



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held Monday 28th January 2019 at
Parish Rooms, Abbotskerswell
Meeting commenced at 7.30pm**

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

In Attendance – Amy Walkden – Tree Warden, Nick Taylor – Allotments, 1 member of the public.

Apologies for Absence – Cllr Mrs L Clowes

Declarations of interest

1) Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – Minutes of the Parish Council meeting Monday 17th December 2018 – these have been distributed and read, Proposed by Cllr P Marino & seconded by Cllr Mrs A Allen with all in agreement and duly signed by the Chairman – Cllr Mrs W Grierson.

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

- a) Tree on the edge of stream at the rear of properties in Manor Close. This may belong to one of the properties and the land registry will be consulted to try and ascertain this.
- b) Police Report - **Five incidents reported in the parish in November 2018.**

Crime on or near Sports/recreation Area: Vehicle crime x 1

Crime on or near Old Cider Works Lane: Criminal damage x 1

Crime on or near Monks Orchard: Vehicle crime x 1

Crime on or near Berry Close: Vehicle crime x 2

3) **Planning Applications & Decisions**

Applications received from Teignbridge District Council

a) Application no 18/02532/FUL – Mr M Tucker – Abbotsmeade – Rear Extension – This is a re-application which does not include the pitched roof on the garage as was in the first application. No objections from the Parish Council provided the garage is not included in this re-application as it is still shown on the re-submitted plans – proposed by Cllr P Marino & seconded by Cllr K Eales with all in agreement.

b) Application no 18/02538/FUL – Mrs L Banks – 24 Wilton Way – Two Storey Rear Extension. No objections subject to approval of the application by South West Water as the extension proposed will cover a manhole. All in agreement.

c) Application no 19/00054/FUL – Mr P Barber – Coombe Cottage – Replacement Garage. No objections proposed by Cllr P Marino and seconded by Cllr Mrs W Grierson – 4 in agreement, 2 abstentions.

d) Application no 19/00119/FUL – Mr & Mrs Moss – 10 Manor Gardens – Single storey side/rear extension and enlarge dormers to rear. No objections from the Parish Council – all in agreement.

Decisions Received from Teignbridge District Council –

a) Grant of Consent – Application no 18/02255/TPO – Mr P Richards – Grange Copse – Coppicing and pollarding of sixteen trees mostly ash and hornbeam near the northern boundary.

4) Matters Arising

- a) Neighbourhood Plan, NA3 update and housing needs survey.
- 1) Cllr Mrs A Allen reported that information on this has gone out in Feb Abbtalk, the documents are ready in envelopes to go out in the March Abbtalk issue and posters are being displayed throughout the village to make everyone aware its going out.
 - 2) Cllr K Eales reported on meetings which have been held - TDC have put in a bid for money to develop a Development Plan Document for NA3. This has been approved by TDC and there will now be 12 to 18 months of data collected to develop the plan. Bat detector data has been collected from April to November, this will now go onto the Devon Wildlife Trust Bat Data records. There is significant Greater Horseshoe Bat activity recorded in the area and the Lesser Horseshoe Bat activity is also now being analysed. CPRE are happy to leave the equipment with Abbotskerswell for another year which will give another lot of data for this year.
- b) Parish Council Vacancy – This has now been advertised. Cllr Mrs W Grierson reported that this will be Cllr Eales last meeting before he leaves for France but he has agreed to remain on the Parish Council whilst NA3 is ongoing and he will do the reports and work from France. All Cllrs are in agreement with this. Cllr Mrs W Grierson has agreed to also stay on the Parish Council for the moment whilst NA3 is ongoing.

5) Correspondence – none received.

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 reported - TDC budget, Council tax will increase and residents have until the 1st Feb to give their views, car parking still free on Sundays and other fees will be frozen, housing needs for the District a session for Town and Parish Councils will be organised in the near future a date to be advised.
- c) Natural Environment
 - a. Tree Warden Report – Amy Walkden reported that she will meet with Mark Waddams this week to discuss the starting of the tree asset register and hedgerow monitoring.
 - b. Allotments Report – Mr Nick Taylor reported access into Football Field was going to be improved. He will contact Kevin Farrelly who was dealing with this.

- d) Transport and Accessibility
 - a. Emergency Planning Committee report - nothing to report, Kevin Farrelly has stood down as Chair now and the replacement will need to be a Parish Councillor after the May elections.
 - b. P3 Report – Wood Lane – Public Footpath sign has disappeared and at Court Grange some directional signs are needed. Cllr C Ward will report these online.
 - c. DCC, Highways, Potholes, Roads & Hedges – Cllr Mrs W Grierson met with Simon Birbeck and trimmed the evergreen oak on the green, he is also going to clear the Quaker Burial Ground.
- e) Economy and Employment
- f) Community, Facilities and Assets
 - a. Abbotskerswell Recreation Association report – Cllr P Marino reported that the new play equipment is being discussed and as half the money has been raised the work will be done in two phases 1 & 2, phase 1 will start as soon as possible and the Lottery grant will be applied for to top up the monies to the £50,000 needed to finish the project. ARA draw collection for this year, a proposal has been put forward to stop doing the collection and to increase the Precept to ensure that each villager contributes to the maintaining of the play area. All Cllrs were in agreement with this proposal which will be looked at in item h) Precept. Fireworks – it was decided that it will go ahead again this year with a date to be decided.
 - b. Village Hall Report – Cllr P Marino reported that building regs for kitchen will shortly be submitted and match funding will be looked at for getting further monies towards this. Garden show this year on 27th July and new schedule is now being drawn up.
 - c. Consultations.
 - d. Communications Committee Report.
- g) Reports from Parish Councillors of any external meetings or Committees.
 - a. TALC – nothing to report.
 - b. Stoneycombe Liasion – nothing to report.
- h) Precept 2019/2020 - £27,250.00 – this has been increased by £2,000 which works out at £3 extra per household to cover the ARA playground costs in replacement of the ARA draw which will no longer take place.

7) Cheques for Signature/Finances

Parish Council

Cheque no 1672 = £20.00 – Ashburton Post Office (Stamps).
 Cheque no 1673 = £159.54 (vat £26.59) – C K Farrelly (Defib Battery).
 Cheque no 1674 = £50.00 – C Bloxidge (Litter Pick December 2018).
 Cheque no 1675 = £48.00 (vat £8.00) – Clystnet (Web Support).
 Cheque no 1676 = £76.96 (vat £0.83) – British Gas (Toilet Electric).
 Cheque no 1677 = £192.46 (vat £7.02) – British Gas (Pavillion Electric).
 Cheque no 1678 = £33.00 – Sharon Raggett (Paper and Ink Carts).
 Cheque no 1679 = £506.36 – Sharon Raggett (Wages January 2019).
 Cheque no 1680 = £187.92 – Kath Roscoe (Cleaning January 2019).

Abbotskerswell Recreation Association

Cheque no 1219 = £50.00 – ARA Draw.
 Cheque no 1220 = £20.00 – ARA Draw.
 Cheque no 1221 = £5.00 – ARA Draw.
 Cheque no 1222 = £5.00 – ARA Draw.
 Cheque no 1223 = £5.00 – ARA Draw.
 Cheque no 1224 = £5.00 – ARA Draw.

Bank Balances

ARA Account Balance January 2019 = £9,314.68
 Village Events Account - £551.28 (held within ARA Account)

Parish Council Bank Balance January 2019 = £39,572.89
 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 – January 2019

£50 – 499 – Mr Plummer – 33 Manor Road
 £20 – 102 – Mrs Pappas – 5 Forde Close
 £5 – 313 – Mrs Vowles – 2 St Marys Close
 £5 – 598 – Matt Bovey – Court Farm Inn, Abbotskerswell
 £5 – 312 – Mr Scarr – 1 Grange View
 £5 – 7 – Mrs S Chambers – 3 Hillside Cottages, Totnes Road

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.26pm

Next Parish Council Meeting Abbotskerswell Parish Rooms – Monday 25th February 2019 @ 7.30pm.

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