

PARISH OF ABBOTS LEIGH
Abbots Leigh Parish Council
Held at Abbots Leigh Village Hall on Monday 14th February 2022 at 7.30pm

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Talbot-Ponsonby, Walker, Butler, Narracott, Stewart & J Smart (Clerk)
 Apologies: Ward Cllr Davies

1. Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda

STP declared an interest in Item 4, an application by the Wills Estate for work to trees on his land, and also on land that he has a license with them.

2. Previous meeting held on 17th January 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 17th January 2022, previously circulated, were signed as a true record.

3. Matters arising

Clerk to check comments on the planning application at 30 Dennyview Road.

4. Planning

Applications:-

22/P/0168/TPO	Land adjacent to Home Farm House Home Farm Road	T1, T2, T3, T4 – Fell due to Ash Dieback. T5 – Sycamore – Crown raise by 5.5m to allow better vehicle access. No comments.
21/P/3232/FUH	18 Church Road Abbots Leigh North Somerset BS8 3QP	Proposed erection of a two storey side extension and attached garage and widening of existing vehicular access. AMENDED PLANS. Councillors reiterated comments from initial plans and previous objection. Councillors were now conscious of interaction with the application below. Both applications should be considered at the same time by the relevant officers. If the Planning Officer was minded to approve this proposal, Councillors would wish to object to the flat roof on the garage.
22/P/0060/FUL	Leigh Farm 16 Church Road Abbots Leigh BS8 3QP	Redevelopment of the site to provide 2no. additional dwellings and alterations to the existing dwelling to create an eco-community. Works to existing dwelling to include partial demolition with erection of two storey extensions to south-east and north-east elevations to create extension to existing house, shared workspace and annexe; alterations to windows and doors. Request an extension as the Parish Council had not been notified of this application on the Weekly Lists from NSC. This application should be dealt with in conjunction with application 21/P/3232/FUH. Relationship with both neighbouring properties.

Approvals/Refusals/Withdrawn:-

21/P/3314/TPO	Myrtle Cottage Pill Road Abbots Leigh	T1 – Ash – Fell due to Ash Dieback. Approved.
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21/P/3386/LDP	19 Dennyview Road Abbots Leigh	Certificate of Lawful Development for a single storey building in garden at rear. Approved.
21/P/2419/FUL	Flat The Barns Church Road Abbots Leigh BS8 3QU	Land remediation and associated earthworks; to move all basement arisings, together with surface soils from a site strip into the north-eastern corner of the site (currently comprises an unfilled quarry) and import new clean inert sub soil to restore land levels, following site strip, to existing levels. Approved with conditions.
21/P/2939/FUH	30 Dennyview Road Abbots Leigh North Somerset BS8 3RB	Proposed erection of single storey rear and front/side extensions, raising of roof ridge height to enable extension into loft space, with Juliet balcony and front dormer. Erection of a new detached garage. Approved with conditions.

Other Planning Matters

5. Ward Councillor's Report

Cllr Davies was not present but had sent a report, which STP read. (Attached).

The PC to write a formal letter of thanks to the Vicar, Hester Jones. **Action STP.**

6. Conservation Area

MS had produced a draft paper in conjunction with RN and STP, to send out to residents. All members were happy with what had been proposed. The leaflet would be delivered by the end of February. Responses should be returned by Monday 21st March. Residents could also look at this on the village website and download, complete and email back through the village website. **Action MS/RN/STP.**

7. Neighbourhood Plan

The NP Implementation Group had now been set up. MS was in the group and MW has been asked to join. The first meeting would be held on 2nd March at 7.30pm in the Resource Centre. The PC will be supporting the Group and the policies of the NP.

8. North Somerset Local Plan

MS reported on the NSC Local Plan to 2038. He had circulated a document as an information note, alerting members that the NP Group would think more about what needed to be responded to in the NSC Consultation. Pill & Easton-in-Gordano PC would head up responses on behalf of both Parish Councils. There was no development planned for Pill & Easton-in-Gordano, and in Failand. This would also include Abbots Leigh. The PC need to think where the Settlement Boundary should be for Abbots Leigh. **Action MS.**

9. Tree Planting & Protection

MS reported on the Treescape Project that Cat Abel had been organising, supported by MS with input from STP. Tree guards and posts were needed, and orders were now in for these, and the costs were clear. MS had circulated the costs to all members. Residents had also contributed to the costs. MS was asking for a maximum of £150 from the PC towards the costs. Agreed. **Action MS.**

10. Financial

Approval of Accounts for Payment – February 2022. Proposed by STP, seconded by MW. Agreed. **Action Clerk.**

11. Village Matters

- i. Police Report - Crime figures for December 2021 = 1 x Theft at Leigh Court, 1 x Burglary at Valley Road. STP reported on 4 significant incidents that had occurred in the last month. – car theft from Church Road, whilst

resident were in the house; Pill Road, just down from Sandy Lane – smashed the door in and stole money; theft of catalytic converter on Dennyview Road; Camp Field – damage to vehicle. People should make their properties more secure. STP would put an item in The Link, on the website, and send an email to the village list about crime prevention. **Action STP.**

- ii. Village Hall - All members had visited the flat to see what the current situation was. JB asked about Sean Dorrington repairing the leak in the chimney. STP thought it would be in the next three weeks. He would also install the roof light and install the chimney flue. STP would call him tomorrow. JB talked about funding possibilities and had been in touch with a member of a Trust who would contact him again. Following discussion, all agreed that Mick Dillon's budget proposal of £10-£12k to finish the works be approved. Clerk to look up electricity costs for the flat. **Action STP/Clerk.**

Clerk & JB to discuss price increases for the village hall. **Action JB/Clerk.**

- iii. Former Skittle Alley - Nothing to report.
- iv. Traffic Issues & Footpaths - STP reported there would be six speed survey points spread through the village, from near the speed camera to below Dennyview Road, within the next few weeks. This would obtain the numbers and the speeds.

JB asked the Clerk to chase up Centregreat again regarding the missing light in Manor Road. **Action Clerk.**

- v. Verges - Nothing to report.
- vi. Playing Fields & Events - STP reported he had received a request from the mothers who use the playground for a spring-rocker piece of equipment, quotes had been obtained and STP had passed on the information. Suggested that the PC contribute to half the cost. **Action STP.**
- vii. Village Orderly - Kevin Weekes had started cutting the grass again.
- viii. Abbots Pool - No news on the handrail. STP reported that the fallen trees in the pool would be removed on Wednesday. No working party this week due to the severe weather. Large amount of fallen trees. Jason Cox wanted to do some tidying up. The new gate had been installed.
- ix. Civic Society - MS reported that the CS was happy to organise the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration.

12. Communications

STP reported there would be a litter pick on 3rd April 2022. STP to notify Shelley Lee to collect refuse bags when done.

13. Clerk's Report

Nothing to report.