



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 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, Cllr K Farrelly, Cllr K Eales, Cllr Mrs M Colclough, D Cllr D Smith, Cllr Chris Clarence.

**In Attendance** Mrs M Crompton (Allotments), Mr J Lewis (Tree Warden), David Munden (Neighbourhood Plan), 4 members of the Public.

**Apologies for Absence** – Cllr Mrs L Clowes.

**Declarations of interest**

**3a) Cllr P Marino has declared an interest.**

- 1) Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016.  
Minutes of the Planning Meeting – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

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)**

- a) Police Report – no report given.
- b) Post Box in Wilton Way has not been painted – The Clerk will chase up Royal Mail as they confirmed this to be done with 12 weeks.
- c) A member of the public has been stuck in the toilet, looks as though the door has been soaked and has swollen up in the recent rain. Cllr B Chambers & Cllr K Farrelly will attend to this.
- d) Neighbourhood Plan – Cycle track objection. Mr D Munden was present and confirmed that the responses of any objectors can be found on the website.

**3) Planning Applications & Decisions**

**Applications received from Teignbridge District Council**

- a) **Application no 17/00073/LBC – Mrs S Buckley – The Priory – Replacement of two defective full height glazed screens serving the garden room. No objections from the Parish Council.**

**Decisions Received from Teignbridge District Council**

- a) Grant of Conditional Planning Permission – Application no 16/03277/VAR – Mrs L Banks – 24 Wilton Way – Variation of condition 2 on planning application 16/02690 to extend roof of extension over existing porch.

#### 4) Matters Arising

- a) Neighbourhood Plan – Mr David Munden was present and reported that the steering group has completed the work in preparing the plan, amendments to the plan have been made after the consultation phase and it is now ready to go to TDC and requires the Parish Councils approval before it is submitted to TDC to carry on the finalization of the plan and the referendum within the Parish. If approved it becomes a statutory development plan for the Parish. A copy of the Plans & objectives policy will be attached to the Parish Councils minutes and have been distributed to Cllrs for perusal before agreeing adoption.

David Munden - Many thanks to the steering group members and in particular Kevin Eales who has put in a lot of hours in getting the plan together.

Cllr B Chambers – vote of thanks to the steering group who have all worked very hard to produce this work.

Proposed by Cllr Mrs M Colclough and seconded by Cllr B Chambers that the steering group liaise with TDC regards the inspector who is chosen to look at the plan once it is submitted.

Proposed by Cllr Mrs M Colclough and seconded by Cllr B Chambers that the plan is adopted by the Parish Council with all in agreement.

- b) Parish Council Vacancy – Mrs A Allen was present, she would like to join the Parish Council and will be co-opted on at the next meeting.

#### 5) Correspondence.

- a) E-mail received regards inappropriate car parking and potential public order offence. This has now been resolved with the Police making a visit to the offenders.
- b) E-Mail received regards School Bus – C Cllr A Dewhirst reported that he has received this e-mail and will be looking into this and writing to the Parishioner.
- c) Cut down Tree in Manor Road – This has been reported to Mark Waddams at TDC but it was reported that the tree was dead and was removed by Thulborns contractors.
- d) Letter from the Post Office – Abbotskerswell New Branch @ Central Stores – opening on the 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 2017.

#### **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 – D Cllr D Smith – copy of report attached to the minutes. D Cllr Mrs M Colclough – Budget looks as though the Council Tax will go up £5 and carparking charges will go up 3%, rural aid will be included again this year at £40,000.
- c) Emergency Planning Committee report – Cllr K Farrelly reported – defib check annually to be done by a specialist company £28 per year, all Cllrs in agreement. Chapter 8 course to be undertaken shortly.

- d) Abbotskerswell Recreation Association report – Cllr B Chambers reported - new handles on the Tennis Nets done, youth was caught climbing over the perimeter fencing.
- e) Allotments Report – Mrs M Crompton – 3 small allotments vacant at present.
- f) P3 Report – nothing to report.
- g) Village Hall Report – Cllr P Marino reported that the heating improvements are currently ongoing. Tree on the boundary which is on Heavitree land will be taken down later this week as it has been deemed to be dangerous.
- h) Tree Warden Report – Mr John Lewis – tree came down across the road at the priory in high winds was dealt with by DCC. Sweet Chestnut disease warnings circulated to Cllrs.
- i) Reports from Parish Councillors of any external meetings or Committees.
  - 1) TALC – minutes have been circulated.
  - 2) Stoneycombe Liasion – no meeting held. C Cllr A Dewhirst reported that a blast was felt last week as far as Ipplepen but this could have been due to high weather pressure. Stoneycombe has been made aware of this and is monitoring weather conditions before more blasts are made.
- j) DCC, Highways, Potholes, Roads & Hedges.
  - 1) Traffic in Priory Road – sign needed at the Village end to stop lorries going up however DCC will not put a sign in the Village as there is no where for a lorry to turn around.
  - 2) Parking outside the Parish/Church Rooms – a large van is parked and blocking the highway. C Cllr A Dewhirst will ask the PCSO to take a look at this.
  - 3) Ditch at Denbury Diesels – Cllr A Dewhirst visited site with the Environment Agency and Cllr K Farrelly, the situation will be monitored to ensure that DCC keep the culvert under the road clear.
  - 4) Footpath at St Mary Close is uneven and a Parishioner has fallen over. DCC Highways will be doing some patching on the area although it is unadopted it will be attended to.
- l) Volunteer Action Group – nothing to report.
- m) Consultations - nothing at present.
- n) Communications Committee Report – no meeting held.
- o) Annual Parish Meeting – no speaker this year, just the usual reports and an annual report to go out to all Parishioners.
- p) Precept 2017/2018 - £22,000 – proposed by Cllr K Eales and seconded by Cllr Mrs M Colclough with all in agreement.

## 7) Cheques for Signature/Finances

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- Cheque no 1393 = £86.40 – C K Farrelly (Tennis Net Handles).
- Cheque no 1394 = £20.00 – Ashburton PO (Stamps)
- Cheque no 1395 = £222.00 (vat £37.00) - Lee Accounting (Internal Audit).
- Cheque no 1396 = £382.37 (vat £18.20) - British Gas (Pavillion Gas).
- Cheque no 1397 = £285.00 – David Wilds (Street Cleaning).
- Cheque no 1398 = £48.00 (vat £8.00) - Clystnet (website support).
- Cheque no 1399 = £15.01 (vat £2.50) – B Chambers (Fuel).
- Cheque no 1400 = £488.48 – Sharon Raggett (Wages January 2017).
- Cheque no 1401 = £50.00 – C Bloxidge (Litter Pick January 2017).
- Cheque no 1402 = £187.04 – Kath Roscoe (Cleaning January 2017).
- Cheque no 1403 = £56.06 (vat 89p) – British Gas (Parish Rooms Electric).

**Abbotskerswell Recreation Association**

Cheque no 1060 = £50.00 – ARA DRAW  
 Cheque no 1061 = £20.00 – ARA DRAW  
 Cheque no 1062 = £5.00 – ARA DRAW  
 Cheque no 1063 = £5.00 – ARA DRAW  
 Cheque no 1064 = £5.00 – ARA DRAW  
 Cheque no 1065 = £5.00 – ARA DRAW

**Bank Balances**

ARA Account Balance January 2017 = £5,708.52  
 Village Events Account - £551.28 (held within ARA Account)

Parish Council Bank Balance January 2017 = £25,110.33  
 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 – January 2017

£50 – 261 – Mr Maunder – Dorina, Totnes Road  
 £20 – 589 – Mrs P Munden – 1 Monks Orchard  
 £5 – 482 – Mrs V Scarry – 28 Manor Road  
 £5 – 561 – Mr King – 2 Monks Orchard  
 £5 – 821 – N Dubash – The Pottery, Court Grange  
 £5 – 465 – Mr & Mrs Dyke – 4 Grange Park, Grange Lane

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm**

**Next Parish Council Meeting Abbotskerswell Parish Rooms – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017 @ 7.30pm.**

**ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAS SPECIAL NEEDS AND REQUIRES A COPY OF THESE MINUTES SENT TO THEM – PLEASE CONTACT THE CLERK – 01364 654607**