



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 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 Mrs L Clowes, Cllr P Marino, Cllr K Farrelly, Cllr Mrs M Colclough.

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

**Apologies for Absence** – D Cllr D Smith

**Declarations of interest**

1) Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 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) Forde Close and Manor Close back onto a water course and it is believed that the owners of 6 Manor Close are dumping garden waste onto the rear which may block the water course. A letter to be written to no 6 Manor Close which is believed to be dumping the waste.

3) **Planning Applications & Decisions**

**Applications received from Teignbridge District Council –**

a) **Application no 17/01542/MAJ – Land at Wolborough Barton, Coach Road – Mixed Use Proposal comprising 1,275 dwellings, primary school, employment space, two care homes. See Neighbourhood Plan – item 4a).**

b) **Application no 17/02543/FUL – Mr & Mrs Sheffield – Conitor, Totnes Road – Loft conversion, additional rooflight windows on east, west and south elevations and block up window on north elevation. The Parish Council are surprised that the application has been validated at this stage without a Bat Survey being carried out and therefore should be refused until such time as the relevant surveys have been completed and submitted, in view of the properties proximity to Conitor Copse.**

c) **Application no 17/02241/FUL – Mr C Throgmorton – Court Grange Offices – Conversion of redundant building to holiday accommodation. To be carried forward to the next planning meeting.**

### **Decisions Received from Teignbridge District Council**

- a) Refusal of request for Prior Approval – Application no 17/02089/NPA – Mr R Downs – Land at Totnes Road – Prior approval under Part 3 Class Q (a) & (b) and paragraph W of the GPDO change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling.
- b) Exemption works to trees covered by a TPO – Application no 17/02528/TPOE – Paul Richards Plymouth University – Woodland Management works – Grange Copse.
- c) Refusal of planning permission – Application no 17/02070/FUL – Mr D Weeks – December Cottage – First floor rear balcony.
- d) Refusal of request for prior approval – Application no 17/02021/NPA – Ms L Davey – Building at Maddacombe Road - Prior approval under Part 3 Class Q (a) and paragraph W of the GPDO change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling.
- e) Application no 17/02155/CAN – Mr J Oakley – 1 Sunnybank – Fell one ash tree.

#### **4) Matters Arising**

- a) Neighbourhood Plan – results of referendum – Cllr K Eales reported turnout of 30.1% of the community 88% were in favour and 12% were no. Tomorrow is the Executive Meeting at TDC when the Plan will be made, Cllr K Eales and David Munden will be attending. Land at Wolborough Road – Cllr Mrs M Colclough confirmed that this is an update of the application with further information that has been added to the planning portal. Cllr K Eales confirmed that there were various documents on the Wolborough application still missing from the portal, there are also no plans and designs available for the new road which would be key to the development. The draft supplementary planning document for the South Hams SAC has also not been agreed and decided on and WRA have written to them to ask when this will be agreed at the Executive. Cllr Mrs M Colclough confirmed that TDC will be meeting with PCL the applicants later this week and after this more information will be made available to the members.

#### **5) Correspondence –**

- a) Mr M Adderley – Wall at Pine Trees Lodge – 1 Manor Road – Mr Adderley has confirmed that he also has concerns about the wall and would like to fell the large Horse Chestnut Tree. Contact Mark Waddams and ask to arrange a meeting and also the Highways to look at the danger aspect of the tree close to the highways. Copy to Alistair Dewhirst.

**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 – no report given.
- c) Emergency Planning Committee report – Cllr K Farrelly reported that the new emergency list will be Decembers Abbtalk with new emergency plan, DCC Highways will not refill grit bins this year unless they are requested to do so, bins in the village have been checked and DCC have been notified of the ones which need filling. Stream by the Butchers Arms is full of vegetation and needs clearing.
- d) Abbotskerswell Recreation Association report - Cllr B Chambers reported all ready for Sat evening 4<sup>th</sup> November, stalls and fire twirler, Coombeshead folk band and fireworks. Cllr K Farrelly reported that some quotes have been received to revamp the playground, the adult play equipment - proposed that it will be removed and in particular one piece of equipment which is dangerous and needs removing, this will be done immediately and a note that it will all be removed will go into Abbtalk.
- e) Allotments Report - water now to be turned off – Cllr K Farrelly will take a final meter reading.
- f) P3 Report – nothing to report.
- g) Village Hall Report – Cllr P Marino reported that a new project for a kitchen is now to be undertaken. Rural Aid grant application will be done plus some other grant funding. AGM on 7<sup>th</sup> December 7pm at Village Hall.
- h) Tree Warden Report – Mr John Lewis reported - Ash Tree removed at allotments, letter to Brian Mackness to thank him for his help. Fence which is now down may now need to be reinstated. Cllr B Chambers & Cllr K Farrelly will look at this and report back to the next meeting.
- i) Reports from Parish Councillors of any external meetings or Committees.
  - 1) TALC – Cllr K Eales reported that he attended, minutes of the meeting have been circulated to Cllrs.
  - 2) Stoneycombe Liasion – no meeting held.
  - 3) Cllr Mrs L Clowes reported - Abbfest raised around £22,000 it was a good festival and very well attended.
- j) DCC, Highways, Potholes, Roads & Hedges.
  - 1) HGV`s using the Village – noted that another large lorry was stuck coming down through the Priory.
  - 2) Many thanks to DCC for replacing the railings at the entrance to the village which have been damaged.
  - 3) Water leak by Church Path has been reported.
  - 4) Manor road has been re-patched and will be resurfaced next year.
  - 5) Post boxes – Cllr Mrs W Grierson and Cllr K Farrelly will repaint.
  - 6) Trees on Village Green – these have now been done, many thanks to Cllr W Grierson for attending to this.
- k) Volunteer Action Group – Cllr Mrs W Grierson reported a meeting was held and verge on wall at the back corner behind the pub has been tidied and some bulbs planted.
- l) Consultations – noting at present.
- m) Communications Committee Report – Cllr Mrs L Clowes reported meeting not yet held but will be shortly arranged to make sure documentation in place and transparency code information on the web site up to date.
- n) Bus Stop Advertising – Cllr Mrs A Allen reported that the River Boat company are paid up until March 2017.

- o) Church Clock – It was agreed over 10 years ago that the Parish Council would pay half of the service fee each year.
- p) Cllr Mrs W Grierson reported that the school have done some posters for littering in the village which will shortly be judged and the winning ones will go into Abbtalk and onto the website.

## **7) Cheques for Signature/Finances**

### **Parish Council**

Cheque no 1501 = £460 - 20`s Plenty for Us (Bin Stickers).  
 Cheque no 1502 = £283.00 – Kingfisher (Neighbourhood Plan).  
 Cheque no 1503 = £576.00 (vat £96.00) Max Bayles (Fell Ash Tree on Allotments).  
 Cheque no 1504 = £48.00 (vat £8.00) – Clystnet Ltd.  
 Cheque no 1505 = £41.92 (vat £1.09) – British Gas (Toilet Electric).  
 Cheque no 1506 = £153.75 – David Wilds (Weed Clearance).  
 Cheque no 1507 = £1,350 – Anna Berthinussen (NA3 Bat Report).  
 Cheque no 1508 = £50.00 – C Bloxidge (Litter Pick October).  
 Cheque no 1509 = £117.94 (vat £5.61) – British Gas (Pavillion Gas).  
 Cheque no 1510 = £172.50 – Kath Roscoe (Cleaning October).  
 Cheque no 1511 = £488.78 – Sharon Raggett (Wages October 2017).  
 Cheque no 1512 = £126.60 – St Marys Church.

### **Abbotskerswell Recreation Association**

Cheque no 1118 = £300.00 – Dave Collins (Cash float for fireworks)  
 Cheque no 1119 = £50.00 – ARA DRAW  
 Cheque no 1120 = £20.00 – ARA DRAW  
 Cheque no 1121 = £5.00 – ARA DRAW  
 Cheque no 1122 = £5.00 – ARA DRAW  
 Cheque no 1123 = £5.00 – ARA DRAW  
 Cheque no 1124 = £5.00 – ARA DRAW

### **Bank Balances**

ARA Account Balance October 2017 = £7,115.62  
 Village Events Account - £551.28 (held within ARA Account)

Parish Council Bank Balance October 2017 = £37,593.26  
 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 – October 2017.

£50 – 194 – Karen Marino – 31 Wilton Way  
£20 – 485 – Mrs J Cripps – 9 Odle Hill Grove  
£5 – 70 – Abbey Barker – 3 Manor Gardens  
£5 – 765 – Mr J R Winkley – 67 Wilton Way  
£5 – 358 – N Nicholson – 20 Wilton Way  
£5 – 686 – Mr Long – Tamarisk – Stonemans Hill

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40pm**

**Next Parish Council Meeting Abbotskerswell Parish Rooms – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 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**

## **Part 2 Private & Confidential**

- a) E-mail from Mary Ridgway – TDC Housing Enabler – circulated to Cllrs as follows - wanted to flag up that the owners of the land adjacent to the A381 near Abbotskerswell Cross have ‘re-activated’ their pre-application discussions for an affordable housing led exception site. I would be very happy to update the PC at the next meeting on progress, preferable in the closed part of the meeting. This is because there are some practical constraints to the site which I need to flag and because I would like to explore with the Parish Council to what extent they would like to see a ‘community led’ project and to explain more about the Community Led Housing Fund opportunities.

Mary to be invited to the next Planning meeting on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November.