

ABBOTTS ANN PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes from the Meeting held on
Thursday 12th April 2018 at 19:00
at the War Memorial Hall, Abbots Ann



Present: Parish Councillors A Hayter (Chairman), T Abram (Vice Chairman),
 C Teasdale, D Wells, M Doherty, Mrs S Bleeker, Mrs L Haigh, Borough Councillor
 Mrs M Flood, County Councillor A Gibson.

Members of the Public: 5

Minutes: Mrs C L Cotterell (Clerk)

Meeting started 1906

AGENDA ITEM		ACTION
1	Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from Borough Cllr Stallard.	NOTED
2	Declarations of Interest None.	NOTED
3	Cllrs to agree the minutes to be an accurate record of the meeting held on 14th March 2018 – Proposed Cllr Wells, seconded Cllr Bleeker, all agreed.	
4	<p>Actions/Updates to be reported <u>Actions from meeting held on 14.03.18</u> Item 10 – Specification of work required to wildflower meadow obtained and requested a quotation from Countrywide - £790.00 + VAT for the year. Item 11 – Requested further contract from Vitaplay for 18/19 – received and on agenda for approval at same cost as last year. Item 14a – Statement to HCC regarding proposals for The Green submitted to HCC and posted on website. <u>Updates:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairman and Clerk met with an Aster representative at Bulbery to review the condition and responsibility of the path. Aster will confirm whether it is one of their properties alongside the path but it may be privately owned. Aster agreed to cut the overgrown hedge on the other side and spray the weeds along the path when the weather improved. • Lengthsman scheme – Goodworth Clatford have decided not to take up the lead council role for a cluster. Clerk will enquire further for another cluster with spare capacity. • TVBC costs for waste/dog bin emptying will increase from £5.55 to £5.75 (per bin/fortnightly) for the period April 2018 to March 2019. • Cllr Hayter reported he has issued the Statement of Effective Churchyard Management to Rev. Dykes. • Cllr Haigh reported costs for refurbishing the noticeboards had been received from original supplier and circulated. Has also placed notice in the next parish magazine for local contractors to quote. Cllr Haigh to approach local contractors. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cllr Haigh</p>
5	Public Participation – <i>This item will be limited to 15 minutes, unless directed otherwise by the Chairman.</i> Chairman directed that public participation in item 11 should take place during that agenda item.	
6	<p>Borough and County Councillors Reports</p> <p>Cllr Flood reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Council Meeting on 26th April 2018 held at Romsey regarding CGR and parish boundaries – anyone wishing to speak will need to apply beforehand – Cllr Flood will send a link to TVBC website. • Cllr Flood has received lots of enquiries recently from residents regarding the flooding/sewerage. Both Southern Water and Environment Agency were present in the village today (12.04.18) – Other parishes have Resilience plans in place to deal with issues such as flooding. <p>Cllr Gibson reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drains are blocked and the Highways budget is under pressure. Cllr Gibson will escalate to HCC to clear drains as massively blocked. Confirmed sewerage is Southern Water responsibility not HCC. 	

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7	<p>Planning and Tree Work applications – Cllrs to propose responses to be submitted to TVBC relating to the following applications: Proposed Cllr Abram, seconded Cllr Teasdale.</p> <p>a) 18/00642/FULLN & 18/00643/LBWN - Raise the height of the existing chimney stack and replace chimney pot with a taller one, install a chimney flue liner and make alterations at the abutment of the thatch to the chimney stack - 1 Manor Cottages, Church Road, Abbots Ann – No Objection - all agreed.</p> <p>b) 18/00698/FULLN – Retention of boundary fence – 22 Hibiscus Crescent, Andover – No Objection - all agreed.</p> <p>c) 18/00742/FULLN - Erection of a detached garage for the storage of a mobile home and other domestic paraphernalia (Retrospective)- Larch Gables, Old Stockbridge Road, Middle Wallop – No Objection - all agreed.</p> <p>d) 18/00764/FULLN - Demolition of building, erection of two houses with garages, replacement store/workshop (light industrial Class B1 (c)) with ancillary office accommodation and construction of vehicular access – Andover Gas and Water, Salisbury Road, Abbots Ann – Objection on the grounds of the property’s proximity to St Johns Cross, change and increase of use to 7 days, reduction in parking and turning access across solid white lines – Voted 4 for the proposal and 3 against. Objection proposal carried.</p> <p>e) 18/00782/TPON – T1 Beech – crown reduce by 3m, T2 & T3 Silver Birch – crown reduce by 3m – 5 Kingsmead, Anna Valley – Objection This application affects three trees with TPOs which were put in place when the houses were built about 20 years ago. We strongly object to the proposed work on T1, which is a large mature beech in the centre of the garden of this property. This is, at present, almost a perfect specimen of a beech tree which has so far escaped any mutilation due to inappropriate pruning. Mature beech trees do not take kindly to pruning of the suggested type which is likely to cause multiple entry points for fungal infection as well as spoiling the general appearance of the tree. The tree lies 20m to the north of the house and therefore does not cause any shading of the property. It is, however, a significant and highly visible part of the street scene of Kingsmead. This being a mature tree we doubt if it has changed much in overall size since the TPO was originally placed. The birch tree T2 is even further removed from the house than the beech tree and can have little direct or indirect effect on the occupants. We see no reason for the proposed crown reduction which would again affect the appearance of a prominent street tree. The only tree that we would reluctantly not oppose work on is the birch tree T3 which is south of the house and relatively close to it. It is likely that this tree has grown significantly since the TPO was placed and it would shade the house in summer.- Voted 6 for the proposal and 1 against. Objection proposal carried.</p> <p>f) 18/00857/TREEN – T1 Eucalyptus – Fell. T2 Apple – Fell – Pollyanna, Little Ann Road, Little Ann – No Objection - all agreed.</p> <p>g) 18/00735/PDHN - Notification of proposed works to a dwelling - Single storey rear extension (Length 9m, height 4m, height to eaves 4m) - Little Laughton House, Old Salisbury Road, Abbots Ann – Objection on the grounds that is it not permitted development. All agreed.</p>	
11	<p>Correspondence (Item 11 brought forward)</p> <p>a) Correspondence received regarding flooding/sewerage – West Hill</p> <p>The meeting heard from several residents affected by the sewerage and flooding through the village. A discussion was held as to the history of the problem and it was confirmed the responsibility lies with Southern Water and is their responsibility to deal with it. Cllr Gibson has sent an email to Samuel Underwood at Southern Water and will ask HCC to lobby Southern Water as it is affecting HCC’s surface drains and pollution is entering Pillhill Brook.</p> <p>Cllrs agreed to issue a Freedom of Information request to both Southern Water and the Environment Agency, with a copy to the MP, as has been an ongoing problem and reported to Southern Water and Environment Agency on many occasions.</p>	Clerk

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	<p>Cllr Haigh to send an article and photos to the Andover Advertiser. Cllrs Flood and Gibson left the meeting at 20.22</p>	Cllr Haigh																								
8	<p>Play Area Inspection and Cleaning Contract Cllrs to approve the contract for 2018/19 – The contract for 2018/19 was approved – Proposed Cllr Wells, seconded Cllr Doherty, all agreed. Clerk will ask contractor whether they could offer a 3 year contract at the same annual cost.</p>	Clerk																								
9	<p>Sportsfield Management Advisory Committee Cllrs to receive an update –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a £50 deficit on operating costs for the year. • Rate card to be approved at next PC meeting. • There are no emergency requirements, but a number of potential projects which could be funded via HCC/Sport England. SMAC are asking for quotes to put funding applications in. <p>It was agreed that the Parish Council will fund a short term purchase of cleaning materials and asked that rental agreements for containers/horseboxes to be provided.</p>	Ag Item																								
10	<p>Burial Ground Applications Cllrs to consider applications received for plots in the Burial Ground. After a discussion the Parish Council refused the application due to the applicant not being resident in the parish during their lifetime.</p>																									
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12	<p>Parish Assembly 20th April 2018 Cllrs to agree final arrangements for the Assembly. A new date was agreed as Friday 18th May 2018 as the Chairman and Vice Chairman were unavailable for 20th April. To be published on noticeboards, website and in the magazine.</p>	Clerk																								
13	<p>Wildflower Meadow Funding Cllrs to agree arrangements for maintenance and funding. Agreed to fund up to £100 for the year 2018/19 with the proviso that any contractor engaged to carry out the work must produce a valid Certificate of Public Liability insurance with a minimum of £5m cover. Proposed Cllr Wells, seconded Cllr Abram, all agreed.</p>																									
14	<p>Finance:</p> <p>a) Cllrs to approve the Financial Statement for 1st to 31st March 2018 – Proposed Cllr Abram, seconded Cllr Haigh, all agreed.</p> <p>b) Cllrs to approve the Annual Statement of Accounts for 2017/18 – Proposed Cllr Wells, seconded Cllr Abram, all agreed. Cllrs to approve the following payments to be made – Proposed Cllr Teasdale, seconded Cllr Bleeker, all agreed.</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;"><u>Payee</u></th> <th style="text-align: right;"><u>Amount</u></th> <th style="text-align: left;"><u>Payee</u></th> <th style="text-align: right;"><u>Amount</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Clerks/office expenses</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£76.11</td> <td>Clerks Salary – April</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Countrywide Grds – March</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£934.00</td> <td>Countrywide Grds – Trees</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£264.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TVBC waste collection 17/18</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1212.12</td> <td>HALC Affiliation/NALC fees</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£563.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Viking Direct (toner)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£37.04</td> <td>HCC Street Lighting (6mths)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£187.68</td> </tr> <tr> <td>L Haigh (reimbursement sign)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£25.00</td> <td>BT Quarterly bill</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£67.45</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	Clerks/office expenses	£76.11	Clerks Salary – April	£-	Countrywide Grds – March	£934.00	Countrywide Grds – Trees	£264.00	TVBC waste collection 17/18	£1212.12	HALC Affiliation/NALC fees	£563.00	Viking Direct (toner)	£37.04	HCC Street Lighting (6mths)	£187.68	L Haigh (reimbursement sign)	£25.00	BT Quarterly bill	£67.45	
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15	<p>To pass a resolution in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to exclude the public and press for discussion regarding Employment matters – Proposed Cllr Wells, seconded Cllr Bleeker, all agreed.</p> <p>Cllrs reviewed the Clerk’s salary following an annual appraisal and the success of the Clerk in becoming CiLCA qualified. The Council now meets the criteria to invoke the General Power of Competence. Cllrs agreed an increase in the Clerk’s hourly rate with effect from 1st May 2018 and a further increase with effect from 1st May 2019 for the following 12 months. Proposed Cllr Wells, seconded Cllr Abram, all agreed.</p>																									
16	<p>Next Meetings: –</p> <p>Annual Meeting of the Parish – 10th May 2018 at 7pm – War Memorial Hall, Abbots Ann</p> <p>Annual Parish Assembly – 18th May 2018 at 7pm - War Memorial Hall, Abbots Ann</p>																									

Meeting closed at 21.06

These minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman at the Annual Council meeting held on 10th May 2018