

PARISH OF ABBOTS LEIGH
Meeting of Abbots Leigh Parish Council
Held in the John Butler Room of the Village Hall, Church Road
Monday 08th July 2024 at 7.30 pm

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Talbot-Ponsonby, Das, Ho Marris Delany, N Rice (Clerk)
Apologies: Cllrs Walker.

1 Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda

- No

2 Minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 10th June 2024

- The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 10th June, previously circulated, were signed as a true record. **Action Clerk.**

3 Matters arising

- None

4 Planning

Applications:-

24/ P/1094/ FUL	1-6 St Catherines Mead, Pill, BS20 0HQ	Application to remove condition 6 attached to planning permission 6183A (erection of three pairs of cottages and private garages on land at Ham Green,Pill and the formation of pedestrian and vehicular access thereto) to allow the condition restricting occupation of the dwellings to agricultural or forestry workers, and their dependents, to be removed. Already Approved by NS COUNCIL
24/ P/1096/ AOC	Land to South Haberfield Park Farm Off Pill Rd Abbots Leigh	Request to discharge condition number7 (surface water drainage details) on application 23/ P1061/ FUL. No comment.
24/ P/ 1132/ AOC	Clifton College Sports Club Abbots Leigh Road Abbots Leigh BS8 3QD	Request to discharge condition numbers 5 (LEMP and Bemp) 16 (bicycle parking) and 23 (community use agreement) on application 22/ P/ 2 030 FUL. No comment.

Approvals/Refusals/Withdrawn:-

24/P/0708/FUH & 24/P/0709/LBC	Leigh lodge 3 Church Road BS8 3QP	Proposed replacement of existing wooden/wire fencing with estate 'steel' fencing to the NORTH BOUNDARY. Additional, listed building consent. TBC
24/P/1010/AOC	18 Church Road, BS8 3QP	Discharge of conditions 5 and 6 on application 21/P/3232/FUH Approve
24/P/0994/FUH	Saddlestone House, Sandy Lane, BS8 3Sa	Proposed erection of a new detached single storey outbuilding for use incidental to the main dwelling. TBC

24/P/0671/FUL	Oaklea Lodge Blackmoor Road Abbots Leigh BS8 3RH	Proposed conversion of the existing single storey detached Garage to a 1no. self-contained residential unit. Refuse
24/P/0227/FUL	Land Adjoining, Leigh warren Bungalows, Abbots leigh Road BS8 3QD	Proposed creation of new vehicular access from Abbots Leigh Road. TBC.
24/P/0103/AOC	Leigh Farm 16 Church Road Abbots Leigh BS8 3QP	Request to discharge condition numbers 6 (Construction Environmental Method Statement), 9 (Construction Method Statement), 12 (Drainage Scheme) and 13 (Archaeological written scheme) from application 22/P/0060/FUL. TBC
23/P/2527/FUH	Mere Green Glen Avenue Abbots Leigh BS8 3SD	Proposed refurbishment of existing detached house to include:- Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a replacement new single storey kitchen-dining room extension. Dormer roof extensions at first floor level to enlarge and improve bedroom accommodation with 2no. dormers to the front (South-West) elevation and 1no. large box dormer to the rear (North-East) elevation. Partial demolition of existing garage and erection of a new flank wall and new pitched roof over the garage to create 1no. bedroom within the roofspace, solar panel array to the rear roof and other minor internal and external alterations. TBC.

Other Planning Matters

- Roots allotments – NSC has asked Roots for more information before they make a decision.
- Clifton College Sports Ground exit- £10k has been donated by Clifton College to NSC as part of their planning agreement for the construction of the new sports complex replacing the tennis bubble. STP to find out what NSC will be spending it on. **Action STP**
- Land adjacent to former kennels, Pill Road. NSC issued an enforcement notice on 17 June 2024 which takes effect on the 22nd July 2024. Requires the storage of stone to cease and be removed from the land.. Site owned by GA Doble, Civil Engineering Contractors. Any appeal needs to be made before 22nd July

5. Ward Councillor’s Report

- We have a new MP, Sadik Al-Hassan – Jenna will offer him a briefing on issues in Abbots Leigh Parish and the whole ward. The NS executive will be offering all 3 MPS a briefing on the whole District.

6. Neighbourhood Plan Implementation

Awaiting the new local plan

7. Financial

- Approval of Accounts for Payment for July 2024 – The accounts for payment for July 2024 had been circulated. STP proposed approval, KD seconded. Agreed. **Action Clerk**
- Payment for Parish Clerk office space at the Resource Centre and CiLCA Training – agreed percentage 14% as in the ratio of the Electoral roles of Abbots Leigh and Pill & EiG. STP will write to Jules Hawkins Chair Pill & EiG **Action STP.**

8. Village Matters

I. **Police Report** – Higher statistics due to Roots development

II. **Village Hall** -

- a. Solar Panels, grant for £15,100 has been applied for, to Rural England Prosperity Fund. Thanks to Murray Stewart for his input and help filling in the Grant Application. No planning permission is required. 10K match funding has been offered by PS Renewables. **Action STP & JHM**
- b. Electricity units – Simon has looked at invoices from 2 years ago and has read the meter now. We now have a good idea as to how many units we use a year.

III. **Former Skittle Alley** – Nothing to report.

IV. **Traffic Issues & Footpaths** -

- a. Simon is writing a list of highway projects requested by ALPC for Jonathan Gall in NS Highways Team.
- b. Fixed smiley SID – Long Ashton Parish Council has a fixed Smiley SID. JMH is meeting with Stuart Mcquillan, Ward Councillor for LA to talk about lessons for Abbots Leigh.
- c. Play Street – JMH Has advertised it locally and has had a lot of positive responses. More information is required from the council. **Action JMH**

V. **Verges** – Community payback – Next session this Saturday 13th July 2024. Will be tasked to clear the footpath from, The George towards Ham Green along the A369. A worthwhile project is the removal of the large build up of silt on the footway between Church Road and Home Farm Road. KD will contact Gary Tester **Action KD**

VI. **Playing Fields & Events** –

- a. Safety Green are due to start on the path this week. It was agreed to take the opportunity to resurface the boules pitch with dust (After 20 years of use) whilst they are on site. Also ask Safety Green whether they can build up a base and install the circular bench around the Hornbeam tree as we have been waiting a long time for Kevin to install it. **Action STP**
- b. There had been a report that the netball net had fallen down the post as the bolt had come out. This has been inspected as to it how it could have happened and it will be reinstated within a couple of days. **Action STP**
- c. Fireworks and Bonfire – STP will discuss insurance options with the brokers. **Action STP**

VII. **Abbots Pool** –

- a. STP has emailed and spoken with Jason Cox regarding several long-term campers now at Abbots Pool. North Somerset are looking at ways to stop this.

I. **Civic Society** - Nothing to report besides the Christmas party has been organised and a £30 donation will be paid towards the heating costs and an invoice will be raised to reflect this.

9 Communications

- Councillors – the first public surgery to meet the councillors, on second Saturday of every month, will be held this week. STP and JMH will be there this week.

10 Clerk's Report

- NR has nothing to report.

11 AOB

- Abbots Leigh former quarry is owned by the Abbots Leigh Parish Council, as to why that is the case is not known. As an asset it is questionable as to its contribution to the village. STP would like to know if anyone approached the PC about buying the Quarry, would the PC be prepared to talk to them? It was agreed that we should be open to discussions.
- Streetlight – Has it been done. **Action Clerk**
- Abbots Leigh Cricket – Local players, more players are required. JMH will put on village WhatsApp group.

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