



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held Monday 27th February 2017 at
Parish Rooms, Abbotskerswell
Meeting commenced at 7.30pm**

Present Cllr B Chambers, Cllr P Marino, Cllr Mrs W Grierson (Chairman), C Cllr A Dewhirst (from item 5), Cllr K Farrelly, Cllr K Eales, Cllr Mrs M Colclough, Cllr Mrs A Allen.

In Attendance 1 member of the Public.

Apologies for Absence – Cllr Mrs L Clowes, D Cllr D Smith, John Lewis (Tree warden).

Declarations of interest

Co-option of new Parish Councillor – Mrs A Allen – proposed by Cllr K Eales & seconded by Cllr Mrs M Colclough with all in agreement

- 1) Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – Monday 30th January 2017.
Minutes of the Planning Meeting – no meeting held.

The above minutes have been distributed and read – proposed by Cllr K Eales & seconded by Cllr B Chambers with all in agreement and duly signed by the Chairman – Cllr Mrs W Grierson.

- 2) **Public Time (Limited to 15 Minutes)**

- a) Police Report – no report given.

- 3) **Planning Applications & Decisions**

Applications received from Teignbridge District Council

- a) **Application no 17/00186/FUL – Mr & Mrs A & D Hoare – Manor Farm – Change of use of agricultural land to domestic curtilage, erection of garages, variation to barn and provision of wood burning stove. The Parish Council welcome the access and mitigation statement as recommended in the ecological report prepared by David Wills and would welcome them to be made a condition of approval of the development. No objections from the Parish Council proposed by Cllr P Marino & seconded by Cllr K Eales with all in agreement.**

Decisions Received from Teignbridge District Council

- a) **TDC – Making of a Tree preservation order (Land at Manor Road).**

Appeals Received from TDC

- a) Appeal 17/00003/REF – Court Grange Offices, Court Grange – Appeal against refusal of planning permission 16/01197/FUL – Conversion of stable into dwelling. The Parish Council will reiterate their initial comments for objection against this planning application.

4) Matters Arising

- a) Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr K Eales reported that TDC have sent a letter of formal acceptance of the submission of the Neighbourhood plan prior to it going to the inspector. A piece about the plan was printed in the Mid Devon Advertiser. They have confirmed it will be examined in April or May and will take the examiner 1 to 2 days.
- b) NA3 Wolborough Development Framework Plan & Briefing Meeting – Cllr K Eales confirmed that details have been circulated to Cllrs by e-mail. The Parish Council and Newton Abbot Town Council will be invited by TDC to a closed meeting before the formal publication. The SAC appendix attached to the document is out for consultation for 6 weeks from today's date and this needs going through and commenting on. A press release from TDC confirming the significance of the bat flyways and the need for them to be protected from any future development will be printed possibly in next week's Mid Devon Advertiser. Cllr K Eales confirmed that a press release in response to this from the Parish Council confirming that they welcome measures to protect the bat flyways would then be circulated. Cllrs are in agreement that this should be released to the Mid Devon Advertiser when needed. Cllr K Eales then proposed that Wolborough Residents Association & Abbotskerswell PC purchase some bat monitoring equipment to gather their own evidence using the £1,000 donation from the CPRE held in the Parish Council account, it may also be that Professor John Altringham will need to be used again and this may mean some more expense of around £1,000 with Wolborough Residents Association putting in another £1,000, these monies will only be called upon if needed. All Cllrs are in agreement that this should go ahead.

5) Correspondence.

- a) Devon Link Up – Request for funding – noted by the Parish Council but no donation to be given.
- b) Local Government Boundary Commission – Electoral Review of Teignbridge – Final Recommendations. Circulated to Cllrs.

Matters not requiring discussion placed in the folder to be circulated

6) Main Agenda

- a) Report from County Cllr A Dewhirst – copy of report attached to the minutes.
- b) Report from District Cllr M Colclough & District Cllr D Smith – Cllr D Smith reported by e-mail - Your parish council and parishioners will no doubt be aware that the District Council Budget for 2017 - 2018 was approved at a meeting of Full Council last week. The Council Tax precept increase for Teignbridge is to be £5 or 3.22% for a Band 'D' property I'm sure Mary will be able to elaborate on the other points.

Cllr Mrs M Colclough reported – Electoral review, final recommendations have now been released, these will come into implementation in May 2017. TDC Budget has been approved at full Council. NA1 draft development framework plan and supplementary planning documents have been released now for 6 week consultation.

- c) Emergency Planning Committee report – nothing to report.
- d) Abbotskerswell Recreation Association report – Cllr B Chambers reported that new netting has been put around the court. Youths have been seen climbing over the top and anti vandal paint is being looked into being put on. ARA draw next years to shortly be collected. Holes in fencing around Courts – this has now been done.
- e) Allotments Report – no report given.
- f) P3 Report – Annual Survey forms to be completed and returned to DCC.
- g) Village Hall Report – Cllr P Marino reported trees on the boundary at the back of the hall have been attended to by Heavitree who own the boundary. Hall is now looking into putting up a fence. Heating is being completed. Garden show preparations are now ongoing.
- h) Tree Warden Report – no report given.
- i) Reports from Parish Councillors of any external meetings or Committees.
 - 1) TALC.
 - 2) Stoneycombe Liasion – next meeting 29th March 2017.
 - 3) Cllr K Eales attended a Parish Council meeting with Anne Marie Morris. Topics were schools funding, potholes, neighbourhood planning.
- j) DCC, Highways, Potholes, Roads & Hedges.
 - 1) Pavement Repairs – St Marys Close – a bad repair has been carried out by DCC but they have confirmed that the pavement will be adopted and repaired again in due course.
 - 2) Pavement outside the shop is breaking up.
 - 3) Hedge at Spinners Moon, Court Grange Lane TQ12 5NH, needs cutting.
 - 4) Parish litter pick on Saturday organised by C Cllr A Dewhirst.
- k) Volunteer Action Group – nothing at present.
- l) Consultations – nothing further at present.
- m) Communications Committee Report – there had been website hosting problems as the server has had problems. Facebook also needs to be revisited to see how successful this has been.
- n) Village Barrel Planters – The old ones have been removed and Fermoy's gave the Parish Council a good discount on some new ones and soil.

7) Cheques for Signature/Finances

Parish Council

Cheque no 1404 = £120.00 – The Lawn Rangers (removal of Tubs).
 Cheque no 1405 = £812.74 (vat £135.46) – South West Grounds Maintenance (Grass 2016).
 Cheque no 1406 = £300.00 – David Wilds (Village Weed Removal).
 Cheque no 1407 = £51.82 (vat £2.47) – EDF (Parish Rooms Electric).
 Cheque no 1408 = £48.00 (vat £8.00) - Clystnet (website support).
 Cheque no 1409 = £488.48 – Sharon Raggett (Wages February 2017).
 Cheque no 1410 = £50.00 – C Bloxidge (Litter Pick February 2017).
 Cheque no 1411 = £151.20 – Kath Roscoe (Cleaning February 2017).
 Cheque no 1412 = £352.69 (vat £58.78) – CK Farrelly (Tennis Courts Mesh).
 Cheque no 1413 = £95.00 - Abbtalk

Abbotskerswell Recreation Association

Cheque no 1066 = £50.00 – ARA DRAW

Cheque no 1067 = £20.00 – ARA DRAW

Cheque no 1068 = £5.00 – ARA DRAW

Cheque no 1069 = £5.00 – ARA DRAW

Cheque no 1070 = £5.00 – ARA DRAW

Cheque no 1071 = £5.00 – ARA DRAW

Bank Balances

ARA Account Balance February 2017 = £5,603.52

Village Events Account - £551.28 (held within ARA Account)

Parish Council Bank Balance February 2017 = £25,496.28

P3 = £700.00 (held within Parish Council Account).

CPRE Donation = £1,000 (held within Parish Council Account).

Proposed by Cllr P Marino & seconded by Cllr B Chambers with all in agreement.

- 8)** Any Items to go onto next Parish Council Meeting's Agenda.
a) Parish Rooms Internet Access.

- 9)** ARA Draw – February 2017

£50 – 36 – Mrs Neal – 32 Grange Road

£20 - 129 – Mr Winter – 8 Odle Hill Grove

£5 – 311 – Lee Walkden – 2 Berry Road

£5 – 388 – Mr Hopkins – 32 Odle Hill Grove

£5 – 617 - Mrs Pedrick – Rose Bank, Slade Lane

£5 – 825 – Mrs J Baird – 3 Elm Cottages, Priory Road

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm

Next Parish Council Meeting Abbotskerswell Parish Rooms – Monday 27th March 2017 @ 7.30pm.

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