



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at  
Parish Rooms, Abbotskerswell  
Meeting commenced at 7.30pm**

**Present** Cllr Mrs W Grierson (Chairman), C Cllr A Dewhurst (from item 6a), Cllr K Eales, Cllr Mrs A Allen, Cllr P Marino, Cllr K Farrelly, Cllr Mrs M Colclough,

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

**Apologies for Absence** – Cllr Mrs L Clowes, D Cllr D Smith.

**Declarations of interest**

- 1) Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – proposed by Cllr P Marino & seconded by Cllr K Farrelly with all in agreement.  
Minutes of the Planning Meeting – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018 – Cllr Mrs M Colclough proposed amendment to her statement on page number 634 to read as follows-

**D Cllr Mrs M Colclough has confirmed that this has been called into Committee because of the TPO on site, the cramped development of the site and the fact that previous applications have been lost twice on appeal.**

Minutes duly signed by the Chairman – Cllr Mrs W Grierson.

- 2) **Public Time (Limited to 15 Minutes)** – no points raised.

- 3) **Planning Applications & Decisions**

**Applications received from Teignbridge District Council – none**

**Decisions Received from Teignbridge District Council - none**

- 4) **Matters Arising**

- a) Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr K Eales reported that there is a new neighbourhood planning officer – she is currently reviewing settlement boundaries of Parishes and will be holding meetings regards this once they have been reviewed to seek the views of the Parish Council. A meeting was held with TDC – Cllr K Eales & Cllr Mrs W Grierson attended for the Parish Council, Wolborough Residents were represented by Paul Evemy & Chris Watts also members of Newton Abbot Town Council were present, the current PCL Planning Application was discussed and also the Greater Exeter Strategic Plan and the housing figures proposed and whether they may change. TDC confirmed they are not going to respond either way to PCL's letters asking for determination of their planning application as the Draft Development Framework Plan will go out to consultation for 6 weeks in April. A firm of consultants have been employed to produce this and once this is completed PCL will have to resubmit their application.

- b) Parish Council Vacancy – this now to be advertised, many thanks go to Cllr Bob Chambers for all his work on the Parish Council it has been much appreciated. The Vacancy will be advertised in Abbtalk along with thanks to Bob Chambers.

#### 5) Correspondence –

- a) E-mail – Slade Lane Parking – noted that some of the Cars may be School staff. A copy of the e-mail to be sent to Tim Hughes at the School to ask if anything can be done.
- b) Abbpast History Board proposals – this has been circulated to Cllrs – All in agreement that they can go ahead and put the boards up once planning permission has been obtained.
- c) E-mail from Corri Pedrick – Traffic speeds in the Village – C Cllr A Dewhirst has replied to this e-mail explaining the situation with Speed Limits are present. Bin stickers 20 is plenty, to be given out to Parishioners and a note to be put into Abbtalk regards the stickers being given out.
- d) E-mail from Abbotskerswell Primary School regards fundraising – The Parish Council are unable to sponsor individuals and so are unable to help with sponsorship, but this project has been well advertised in Abbtalk.

#### 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 – The Council Tax base for 2018/2019 has been approved at £48,577. The estimated growth in the number of dwellings compared to 2017/2018 has been calculated at 1% thus making a total of 49,067.7 being the estimated number of Band D properties for next year. As the current collection rate of Council Tax is 99% this has been assumed as giving the final figure. Financial plan proposals are to be published for comments over the next 6 weeks and the main issues include – 1) level of Council Tax – proposals to increase it by £5 or 3.12%. 2) Ongoing support for housing, backing businesses and bringing people and organisations together for local neighbourhood planning. 3) Town centre investment in infrastructure & employment. Phil Shears has been appointed by the Council on a permanent basis as Head of Paid Services. It was thought necessary for TDC to be represented on the Heart of South West Joint Committee. Somerset CC will be the administering authority. The Council approved a contribution to fund the admin and work programme for the joint committee.
- c) Emergency Planning Committee report – Cllr K Farrelly reported that the Defib had been called upon and taken but was not needed. A £660 grant from Devon Communities together has been given for blankets, water pumps, shovels, high vis jackets and equipment.
- d) Abbotskerswell Recreation Association report.
- 1) Planting of Fruit Trees at bottom of field – Abbotskerswell Orchard – Cllr Mrs W Grierson confirmed she has spoken to Dawn Platten about the Trees. Cllr K Farrelly will arrange for the ground to be levelled so that the trees can be planted but at present the ground is too wet for it to be done.
  - 2) Playground proposals – these are still with the school being looked at, once this is back a meeting will be held with TDC to come up with a final plan within a certain budget which will then go back out to tender.
  - 3) ARA draw shortly to come up and a note has gone into Abbtalk to ask for draw collectors to walk the rounds.

- e) Allotments Report – Mr John Lewis reported that Joanna Westgate has sadly passed away.
- f) P3 Report – noting to report.
- g) Village Hall Report – Cllr P Marino reported that a planning application for the hall will shortly be forthcoming, garden show plans now underway.
- h) Tree Warden Report – report of possible Ash Dieback in the Village, noted that a tree in Wilton Close may be dieing and will be watched in the Spring.
- i) Reports from Parish Councillors of any external meetings or Committees.
  - 1) TALC – minutes have been circulated to Cllrs.
  - 2) Stoneycombe Liasion – no meeting held.
- j) DCC, Highways, Potholes, Roads & Hedges.
  - 1) Pavement Condition outside the Village Shop – Cllr A Dewhirst confirmed that he has passed this matter including the picture onto DCC.
  - 2) Flooding at Maddicombe Road noted – this has been reported on the DCC website.
- k) Volunteer Action Group – nothing to report but Dave Wilds still clearing weeds in the Village.
- l) Consultations – TDC Design Guide – this is now out for 6 weeks consultation.
- m) Communications Committee Report – nothing to report.
- n) Grass Cutting 2018 – Simon Birbeck has confirmed he is happy to carry on with the same price as last year – all in agreement for him to go ahead.
- o) Precept 2018/2019 – proposed - £25,250 – proposed by Cllr K Eales and seconded by Cllr Mrs W Grierson with all in agreement. This will give the Parish Council enough money in hand to be able to use for any legal challenges which could arise.

## 7) Cheques for Signature/Finances

### Parish Council

Cheque no 1538 = £48.00 (vat £8.00) – Clystnet Ltd.  
 Cheque no 1539 = £54.28 (vat £2.59) – EDF (Parish Rooms).  
 Cheque no 1540 = £325.00 – Birbeck Landscapes.  
 Cheque no 1541 = £67.59 (vat £1.51) – British Gas (Toilet Electric).  
 Cheque no 1542 = £108.07 (vat £5.14) – British Gas (Pavillion).  
 Cheque no 1543 = £197.72 – Kath Roscoe (Cleaning January).  
 Cheque no 1544 = £50.00 – C Bloxidge (Litter Pick January).  
 Cheque no 1545 = £488.78 – Sharon Raggett (Wages January 2017).

### Abbotskerswell Recreation Association

Cheque no 1139 = £20.00 – ARA DRAW  
 Cheque no 1140 = £50.00 – ARA DRAW  
 Cheque no 1141 = £20.00 – ARA DRAW  
 Cheque no 1142 = £5.00 – ARA DRAW  
 Cheque no 1143 = £5.00 – ARA DRAW  
 Cheque no 1144 = £5.00 – ARA DRAW  
 Cheque no 1145 = £5.00 – ARA DRAW

**Bank Balances**

ARA Account Balance January 2018 = £7,657.08  
 Village Events Account - £551.28 (held within ARA Account)

Parish Council Bank Balance January 2018 = £31,946.56  
 P3 = £700.00 (held within Parish Council Account).

**Proposed by Cllr K Eales & seconded by Cllr K Farrelly with all in agreement.**

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

9) ARA Draw – January 2018.

236 - £50.00 – Mrs H Walkden – Hazelbrook, Slade Lane  
 47 – £20.00 – Mrs K O`Neil – 10 Grange Road  
 574 - £5.00 – Mrs Thomas – 41 Wilton Way  
 286 - £5.00 – Mrs Tolliday – 1 Lakeland  
 135 - £5.00 – Mrs Allen – Treetops, Forde Close  
 146 - £5.00 – Mr C Bloxidge – 4 Wilton Way

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.12pm**

**Next Parish Council Meeting Abbotskerswell Parish Rooms – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 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**