

PARISH OF ABBOTS LEIGH
Meeting of Abbots Leigh Parish Council
Held in the John Butler Room of the Village Hall, Church Road
Monday 13th January 2025 at 7.30 pm

MINUTES

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

1 Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda

- None

2 Minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 09th December 2024

- The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 09th December, previously circulated, were signed as a true record.
Action Clerk.

3 Matters arising

- None except those covered under following items

4 Planning

Applications:-

24/P/2629/FUH	2 Manor View Manor Lane Abbots Leigh BS8 3RY	<p>Proposed erection of a 1.5 storey extension to the North of the property and the addition of 1no. dormer to the rear elevation. Demolition of the existing conservatory to the front elevation and erection of a replacement new porch. New cladding to 2no. existing dormers and re-location of the existing driveway to the Southern boundary to give wider and safer access onto the site and infilling of the original site entrance.</p> <p>The Parish Council have no objection to the form of the proposed extension. However, the parish Council are disappointed by the materials proposed for exterior cladding of the extension proposed to one of a number the remaining historic semi-detached late Victorian stone estate cottage. It would be preferable for the extension to reflect and respect the original construction. It is recognised that the existing conservatory style front porch, which is to be replaced, is inappropriate, but the replacement timber clad porch on the attractive front of the original house is inappropriate, as is the timber clad extension with a metal standing seam roof extension. We recognise that the more modern adjacent houses are not of the same historic quality, but this alteration does not need to be brought down to the same level of appearance.</p> <p>This treatment is contrary to Abbots Leigh Village Character Statement Object</p>
24/P/2717/FUH	Woodleigh House Manor Road Abbots Leigh BS8 3RR	Demolition of the existing rear conservatory and annex extension, and proposed erection of a two-storey rear extension. No comment.

Approvals/Refusals/Withdrawn:-

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 roof space, solar panel array to the rear roof and other minor internal and external alterations. AWAITING DECISION.
24/P/1911/FUL	Roots Allotments Land Off Abbots Leigh Road BS8 3QB	Retrospective application for the siting of a storage container, the installation of 2 no. CCTV cameras, installation of 4 no. solar panels, and the formation of an access and access track involving the laying of a gravel hardstanding TBC
24/P/1999/ADV	Roots Allotments Land Off Abbots Leigh Road BS8 3QB	Retrospective Advertisement Consent for the placement of 1no. non-illuminated Sign TBC

Other Planning Matters

No other application. Roots – the extended deadline has pasted (10th Jan) but nothing has been resolved.

Ward Councillor's Report

Still awaiting NSC Additional potential building sites consultation document as part of the new local plan. It was agreed that there should be a separate meeting to consider the PC response once it has been issued for consultation.

5. Neighbourhood Plan Implementation

Awaiting the new local plan

6. Financial

- Approval of Accounts for Payment for January 2025 – The updated accounts for payment for January 2025 have been circulated. MW proposed approval, STP seconded. Agreed. **Action Clerk**
- Precept – Clerk and MW put together the budget for 2025/2026. Financials previously circulated. Precept agreed at 4.9% increase to £33700 **Action Clerk**

7. Village Matters

I. **Police Report** – No reports of crime in October 2024 as yet from the Police website.

II. Village Hall -

- a. Scaffold was put up last Friday.
- b. Tesla Battery will be delivered and installed in about 3 weeks. Electrical contractors started today and 33 panels and all other electrical installation should be complete in 2 weeks.
- c. All cables will be put under the floors – STP and MD will oversee this.
- d. The REPF Survey is going well. 68 forms have been completed. A reminder will be sent out.
- e. The Link magazine will have an article about Solar panels. **Action STP**
- f. We will add to the remittance advice, an invite comments to be sent to the Parish Clerk.

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

IV. **Traffic Issues & Footpaths**

- a. There have been continued problems with parking on the cycle path outside the George making it impossible to pass with a bicycle or pushchair without stepping into the road. STP has advised local residents that this has been passed onto NSC as an issue.

V. **Verges** –

- a. The Community Payback Team . Community payback worked well on the last visit. The path between Home Farm Road and Church Road is now cleared

VI. **Playing Fields & Events –**

- a. Quote for the tall swing replacement has been circulated. Costs are around £5K for supply and fit. PC's will have a look around to get other quotes. We are also awaiting quotes for a preplacement climbing net, top bar of the overhead monkey bars and also a stepping stone. A member of the parish has generously offered to contribute towards the cost of the replacement swings.
. **Action Cllrs / STP**

VII. **Abbots Pool –**

- a. Due to Ash Dieback – NSC have instructed contractors to fell a significant number of trees in the next few weeks.

9 Civic Society

Murray Stewart is now acting Chairman. Neil is taking over as treasurer.

10 Communications

Parish Surgery – hasn't been a great success. Only one visitor since the start. RD will put something into the link to see if residents do want this service. It was agreed that the offer to meet residents is of benefit even though residents haven't generally taken this up.

11 Clerk's Report

- Meeting with MD (caretaker) and STP at The George tomorrow at 10am to discuss VH hire and MD expenses.
- PPL PRS Ltd – Licence £248.83 quote. All agreed ok to pay.

12 AOB

- Annual meeting – date 14th May 2025 @ 7pm. Full Council 12th May 2025. Hall to be booked. **Action Clerk**
- A forward plan for a date for litter pick was discussed, 23rd March has been agreed.

13 Next Meeting - 10th February 2025

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