



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held Monday 22nd May 2017 at
Parish Rooms, Abbotskerswell
Meeting commenced at 7.45pm following the AGM**

Present Cllr B Chambers, Cllr P Marino, Cllr Mrs W Grierson (Chairman), C Cllr A Dewhirst, Cllr Mrs A Allen, Cllr Mrs L Clowes.

In Attendance 1 members of the Public, Mr John Lewis (Tree Warden), Mr Nick Taylor (Allotments).

Apologies for Absence – Cllr Mrs M Colclough, Cllr K Eales, Cllr K Farrelly, D Cllr D Smith.

Declarations of interest

- 1) Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – Monday 24th April 2017.
Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting – Monday 24th April 2017.
Minutes of the Planning Meeting – no meeting held.

The above minutes have been distributed and read – proposed by Cllr P Marino & 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) - no points raised.**

- 3) **Planning Applications & Decisions**

Applications received from Teignbridge District Council –

a) Application no 17/00990/FUL – Mrs J Henman – 9 Laburnum Terrace – Single storey side extension. No objections from the Parish Council.

b) Application no 17/00737/MAJ – Lightsource Renewable Energy – Rydon Solar Farm – 5 year extension to the operational life of the Solar Farm. Noted by the Parish Council but no comment to make.

c) Application no 17/00404/FUL – Mr G Pedrick – Rosebank – Demolition of single storey rear extension and construction of replacement two storey extension, replacement front porch, demolition of single garage and construction of replacement double garage with garden patio above and new steps to front door from driveway. The Parish Council objects to this application, the application in its current form is considered to be unacceptable because of its adverse effect on the amenity value of the neighbouring property due to the proposed patio above the double garage. Proposed by Cllr P Marino and seconded by Cllr Mrs L Clowes with all in agreement.

d) Application no 16/02314/FUL Mr & Mrs P Barber – Coombe Cottage, Priory Road – Proposed detached house. No objections in principle from the Parish Council subject to the following being taken into consideration.

The location is environmentally sensitive, lying between two greater horseshoe bat (GHB) flyways, as defined in the South Hams Special Area of Conservation (SHSAC). It is near a TDC identified GHB flyway pinch point as the site is situated between the two GHB flyways. It is also less than 500m from a lesser horseshoe bat (LHB) roost in the nearby Priory and 1200m from an important GHB satellite roost at Conitor Copse.

The access lane to Coombe Cottage is a likely foraging area for both greater horseshoe bats and lesser horseshoe bats. As a consequence, TDC must ensure a comprehensive bat survey is completed and any recommendations implemented, including recommendations made by TDC's biodiversity officer, noting that the lane behind this site and the adjacent properties is the sole vehicular access to all the properties. Any conditions applied to the site which specifically relate to GHBs or LHBs must be made perpetual.

Decisions Received from Teignbridge District Council

- a) **Grant of Consent – Application no 17/00507/TPO – Mr Readfern – Land at 1 The Paddocks – Crown lift one horse chestnut (T7).**
- b) **Trees within a conservation area – No objections - Application no 17/00730/CAN – Mr & Mrs Carr – Kipepeo – Fell two magnolia trees in the front garden.**

4) Matters Arising

- a) Neighbourhood Plan – nothing further to report at present.
- b) NA3 Wolborough Development Framework Plan – nothing further to report at present.
- c) Village Bus Route – Country Bus – Country Bus have confirmed that the route is currently under review and are unable to confirm a one way route through the village. C Cllr A Dewhirst requested a copy of the e-mails received from Country Bus and he will look into the matter further with DCC.

5) Correspondence.

- a) Letter from WWD LTD – Butchers Arms site – invite to next meeting.
- b) E-Mail from Mary Ridgeway – TDC Rural Housing Enabler – Mary will be contacted once the proposals for the Butchers Arms put forward at the next meeting.
- c) E-Mail from Buffy Mitchell – Elector Fund for School PTFA for IT equipment – Suggest Rural Aid to be applied for.

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 – nothing to report.
- c) Emergency Planning Committee report – nothing to report.

- d) Abbotskerswell Recreation Association report – Cllr B Chambers reported, anti vandal paint and warning notices now done at the Courts. Noted a loose screw on the climbing frame which will be attended to.
- e) Allotments Report – Nick Taylor reported that the allotments will be involved with the National Open Gardens Scheme. One member had made a complaint that he had been blocked in for an hour by someone using the Netball Court, this matter will be looked into by the ARA Committee.
- f) P3 Report.
 - 1) Footpath Sign opposite Crystal Wood – sign by the Beacon has been moved and is in the wrong position. DCC to be informed.
- g) Village Hall Report – Cllr P Marino – new fence at the rear to be put up after trees have been taken down. Benches in front to be replaced, broadband in the Hall will be shortly installed.
- h) Tree Warden Report –
 - 1) Evergreen Oak Trimming – and trees by Court Farm – all these trees need cutting back and sorting out, these are in the conservation area so Mark Waddams at TDC has been approached for advice. Estimate from Simon Birbeck will be sought for cutting the trees back.
 - 2) Court Grange Lane – Trees arching over the lane.
- i) Reports from Parish Councillors of any external meetings or Committees.
 - 1) TALC – nothing to report.
 - 2) Stoneycombe Liasion – next meeting September.
- j) DCC, Highways, Potholes, Roads & Hedges.
 - 1) E-Mail from Vicki Braddon – DCC Neighbourhood Highway Officer – Chairman – Cllr Mrs W Grierson has been in contact with Vicki and will arrange a meeting with her.
 - 2) Weed Spraying in the Village – this to be organised by Cllr Mrs W Grierson.
 - 3) Community Road Warden Scheme – details of this to be put onto the website to see if anyone is interested in taking up this position.
 - 4) Stones on road in Stonemans Hill – DCC to attend to this.
 - 5) Wall on the Raised Pavement at the end of Priory Road – DCC to attend to this.
 - 6) Drain outside the Butchers Arms is full of mud again – to be reported to DCC.
 - 7) Duck Race – Stream to be cleared – Simon Birbeck to be contacted regards this.
- k) Volunteer Action Group – nothing to report.
- l) Consultations – nothing to report.
- m) Communications Committee Report – wifi to shortly be installed at the Parish Rooms.
- o) Commercial Advertising on Parish Council Bus Shelter – Cllr Mrs A Allen reported that Dartmouth Steam have offered 25 pairs of tickets and a years payment of advertising in Abbtalk to be able to use the bus shelter at 2 mile oak for this year, the other bus shelter will be cleared and used for advertising Abbfest and the situation will be reviewed again for next year.

7) Cheques for Signature/Finances

Parish Council

- Cheque no 1441 = £100.00 – Abbfest (PC Grant).
- Cheque no 1442 = £20.00 – Ashburton PO (Cash Stamps).
- Cheque no 1443 = £34.08 (vat 84p) British Gas (Parish Rooms).
- Cheque no 1444 = £28.00 – Lifesaver Technology (Defib Service).
- Cheque no 1445 = £50.00 – C Bloxidge (Litter Pick May 2017).

Cheque no 1446 = £48.00 (vat £8.00) – Clystnet (Web Support).
 Cheque no 1447 = £67.50 - David Wilds (Village Weed Removal).
 Cheque no 1448 = £204.47 (vat £5.77) – EDF (Tennis Court Electric).
 Cheque no 1449 = £70.45 (vat £3.35) – EDF (Pavillion Electric).
 Cheque no 1450 = £63.41 (vat £3.02) – EDF (Parish Rooms).
 Cheque no 1451 = £82.19 (vat £13.70) – C K Farrelly (Parish Rooms Internet).
 Cheque no 1452 = £198.92 – Kath Roscoe (Cleaning May 2017)
 Cheque no 1453 = £488.78 – Sharon Raggett (Wages May 2017).
 Cheque no 1454 = £997.51 – Came & Company (Annual Insurance).

Abbotskerswell Recreation Association

Cheque no 1085 = £50.00 – Abbfest .
 Cheque no 1086 = £50.00 – ARA DRAW
 Cheque no 1087 = £20.00 – ARA DRAW
 Cheque no 1088 = £5.00 – ARA DRAW
 Cheque no 1089 = £5.00 – ARA DRAW
 Cheque no 1090 = £5.00 – ARA DRAW
 Cheque no 1091 = £5.00 – ARA DRAW

Bank Balances

ARA Account Balance May 2017 = £5,246.82
 Village Events Account - £551.28 (held within ARA Account)

Parish Council Bank Balance May 2017 = £31,166.54
 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.
- 9) ARA Draw – April & May 2017 to be drawn at Junes meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.53pm
Next Parish Council Meeting Abbotskerswell Parish Rooms – Monday 26 Jun 2017 @ 7.30pm.
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