



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

Present Cllr B Chambers, Cllr Mrs W Grierson (Chairman), Cllr A Dewhirst (from item 6), Cllr K Eales, Cllr Mrs A Allen, Cllr P Marino, Cllr K Farrelly, Cllr Mrs M Colclough.

In Attendance Mr John Lewis (Tree Warden), 2 members of the Public, Mr Nick Taylor (Allotments).

Apologies for Absence – Cllr Mrs L Clowes.

Declarations of interest

- 1) Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – Monday 30th October 2017.
Minutes of the Planning Meeting – Wed 15th November 2017.

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

2) Public Time (Limited to 15 Minutes) –

- a) Dawn Platten was present and raised the suggestion of fruit trees and daffodils to be planted in the churchyard, the trees for future generations and daffodils to tidy this up – Chairman – Cllr Mrs W Grierson confirmed that the Church would have to be approached for this, however there could be some room down at the Playing Fields and Allotments. The space could be made available for this by some levelling out of ground at the end of the field. Dawn Platten who raised this issue confirmed she would look at how many trees would be needed and an application will be made to Abbfest for some grant monies to purchase some fruit trees.

3) Planning Applications & Decisions

Applications received from Teignbridge District Council –

- a) Application no 17/02770/FUL – Mr & Mrs Forte – 2 Stoneyhill – Single storey rear extension including extending existing timber deck and extension to rear of garage. No objections.

Decisions Received from Teignbridge District Council

- a) Grant of Conditional Consent – Application no 17/01319/LBC – Mr K Hurst – 10 The Priory – Conversion of a cellar/workshop area to a bedroom and ensuite facilities.

4) Matters Arising

- a) Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr K Eales confirmed that TDC have adopted the plan on the 31st October 2017, the working documents will now be saved onto a disc to be saved for future reference if needed, he will also look into saving a copy at DCC Archivist Office.
- b) Water Course to the rear of Forde & Manor Close – Cllr K Farrelly confirmed that he will check that the vegetation has now been removed.
- c) Tree & Wall at Pine Trees Lodge – 1 Manor Road – Letter to Mr Adderley that TDC have no objections if you did wish to cut the tree down, subject to applying to the Planning Department, however it is a lovely tree and the Parish Council would be pleased if you would consider putting some tell tales on the wall to monitor if there is any movement before you proceed any further.
- d) Stream by Butchers Arms – DCC will be asked if their Community Payback group can attend to.
- e) Allotments Fence reinstatement – Cllr B Chambers & Cllr K Farrelly confirmed that this is now in hand.

5) Correspondence –**Matters not requiring discussion placed in the folder to be circulated****6) Main Agenda**

- a) Report from County Cllr A Dewhirst – see written report attached to the minutes.
- b) Report from District Cllr M Colclough & District Cllr D Smith – Cllr Mrs M Colclough reported - Planning guidance document to go out for consultation next month until the end of March 2018. Houghton Barton development framework was approved by planning, but Silbelco have raised an objection regards minerals rights under the employment land. O&S meeting – Community Safety Partnership and Crime, this was looked at and they achieved a lot with the TDC Community. Universal Credit Rollout presentation, TDC have managed to get 94% of their Council Tax collected.
- c) Emergency Planning Committee report – Cllr K Farrelly reported that request to fill grit boxes has been done and one has been repaired as requested to DCC, new emergency numbers sheet to go into this months abbtalk. Court Grange lane is on the DCC gritting route
- d) Abbotskerswell Recreation Association report – Cllr B Chambers reported fireworks were a successful evening with band, stalls and fire twirlers and made around £1,000 profit. Playground proposals some plans have been drawn up, Cllr B Chambers and Cllr K Farrelly will go to the Primary School and have a meeting with the School Council to see what they think of the proposals. Funding has not yet been looked at but the proposal which looks favourable is around £35,000. A letter has been received from some children looking to have some more skate park equipment, this will be looked at once the Playground project has been done. Letter from Paula Simmons at the School asking for grant funding towards a first aid course for 20 children at the school. It was felt that this did not meet the correct criteria for funding as it was aimed at just a few individuals, however Paula will be advised on other funding streams available and possibly free courses for children run by St Johns Ambulance.
- e) Allotments Report - nothing to report.
- f) P3 Report – nothing to report.

- g) Village Hall Report – Cllr P Marino reported the the accounts have been audited, kitchen project plan now underway which looks as though it may cost around £50,000.
- h) Tree Warden Report – Mr John Lewis reported Court Farm triangle much tidier now the trees have been trimmed and piece of land at the top of the village. Many thanks to Cllr Mrs W Grierson for organising this.
- i) Reports from Parish Councillors of any external meetings or Committees.
 - 1) TALC – nothing to report.
 - 2) Stoneycombe Liasion – nothing to report.
 - 3) TDC stakeholders meeting 28th November – Cllr Mrs W Grierson and Cllr K Eales will attend.
 - 4) CPRE meeting at Abbotskerswell Parish Rooms 28th November in the evening.
 - 5) TDC on 1st December – David Kiernan attending Abbotskerswell Parish Rooms, regards Parish Plans and Housing.
- j) DCC, Highways, Potholes, Roads & Hedges.
 - 1) Willow Tree at 2 Manor Road – DCC have confirmed this will now be removed.
- k) Volunteer Action Group – nothing to report.
- l) Consultations – nothing to report.
- m) Communications Committee Report – Cllr Mrs A Allen reported meeting on 2nd November 2017 with Cllr Mrs L Clowes, would like someone social media savvy on the Committee to help with the facebook aspect and an advert for someone will go into Abbtalk.
- n) Closure of Wolborough Street for repair – Feb 2018 – Wolborough Residents have sent a letter to DCC regards their concerns for traffic trying to use Coach Road as a cut through. Abbotskerswell Parish Council have concerns that Priory Road will also be used as a cut through during this period when the road is closed, however there is not a lot more that can be done apart from warning residents that it may be busier in the village during the week when the repairs will be done. Cllr A Dewhirst confirmed that there are a lot of issues with this which have been raised to DCC.

7) Cheques for Signature/Finances

Parish Council

- Cheque no 1513 = £20.00 – Ashburton Post Office (Stamps).
- Cheque no 1514 = £240.00 (vat £40.00) – Grant Thornton (External Audit).
- Cheque no 1515 = £15.00 – TRBL Poppy Appeal (Wreath).
- Cheque no 1516 = £64.73 (vat £10.79) – Coast 2 Coast (Parish Rooms Fire Extinguishers).
- Cheque no 1517 = £48.00 (vat £8.00) – Clystnet Ltd.
- Cheque no 1518 = £30.00 – David Wilds (Weed Clearance).
- Cheque no 1519 = £700.00 – Birbeck Landscapes (Grass Cutting x 6 Cuts & Crown Lift).
- Cheque no 1520 = £31.81 – SWWA (Pavillion Water).
- Cheque no 1521 = £18.50 – SWWA (Parish Rooms).
- Cheque no 1522 = £49.78 – SWWA (Toilets).
- Cheque no 1523 = £73.77 (vat £3.48) – EDF (Pavillion).
- Cheque no 1524 = £52.35 (vat £4.11) – EDF (Tennis Courts).
- Cheque no 1525 = £50.00 – C Bloxidge (Litter Pick November).
- Cheque no 1526 = £165.00 – Kath Roscoe (Cleaning November).
- Cheque no 1527 = £488.78 – Sharon Raggett (Wages November 2017).

Abbotskerswell Recreation Association

Cheque no 1125 = £50.00 – ARA DRAW
 Cheque no 1126 = £20.00 – ARA DRAW
 Cheque no 1127 = £5.00 – ARA DRAW
 Cheque no 1128 = £5.00 – ARA DRAW
 Cheque no 1129 = £5.00 – ARA DRAW
 Cheque no 1130 = £5.00 – ARA DRAW
 Cheque no 1131 = £20.00 – TDC (Lottery Licence).
 Cheque no 1132 = £2,300 (vat £383.33) – Angelfire Pyrotechnics Ltd

Bank Balances

ARA Account Balance November 2017 = £7,050.62
 Village Events Account - £551.28 (held within ARA Account)

Parish Council Bank Balance November 2017 = £37,281.30
 P3 = £700.00 (held within Parish Council Account).

Proposed by Cllr K Eales & seconded by Cllr B Chambers with all in agreement.

8) Any Items to go onto next Parish Council meeting Agenda.

9) ARA Draw – November 2017.

£50 – 670 – Mrs E Davis – 1 Vicarage Road
 £20 – 749 – Janet Alloy – 29 The Priory
 £5 – 68 – Mr Palmer – 40 Grange Road
 £5 – 464 – Mr Neu – 1 The Paddocks
 £5 – 240 – Mr J Stewart – Ladywell, Slade Lane
 £5 – 669 – Mr Cardus – The Old Post Office, Priory Road

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35pm

Next Parish Council Meeting Abbotskerswell Parish Rooms – Monday 18th December 2017 @ 7.30pm.

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