

PARISH OF ABBOTS LEIGH
Meeting of Abbots Leigh Parish Council
Held in the John Butler Room of the Village Hall, Church Road
Monday 10th February 2025 at 7.30 pm

MINUTES

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

1 Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda

- None

2 Minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 13th January 2025.

- The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13th January, 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/2718/FUH	Acorn Meadows Pill Road BS8 3RF	Proposed demolition of existing porch and rear/side extensions. Erection of a detached canopy carport to the front of the property. Construction of a 2-storey wraparound front/side/rear extension the, along with replacement of existing flat-roof dormer with 2no dormers and 1no. rooflight. Fenestration alterations including the removal, replacement and installation of windows, doors and rendering to all elevations. No objection in principle, on the basis that it's the same size as the adjacent houses. Impact on neighbours. However a street view comparing with the neighbouring housing would confirm this. Also noted that the increased area is greater than 50% which it wasn't in earlier layout drawings. Concern about the car port structure adjacent to the front highway boundary which replaces the garage which is now converted into living accommodation. There are no other permanent structures in front of the building line of that row of houses so close to the highway boundary.
25/P/0147/AOC	7 Church Road Abbots Leigh BS8 3QP	Request to discharge condition number 12 (Construction Method Statement) on application 22/P/2502/FUL. Doesn't accord with conditions imposed with Planning permission.
24/P/2629/FUH	2 Manor View Manor Lane Abbots Leigh BS8 3RY	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. TBC
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-story rear extension. TBC

Approvals/Refusals/Withdrawn:-

Other Planning Matters

Roots – PC have submitted an additional objection to NSC, as previously circulated and agreed before the Parish Council Meeting.

Ward Councillor's Report

- Additional sites for consultation have just been released. Councillors will hold a separate meeting in a week. The deadline is 21st March 2025.
- The council budget has been released, and the papers are available. A vote will take place next week. Up to £9 million may be drawn from reserves.
- The National Government's highways allocation from the DfT is £6.676 million, with 24.47% designated for B and C roads. There is no funding available for cycleways.
- The shortfall for the Pill Railway has been given by W.E.C.A (West of England Combined Authority) £27 million and NSC are giving £3 million.

5. Neighbourhood Plan Implementation

New local plan – Cllrs will be holding a separate meeting regarding this.

6. Financial

- Approval of Accounts for Payment for February 2025 – The updated accounts for payment for January 2025 have been circulated. STP proposed approval, seconded RD. Agreed. **Action Clerk**
- Following a reminder from Church Treasurer It was agreed that the Church parish should be paid the same contribution of £175 towards Link Magazine costs for the previous year, which had been forgotten and the current year. **Action Clerk**
- Mick Dillon's salary was discussed, and it was decided to wait and reconsider at the next meeting.

7. Village Matters

I. **Police Report** – November 4 x Violence and Sexual crime (1 Church Road and 3 Roots)

II. Village Hall –

- a. Tesla Battery will be delivered on Wednesday 11th February 2025.
- b. The Village Hall will soon be carbon neutral. A decision needs to be made regarding what to charge our tenants for their electricity supplies and it will be monitored and reviewed as we progress through the year, with monthly meter readings being taken
- c. The Link magazine will have an article about Solar panel surveys. 81 responses were received.
Action STP
- d. The costs for the solar panels increased slightly due to the wiring being placed under the flooring and the installation of a third meter. Additionally, two extra trip switches were installed, resulting in an overall additional cost of £875.

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

IV. **Traffic Issues & Footpaths**

- a. KD will contact Tarmac Community Fund, via telephone regarding the SID. **Action KD**
- b. Jenna will ask if there a review of SID at Flax Bouton. **Action JHM**
- c. The Clean Air Zone extension into Clifton and the Suspension Bridge has been requested. Data will be provided by BCC, but it is unlikely to proceed.
- d. A quote of £1,860 has been received for new brackets for Leigh Bank House, allowing the removal of the posts. Residents will be consulted to determine if this is acceptable. **Action: STP.**

V. **Verges**

- a. The Community Payback Team. Community payback worked well on the last visit. The path alongside Clifton College Sports Ground has now been partly cleared.

VI. **Playing Fields & Events**

- a. Further quotes have been received for the replacement and repair of the play equipment. Further clarification is needed before a decision can be made.

VII. **Abbots Pool**

All entrances to Abbots have been closed due to the removal of numerous dangerous trees this week.

9 Civic Society

There is nothing to report.

10 Communications

STP had drafted copy about the solar panels, litter pick and community payback work for the next addition of the Link which he would circulate

11 Clerk's Report

- Nothing to report.

12 AOB

- Book swap - Kamala is having difficulty getting a response from The George. It was decided to take some books over to the pub and ask them to either put up some shelves or suggest a suitable place for them.
- The Governance consultation email from NSC – Do we need to consider revisiting changing the Parish Boundary to include Leigh Woods? A meeting outside of this meeting to consider response needs to be held.
- It was noted that a message was sent to Cllr's via WhatsApp on Saturday regarding attendance at the Parish Councillors monthly drop in session at the Bike Shed Café.. Although not formally mentioned during the meeting, all Cllr's would have seen the message. As 2 people had attended this month, the decision was made to continue for the time being.

13 Next Meeting - 10th March 2025

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