link.

RD asked STP to finish off her monthly piece for The Link, and include Roots and the new Clerk news. JHM and STP would coordinate items for The Link. **Action STP/JHM.**

10. Clerk's Report

Nothing to report.

JHM reported that since the recent upgrade, the barriers on the Clifton Suspension Bridge were operating really slowly, and causing traffic tailbacks. Leigh Woods had drafted a letter to ask the Bridge Master to meet with representatives. STP would write on behalf of the PC to the Bridge Master, also put this in The Link. **Action STP.**