



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held Monday 26th February 2018 at
Parish Rooms, Abbotskerswell
Meeting commenced at 7.30pm**

Present Cllr Mrs W Grierson (Chairman), Cllr K Eales, Cllr Mrs A Allen, Cllr P Marino, Cllr Mrs M Colclough, Cllr Mrs L Clowes, D Cllr D Smith.

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

Apologies for Absence – Cllr K Farrelly, C Cllr A Dewhirst.

Declarations of interest

1) Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – Monday 29th January 2018 – having been circulated and read - proposed by Cllr P Marino & seconded by Cllr K Eales with all in agreement and duly signed by the Chairman – Cllr Mrs W Grierson.

2) Public Time (Limited to 15 Minutes) –

- a) Wilton Way to Court Grange there are now 13 potholes. These have been reported online and will be noted to C Cllr A Dewhirst as this road is now the main bus route.
- b) Police Report – 1 report in Abbotskerswell of antisocial behaviour noted.

3) Planning Applications & Decisions

Applications received from Teignbridge District Council –

a) Application no 17/03036/FUL – Mr B Godfrey – Great Castors, Two Mile Oak – Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of new dwelling and detached garage. Comments regards the nearby Bat Roosts and Flyways submitted by Cllr K Eales attached to the minutes and e-mailed to TDC.

b) Application no 18/00393/CAN – Dr Defriend – Glebe House, Vicarage Road – Fell one oak and one Norway maple, prune secondary branches of one oak to clear overhead wires, crown reduce one eucalyptus by 20% and reduce height of elms in hedge to match hedge height. No objections from the Parish Council.

Decisions Received from Teignbridge District Council –

a) Grant of Conditional Planning Permission – Application no 17/02876/FUL – Mr A Chapman – Heathcot – Part demolition of stone wall, excavation of ground and provision of car port with new retaining walls.

b) Grant of Request for Prior Approval – Application no 17/03037/NPA – Ms L Davey – Building at NGR 286510 67738 Maddacombe 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.

c) Appeal Decision – 17/00567/FUL – Mr & Mrs Keith – 7 Manor Close – Loft Conversion including raising of ridge height – Appeal allowed and Planning Permission Granted.

4) Matters Arising

- a) Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr K Eales confirmed papers were circulated to Cllrs, 3 months have gone by since TDC adopted the Plan, a review meeting was held and the current actions underway at present have been noted. Cllr Mrs W Grierson & Cllr K Eales had a meeting at TDC with David Kiernan and Alexis Marsh regards the Parish Boundaries which are currently under review, their recommendations will go out to consultation when ready but only slight changes and adjustments to the boundaries are being suggested. Housing Needs Survey – will be checked with Devon Communities Together to see if this is still valid or whether another one needs to be done.
- b) Parish Council Vacancy – nothing further to report at present.

5) Correspondence –

- a) E-mail from Primary School – parking in Slade Lane – this has now been forwarded to C Cllr A Dewhirst who will make contact with the DCC officer dealing with School parking to see if anything further can be done as the School has more staff than spaces available.

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 – see written report attached to the minutes.
Cllr Mrs M Colclough confirmed that the budget has been approved by full council, band D homes will increase by £5 per Annum, Rural Aid will continue, Phil Shears has a new title now Managing Director.
- c) Emergency Planning Committee report – Grant money has been received for equipment and 2 way radios. Salt bins are full as snow has been forecast.
- d) Abbotskerswell Recreation Association report.
 - 1) Planting of Fruit Trees at bottom of field – Abbotskerswell Orchard – Levelling of site and drainage will be looked at once the weather is better.
 - 2) ARA draw collection rounds are now being circulated.
- e) Allotments Report – John Lewis reported fencing between allotments and football is sagging as football spectators are leaning on it, this is also making the gate difficult to close at the end because the post is leaning over.
- f) P3 Report – Cllr K Eales reported that he has done a survey of the paths in the Parish, some problems have been identified including a raised manhole cover and some hedges and boundaries which are overgrown, letters will be written to adjacent landowners regards this. Community Payback team will be approached regards some path clearances needed.
- g) Village Hall Report – Cllr P Marino reported garden show sub-committee has met and new schedule will be published in Abbtalk. Planning Application for new kitchen will now go in and a grant from Abbtalk has been given of £1,000. Cordettes have offered to have a fund raising concert in April to help with this.

- h) Tree Warden Report – Mr John Lewis reported some tree works have been occurring in Grange Lane. C Cllr A Dewhirst will be asked if he can find out who from DCC put notice on tree to be felled and when it will come down as the Parish Council have had no notice of this.
- i) Reports from Parish Councillors of any external meetings or Committees.
 - 1) TALC – nothing to report.
 - 2) Stoneycombe Liasion – nothing to report.
- j) DCC, Highways, Potholes, Roads & Hedges – nothing further to report.
- k) Volunteer Action Group – Litter pick in the village was a great success with a good turnout. Many thanks to C Cllr A Dewhirst for organising this.
- l) Consultations – Cllr K Eales reported regards the TDC Urban Design Guide, some points have been noted which will be commented on regards parking space allocations for new homes. DCC – Traffic sensitive streets consultation has also been received.
- m) Communications Committee Report – Cllr Mrs L Clowes reported – website hosting now in the Parish Councils name, Clystnet are in the process of moving all the information over. Communications Committee is now joined by Kathy who has media experience. Data Protection Officer – proposed that the - Clerk Sharon Raggett takes on this role as new regulations come into force in May of this year.
- n) Parish Meeting Speaker – no speaker this year just the usual annual reports from various organisations.
- o) Bus Shelter Advertising – Cllr Mrs A Allen reported that this is coming up for review again, Dartmouth and Torbay Steam can be approached again but Abbotskerswell Vets have also asked if they can advertise. The vets will be approached first and also Pixie Media who are a local company that rents out advertising space.

7) Cheques for Signature/Finances

Parish Council

Cheque no 1546 = £383.33 – ARA (vat from Fireworks).
 Cheque no 1547 = £20.00 – Ashburton Post Office.
 Cheque no 1548 = £488.78 – Sharon Raggett (Wages February 2017).
 Cheque no 1549 = £135.00 – David Wilds (Weed Clearance).
 Cheque no 1550 = £15.00 – Kevin Farrelly (Keys Cut).
 Cheque no 1551 = £48.00 (vat £8.00) – Clystnet Ltd.
 Cheque no 1552 = £12.80 – Sharon Raggett (Paper).
 Cheque no 1553 = £1,785.60 (vat £297.60) – Fullstop Fire & Security (Elector Fund Grant).
 Cheque no 1554 = £36.00 – CPRE (Annual Sub).
 Cheque no 1555 = £142.50 – Kath Roscoe (Cleaning February).
 Cheque no 1556 = £50.00 – C Bloxidge (Litter Pick February).

Abbotskerswell Recreation Association

Cheque no 1146 = £50.00 – ARA DRAW
 Cheque no 1147 = £20.00 – ARA DRAW
 Cheque no 1148 = £5.00 – ARA DRAW
 Cheque no 1149 = £5.00 – ARA DRAW
 Cheque no 1150 = £5.00 – ARA DRAW
 Cheque no 1151 = £5.00 – ARA DRAW

Bank Balances

ARA Account Balance February 2018 = £7,507.08
Village Events Account - £551.28 (held within ARA Account)

Parish Council Bank Balance February 2018 = £31,047.52
P3 = £700.00 (held within Parish Council Account).

Proposed by Cllr K Eales & seconded by Cllr P Marino with all in agreement.

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

9) ARA Draw – February 2018.

£50 – 707 – Bev Clease – 6a Stoneyhill
£20 – 311 – Mr Lee Walkden – 2 Berry Road
£5 – 464 – Mr Neu – 1 The Paddocks
£5 – 542 – Mrs Brimblecombe – 14 St Marys Close
£5 – 639 – Mrs Crawshaw – Monks Thatch, Slade Lane
£5 – 765 – Mr J R Winkley – 67 Wilton Way

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.31pm

Next Parish Council Meeting Abbotskerswell Parish Rooms – Monday 26th March 2018 @ 7.30pm.

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