

*PARISH COUNCIL OF ABBOTTS ANN*

**MINUTES**

OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2008  
IN THE JUBILEE ROOM OF THE WAR MEMORIAL HALL

Present:            Cllr. B.Griffiths, Chairman                    Cllr. D.Paffett  
                         Cllr. G.Whyte, Vice-chairman                Cllr. P.Stanton  
                         Cllr. D.Alleway                                    Cllr. P.Wilkins

In Attendance:

                         Mr. A.Stokes, Clerk                                Cllr. A.Peters, TVBC  
                         Mr. P. Greenhalgh, War Memorial Hall Committee  
                         *The meeting opened at 7.02 p.m.*

**1349 Apologies.** Apologies were recorded from Cllr. S. Oram; Cllr. M. Woodhall HCC; Cllr G. Stallard TVBC.

**1350. Minutes.** The Minutes of the Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2008 **were confirmed** and signed.. *Pro GW Sec PW*

**1351. Matters Arising.**

a. Graffiti. The Clerk reported that the graffiti had been removed from the village sign in Cattle Lane.

b. Broken Kerbstone. It was noted that the broken kerbstone outside The Eagle had not been repaired. *Action Clerk*

**1352. Planning.**

a. TV No 08/01383/FULLN and 08/01426/LBWN: Beck Cottage, rear extension.

**It was resolved** to register an objection to this application on the grounds of over-development of the site and negative visual impact on the elevation of the listed building.

*Pro GW Sec PW*

b.. TV No 08/01829/LBWN: Chalk House, Flue etc.

**It was resolved** to register no objection to this application.

*Pro GW Sec PW*

c. TV No 08/01848/TPON: 23 Hillside, crown lift yew.

**It was resolved** to register an objection to this application on grounds of excessively drastic treatment.

*Pro PW Sec DP*

d. Note was taken of delegated items and of decisions taken by the Planning Service, as recorded in the Appendix to these Minutes.

c. It was noted that the Appeals concerning 33 Andover Road and Water Cottage had been dismissed.

**1353. Clerk's Report.**

The Clerk presented a document summarising the Powers and Duties of Parish Councils, with reference to the "Free Resource". This was considered to be useful in view of the future projects which could demand funding by the Council.

He summarised the current regulations concerning injurious weeds, including Ragwort, Docks and Thistles, as prescribed in the Weeds Act 1959 and the Ragwort Act 2003.

**1354. Finance.**

**It was resolved** to approve the following payments:

Cheque No.442	Administration	£682.86
443	Andover Mencap	£192.00
444	T.C.Hook	£296.68
		<i>Pro PW Sec DA</i>

**1355. Correspondence.**

a. Carbon Footprint Consultation. The Clerk circulated a progress report from Mr. Crossthwaite-Eyre, who hoped to arrange a meeting of delegates from neighbouring villages in the autumn.

b. Sustainable Communities Act. The Clerk circulated a broadsheet prepared by the organisation entitled *Unlock Democracy*, explaining the application of the Sustainable Communities Act 1987 to Local Councils and urging them to make use of the powers conferred by the Act. Councillors were asked to read the document for possible discussion at a future meeting.

c. Andover Town Council campaign. A letter had been received from the Campaign for the re-establishment of Andover Town Council, asking Parish Councils to offer support and to share their experiences of working with Borough and County Councils. The Clerk was asked to reply in suitable terms. *Action Clerk*

d. TVAPC. Cllr Paffett undertook to attend the meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2008.

**1356. Other Business.**

a. Dog-bins. The Clerk reported that a 50% grant would be available from HCC. Mr. Swann had ascertained that Webbs Lane and Dunkirt Lane were adopted highways. The Clerk was working on obtaining the County Council's consent to the placing of bins on the verges. *Action Clerk*

b. Telephone Box. The Chairman and Clerk had registered an objection to the removal of the telephone kiosk outside the Village Hall and were investigating the possibility of placing it on the register of Listed Buildings. *Action Chairman & Clerk*

c. Brewery at The Eagle. Cllr Whyte reported that the remains of a brewery had been found in the Eagle's Skittle Alley building, which dated from 1865, and emphasised the desirability of restoring it to working order. It was suggested that a small committee should be formed to take matters forward. Councillors considered that this proposal would provide a valuable asset to the village, and the Council indicated its willingness to provide appropriate funding in due course.

d. War Memorial Hall. Mr. Paul Greenhalgh outlined the current situation with regard to the heating system, which, it was hoped, would be installed in the summer of 2009. The Council expressed appreciation of the Hall Committee's internal refurbishment, but was critical of the new lighting in the Jubilee Room.

e. Airfield Development. Cllr Peters reminded the Council that the Planning Committee meeting to consider the application was scheduled for 1<sup>st</sup> September and that it was important for the public to make their views known to the Planning Service.

Dr. John Moon was drafting a final letter of objection on the negative impact of the proposed development on the surrounding area. Apart from traffic congestion on the A303, light pollution and noise, the Council reiterated its main concern over increased traffic through the village.

**1357. Next Meeting.** The next meeting was scheduled for 11<sup>th</sup> September at 7 p.m.

*The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.*

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