



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held Monday 26th March 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, Cllr A Dewhirst (from item 6).

In Attendance – 1 member of the Public

Apologies for Absence – Cllr K Farrelly, Mr Nick Taylor (Allotments), Mr John Lewis (Tree Warden), D Cllr D Smith.

Declarations of interest

5a) Abbfest – Cllr Mrs L Clowes & Cllr Mrs A Allen

1) Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – Monday 26th February 2018 – having been circulated and read - proposed by Cllr Mrs M Colclough & 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) Police Report – 3 incidents in the Parish were noted on the Police website.

3) Planning Applications & Decisions

Applications received from Teignbridge District Council –

a) Application no 18/00241/FUL – Abbpast – Land Opposite 1 Church Cottages – Installation of History Board. No objections from the Parish Council .

Decisions Received from Teignbridge District Council –

a) Application no 18/0020/CAN – Court Farm Inn, Wilton Way – Fell one Ash Tree.

4) Matters Arising

a) Neighbourhood Plan.

1) Housing Needs Survey – Devon Communities Together confirmed that the last survey still has a year to run, they have no further funding for another survey but would be able to contact the people identified as in need in the last survey, if the Parish Council pay another new survey could possibly be undertaken and Devon Communities will be asked if they would collect the data from this and what the approximate cost might be.

b) Parish Council Vacancy – nothing further to report at present.

5) Correspondence –

- a) Abbfest – request for sponsorship - £100 from the Parish Council and £50 from the ARA.
- b) Rural Aid – Application for new Playground Facilities – if the Village Hall are unable to go ahead with an application for the new Kitchen the Playground will be applied for.

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 – AGM shortly, Rural Aid to be kept for next year, boundaries for Parishes are currently under review.
- c) Natural Environment
 - a. Tree Warden Report – no report given.
 - b. Allotments Report – no report given.
- d) Transport and Accessibility
 - a. Emergency Planning Committee report - Gritter and equipment has been used over the past few weeks during the snow, lots of volunteers turned out to help. Many thanks to all who helped. Next meeting mid April.
 - b. P3 Report – Cllr K Eales reported that letters have gone out to occupiers next to the footpaths to remind them of their duty to ensure fences are maintained and hedges have been cut back and not encroaching on the path.
 - c. DCC, Highways, Potholes, Roads & Hedges – Lots of potholes at present which are all being reported on the DCC website.
- e) Economy and Employment
 - a. Bus Shelter Advertising – Cllr Mrs A Allen reported that using an advertising company would not work as the shelter is wooden. The vets will be approached to see if they are still interested in advertising and a price will be negotiated.
- f) Community, Facilities and Assets
 - a. Abbotskerswell Recreation Association report – Draw is now being collected. Fireworks on the 3rd November this year and Fireworks have been ordered. Play equipment quotes have been obtained and funding will be looked into. ROSPA reported to be looked at and reported back at the next PC meeting.
 - b. Village Hall Report – Cllr P Marino reported fund raising concert taking place to raise money for the kitchen.
 - c. Volunteer Action Group – Quaker burial ground needs tidying up – Simon Birbeck will be asked if he can tidy it up. Bench at the top of the village also to be tidied up and weeds removed. Weed spraying in the Village to be attended to by Trevor Howard when the Spring comes and they start to grow.
 - d. Consultations - Cllr K Eales reported new South Hams SAC supplementary planning document has not yet been released but is available to view but it seems to be a watered down version of the old document. It will be released for formal responses shortly.
 - Conitor House – change of use is currently ongoing with TDC from offices to residential, as an extra top floor has been added, TDC enforcement will be visiting site next week to look at the situation.
 - National Planning Policy Framework – this is currently out for consultation.

- Draft Urban Design Guide – comments have been circulated and submitted.
- e. Communications Committee Report – Cllr Mrs L Clowes reported that the web site domain has been purchased by the Parish Council. Facebook has been useful in coordinating people to help with the recent snow.
 - g) Reports from Parish Councillors of any external meetings or Committees.
 - a. TALC – meeting later this month.
 - b. Stoneycombe Liasion - meeting later this month.

7) Cheques for Signature/Finances

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Cheque no 1557 = £488.78 – Sharon Raggett (Wages March 2018).
 Cheque no 1558 = £882.32 (vat £147.06) – C.K Farrelly (Emergency Plan Equipment).
 Cheque no 1559 = £89.88 – Liz Clowes (Web-site Admin).
 Cheque no 1560 = £285.00 – David Wilds (Weed Clearance).
 Cheque no 1561 = £48.00 (vat £8.00) – Clystnet Ltd.
 Cheque no 1562 = £24.46 (vat £1.16) – British Gas (Parish Rooms).
 Cheque no 1563 = £268.80 (vat £44.80) – Playsafety Limited (ROSPA Report).
 Cheque no 1564 = £70.77 (vat £3.37) – EDF (Pavillion Electric).
 Cheque no 1565 = £108.60 (vat £5.17) – EDF (Tennis Courts).
 Cheque no 1566 = £36.00 (vat £6.00) – Get Mapping Plc (Annual Sub).
 Cheque no 1567 = £73.90 – SWWA (Toilets).
 Cheque no 1568 = £32.79 (vat £2.72) – SWWA (Parish Rooms).
 Cheque no 1569 = £103.82 – SWWA (Allotments/Pavillion).
 Cheque no 1570 = £157.50 – Kath Roscoe (Cleaning March).
 Cheque no 1556 = £50.00 – C Bloxidge (Litter Pick March).

Abbotskerswell Recreation Association

Cheque no 1152 = £50.00 – ARA DRAW
 Cheque no 1153 = £20.00 – ARA DRAW
 Cheque no 1154 = £5.00 – ARA DRAW
 Cheque no 1155 = £5.00 – ARA DRAW
 Cheque no 1156 = £5.00 – ARA DRAW
 Cheque no 1157 = £5.00 – ARA DRAW
 Cheque no 1158 = £39.03 – Ann Down (ARA Draw Admin).

Bank Balances

ARA Account Balance March 2018 = £7,407.08
 Village Events Account - £551.28 (held within ARA Account)

Parish Council Bank Balance March 2018 = £30,635.93
 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 – March 2018.

£50 – 736 – Mrs Reynolds, 1 Town Cottages

£20 – 563 – Mrs P Call, 4 Laburnham Terrace

£5 – 633 – Mrs Rooth, Court Cottage, Priory Road

£5 – 667 – Mr Cardus, The Old Post Office, Priory Road

£5 – 511 – Mr Clements, 4 Corn Park Road

£5 -287 – Mrs C Kunst, Alveston, Odle Hill

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm

Next Parish Council Meeting Abbotskerswell Parish Rooms – Monday 30th April 2018 @ 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