



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at  
Parish Rooms, Abbotskerswell  
Meeting commenced at 7.30pm**

**Present** Cllr Mrs W Grierson, Cllr P Marino, Cllr C Ward, Cllr Mrs M Colclough, Cllr Mrs A Walkden, Cllr K Eales, Cllr Mrs L Clowes, Cllr Mrs A Allen, D Cllr D Smith, C Cllr A Dewhurst (from item 4).

**In Attendance** – 4 members of the public, Mr Nick Taylor (Allotments).

**Apologies for Absence** – Cllr Mrs L Clowes, Cllr Mrs A Allen, Cllr K Eales, D Cllr D Smith

**Declarations of interest**

**Item 5a) Cllr Mrs L Clowes has declared an interest.**

1) Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – Minutes of the Parish Council meeting Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019 – these have been distributed and read, one amendment Item 4a) Insert wording (Rule 6), Proposed by Cllr K Eales & seconded by Cllr P Marino with all in agreement and duly signed by the Chairman – Cllr Mrs W Grierson.

2) **Public Time (Limited to 15 Minutes)** –

a) Planning Application for Woodlands, Stoneyhill – 2 Parishioners were present in relation to this application, they have concerns over the use of the building in question and the fact that the plans and application submitted to TDC are very vague, this is a retrospective application as the structure which is very large is already in situ.

3) **Planning Applications & Decisions**

**Applications received from Teignbridge District Council**

a) Application no 19/00328/FUL - Mr P Williams – 23 Wilton Way – Two storey side extension and increase the size of the driveway – No objections from the Parish Council.

b) Application no 18/01055/FUL – Mrs Frazier – Woodlands, Stoneyhill – Retention of educational building. The Parish Council will defer this application to Aprils meeting. TDC will be asked to provide further information on this application and whether some evidence can be provided of the business use on site before the Parish Council can make any decision.

c) Application no 19/00238/MAJ – Mr & Mrs Rew – Langford Bridge Farm – Hybrid planning application seeking full planning permission for park link road and vehicular access point to the site from kingskerswell road and priory road. Outline planning permission of residential led mixed use development comprising up to 450 dwellings. Cllr Mrs M Colclough has confirmed that she has called this into committee today and is now awaiting confirmation of this.

**Decisions Received from Teignbridge District Council –**

- a) Grant of Tree Works within a Conservation Area – Application no 19/00136/CAN – Mr B Wordsworth – Town Farm – Fell one self sown laburnum and crown lift one beech to 2.8m above ground level.
- b) Grant of Conditional Planning Permission – Application no 19/00054/FUL – Mr P Barber – Coombe Cottage, Priory Road – Replacement garage.
- c) Variation of Condition of Grant of Planning Permission – Application no 18/02491/VAR – Mr J Urquhart – Marystowe, Priory Road – Variation of condition 5 on planning permission 15/02549 (conversion of outbuilding to ancillary accommodation) for holiday use.
- d) Grant of Conditional Planning Permission – Application no 19/00119/FUL – Mr & Mrs Moss – 10 Manor Gardens – Single storey side/rear extension and enlarge dormers to rear.
- e) Grant of Conditional Planning Permission – Application no 18/01860/FUL – Mr S Hunt – Manor Farm Barns – Conversion of barns to dwelling and change of use of agricultural land to create domestic curtilage.
- f) Grant of Conditional Planning Permission – Application no 18/02416/FUL – Miss M Barber – Unit 11 Henleys Business Park – Change of use from general industrial (use class B2) to hair salon (use class A1).

**4) Matters Arising**

- a) NA3 update – Cllr Mrs W Grierson confirmed that the Planning enquiry starts tomorrow at TDC for 3 days.
- b) Housing needs survey – Cllr Mrs A Allen confirmed that this has now gone out in last months Abbtalk a reminder to go onto the website to remind Parishioners that they have got a few more days to complete or go online and complete this.
- c) Teignbridge Planning Website – Cllr K Eales has confirmed that he has registered a complaint regards the posting of documents on the planning portal as they are being posted by TDC in the wrong format which makes them unworkable. Cllr D Smith confirmed that this is currently being addressed at TDC and systems are in time going to be upgraded when finances allow.

**5) Correspondence –**

- a) Abbfest – Request for sponsorship – £100 Parish Council and £50 from ARA – all in agreement.

**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 – nothing to report.

## c) Natural Environment

- a. Tree Warden Report – Cllr Mrs A Walkden reported that a Resident at Stoneyhill reported that trees were touching lines, they had been advised to contact BT & Western Power.

Have moved on with the winter tree register before everything greens-up and completed most of the survey sheets. Feel that there are some great opportunities to be had for the benefit of our declining insect populations if more areas of grass around the trees on the parish land were managed a little differently. For example: Creation of 'mini meadows' to encourage wildflowers / invertebrate populations on parish land. This could easily be achieved by leaving 'islands' of grass unmown (around the bases of trees for example) while cutting distinct paths around public areas for walkers / dog walkers to use. Around the more popular areas of use this would need to be done sensitively to help with public opinion? This basic regime of cutting the grass from late summer (September) to the end of the year mimics the traditional pattern of hay-cutting and longer grass will result in more flowers, bees and butterflies - also encouraging bird populations. Many examples of doing this in public spaces can increase public enjoyment of the area, providing there is plenty of space for everyone to share.

Hedgerow monitoring date set for May with Mark Waddams.

- b. Allotments Report – Mr Nick Taylor - many thanks to the Parish Council for organizing the flagstones in the gateway, this has been finished today. Brambles on the fence between the allotments and football field to be dealt with, the sum of £150 to be paid for by the Parish Council – all in agreement.

## d) Transport and Accessibility

- a. Emergency Planning Committee report - broken grit bin at Priory Road has been replaced.
- b. P3 Report – Footpath sign at Woodlane to be fixed up.
- c. DCC, Highways, Potholes, Roads & Hedges – Flooding outside the Priory against the stone wall – D Cllr A Dewhirst confirmed that work will be done there to find the old buddlehole but permission will need to be granted by The Priory and this is being awaited but all is in hand.

## e) Economy and Employment – nothing to report.

## f) Community, Facilities and Assets

- a. Abbotskerswell Recreation Association report – Lottery has turned down Phase 2 funding. Abbfest grant for £450 has been gratefully received. Viridor has paid the grant money for Phase 1 which will start just after Easter.  
ROSPA Report – Kevin Farrelly has fixed the MUGA items. Fence around skatepark will be repaired but the skate equipment will need an overhaul at some point. Meeting on Wednesday night. Fireworks will be going ahead this year and with a date to be decided, school would like it on a Sat night.
- b. Village Hall Report – Cllr P Marino reported - Website shortly to be up and running. Building regs approval for kitchen within the next week.
- c. Consultations.
- d. Communications Committee Report.

## g) Reports from Parish Councillors of any external meetings or Committees.

- a. TALC.
- b. Stoneycombe Liasion – Cllr C Ward reported attended a meeting last Wed, new site manager Richard Savage. A new sweeping contract for the road has been employed.

Noise from blasting can be heard sometimes due to Air Pressure. Ash Dieback – an inspection has been carried out but none at present.

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

### **Parish Council**

Cheque no 1690 = £20.00 – Ashburton Post Office (Stamps).  
 Cheque no 1691 = £72.85 (vat £1.32) – British Gas (Parish Rooms Electric).  
 Cheque no 1692 = £48.00 (vat £8.00) – Clystnet (Web Support).  
 Cheque no 1693 = £1173.60 (vat £195.60) – Bioscan (UK) Ltd  
 Cheque no 1694 = £50.00 – C Bloxidge (Litter Pick March 2019).  
 Cheque no 1695 = £43.62 – South West Water Business (Allotment/Pavillion).  
 Cheque no 1696 = £197.26 – South West Water Business (Toilets).  
 Cheque no 1697 = £43.49 (vat £4.43) – South West Water Business (Parish Rooms).  
 Cheque no 1698 = £164.40 (vat £27.40) – Playsafety Limited (ROSPA report).  
 Cheque no 1699 = £506.36 – Sharon Raggett (Wages March 2019).  
 Cheque no 1700 = £195.75 – Kath Roscoe (Cleaning March 2019).

### **Abbotskerswell Recreation Association**

Cheque no 1232 = £5.00 – Mrs Stacey (ARA Draw replacement cheque).  
 Cheque no 1233 = £50.00 – ARA Draw.  
 Cheque no 1234 = £20.00 – ARA Draw.  
 Cheque no 1235 = £5.00 – ARA Draw.  
 Cheque no 1236 = £5.00 – ARA Draw.  
 Cheque no 1237 = £5.00 – ARA Draw.  
 Cheque no 1238 = £5.00 – ARA Draw.

### **Bank Balances**

ARA Account Balance March 2019 = £10,614.68  
 Village Events Account - £551.28 (held within ARA Account)

Parish Council Bank Balance March 2019 = £37,752.79  
 P3 = £700.00 (held within Parish Council Account).

**Proposed by Cllr P Marino & seconded by Cllr Mrs A Allen with all in agreement.**

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

### **9) ARA Draw – March 2019**

£50 – 135 – Mrs Allen – Treetops, Forde Close  
 £20 – 25 – Miss E Goodman – Stawne, Vicarage Road  
 £5 – 312 – Mr Scarr – 1 Grange View  
 £5 – 119 – Mrs J Brook – 35 Wilton Way  
 £5 – 679 – Mrs Read – Kestor, Priory Road  
 £5 – 373 – Jane Taylor – 1 Abbotswell Cottage

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.54pm**  
**Next Parish Council Meeting Abbotskerswell Parish Rooms – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019 @ 7.30pm.**  
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