



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at  
Parish Rooms, Abbotskerswell  
Meeting commenced at 7.30pm**

**Present** Cllr K Eales (Chairman), Cllr R Whiffin (Vice-Chair), Cllr K Farrelly, Cllr Mrs M Colclough, Cllr B Chambers, Cllr P Marino, C Cllr A Dewhirst, Cllr Mrs W Grierson.

**In Attendance** Mrs M Crompton (Allotments), 1 Member of the Public, Mr J Lewis (Tree Warden).

**Apologies for Absence** – D Cllr D Smith.

**Declarations of interest**

- 1) Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2015.  
Minutes of the Planning Meeting – no meeting held.

The above minutes have been distributed and read - proposed by Cllr R Whiffin & seconded by Cllr B Chambers with all in agreement and duly signed by the Chairman – Cllr K Eales.

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

- a) Police Report – no report given.
- b) Potholes – Odle Hill Grove, 2 holes appearing.

**3) Planning Applications & Decisions**

**Applications received from Teignbridge District Council**

- a) Application no 15/03319/MAJ – Rydon Farm, Two Mile Oak – Variation of condition 2 to planning application 13/02129/MAJ – Installation of ground mounted solar array (total site area of 68,000m<sup>2</sup>) estimated output of 12 megawatts (mW) and associated infrastructure) to change overall layout and reduce number of panels, relocate 3 transformers, changes in mounting framework, removal of ground mounted radar sensors and addition of 7 CCTV poles, 7 monitoring cabinets, variation of dimensions of the inverters, collector stations, surrounded by timber and wire fence, vary sizes of collector station and client substation, dimensions and external finish of the DNO substation, removal of 2 sections of hedge, provision of a composting wc and amendments to landscaping. No comment from the Parish Council – all in agreement.

#### **Applications received from Devon County Council –**

- a) Application no DCC/3663/2014 – Stoneycombe Quarry, Newton Abbot – Scheme of conditions submitted in respect of First Periodic Review. C Cllr A Dewhurst updated the Parish Council on the situation. Concerns raised are the use of the roads and the lorries used. Also the fact that they are proposing to eventually dig down to -40 metres below sea level which could affect the water table in the area. This matter will be carried forward to January's PC agenda for further comments once all the information provided has been looked at.

#### **Decisions Received from Teignbridge District Council**

- a) Grant of Conditional Planning Permission – Application no 15/02549/FUL – Mr & Mrs J Urquhart – Maristowe, Priory Road – Replace flat roof with pitched roof, single storey replacement extensions to south east and south west elevations and conversion of outbuilding to ancillary accommodation.

#### **Planning Matters**

- a) Conitor House – noted that TDC originally took a strong line with developers asking for information required. The developers subsequently wrote to TDC confirming that they have taken advice from Landmark Barristers and they stated they had provided information and paperwork required and TDC have now confirmed that Permission will be approved.
- b) NA2 Whitehill consultation closes on the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016 – Chairman – Cllr K Eales met with Richard Jenks on site who is part of the Highweek Residents Association (HRA). Comments will be made from the Parish Council to support the HRA.
- c) Linden Homes – Land at Manor Road – Appeal hearing on the 26<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 10am TDC. Residents will be encouraged to attend, a notice will go onto the website and Manor Road Residents will be spoken to. Progress report to be given on the next Planning Agenda (also circulate comments made by the Parish Council to the original Planning Application).
- d) Scoping opinion – NA2 – Historic England have made comments on this application and have suggestion that the local plan is re-visited with regard to the housing allocation.

#### **4) Matters Arising**

- a) Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr R Whiffin reported that the aims and objectives have been drafted and will then be formally set out and revised. Public workshop to be organised in early February 2016.
- b) Provision of a Bus Shelter in Wilton Way – Cllr B Chambers reported that a quote has been received from AP Building Services for putting in the shelter and removing the seat and putting in new concrete bases. 2 more quotes will be required and a planning application needs to be submitted. Noted that also the Post Box and Phone Box need a clean and repaint – the Clerk will write to the relevant companies to ask them to do this.

- c) Quaker Burial Ground – some works have already been done by the community payback team. A quote has been received to clear the Parish Council ground on Wilton Way now of the tree stumps and get it ready for seeding for a sum of £230, also £200 has been quoted to clear the Quaker Ground. Cllrs were all in agreement to get both jobs done and try to get reimbursed the £200 from the owners of the Burial Ground.

#### 5) Correspondence –

- a) Queens 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday – June 2016 – Cllr Mrs W Grierson confirmed that a street party is to be organised on Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup> 2016.

#### **Matters not requiring discussion placed in the folder to be circulated**

#### 6) Main Agenda

- a) Report from County Cllr A Dewhirst – see report attached to the minutes.
- b) Report from District Cllr M Colclough & District Cllr D Smith – Cllr Mrs M Colclough reported on Heart of South West devolution which will be considered by TDC on the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016, more information will be forthcoming at January's PC meeting.
- c) Emergency Planning Committee report.
  - 1) Grants for defibrillators – Cllr K Farrelly has applied for a grant from the British Heart Foundation. Matter was raised at the Village Hall Committee who are supportive of having it installed at the Village Hall.
- d) Abbotskerswell Recreation Association report – no meeting held.
- e) Allotments Report – Ivy on the Parish Rooms has been done by Derek Scarr – letter of thanks to go to him for this work.
- f) P3 Report – nothing to report.
- g) Village Hall Report – Cllr K Eales reported - AGM held, May Day event & Garden Show both very successful. The renewal of the Hall Floor has been completed and is very impressive. Lynn Howard has now taken on sole responsibility for booking of the Hall. Hall made loss this year but money was spent on the Floor and the Toilets, so this was expected.
- h) Tree Warden Report – no report given.
- i) Reports from Parish Councillors of any external meetings or Committees.
  - 1) TALC – minutes have been circulated.
  - 2) Stoneycombe Liaison.
  - 3) Cllr K Eales attended a meeting of the CPRE who are close monitoring planning applications and will give the PC £250 towards ongoing costs.
- j) DCC, Highways, Potholes, Roads & Hedges – Sign at Great Oak Cross has now been replaced. Rubbish dumped to be reported to the Blitz Team.
- k) Primary School Report – nothing to report.
- l) Volunteer Action Group – spraying to be done early Spring 2016.
- m) Website – the new site has had over 700 hits. Letter of thanks to Liz Clowes for getting the website to its current stage.

n) Consultations – CIL Consultation now currently underway – Cllr K Eales and Cllr P Marino will look at this. DCC Highways Consultation – Cllr K Eales will do this one.

o) Grass Cutting Contract 2016 – prices will stay the same as 2015. Ask Paul if suitable can he do another grass cut if the weather is right as the grass is still growing, all in agreement for renewing at next year's contract at current 2015/16 pricing.

## 7) Cheques for Signature/Finances

### Parish Council

Cheque no 1252 = £20.00 - Cash (Stamps).

Cheque no 1253 = £140.70 - Kath Roscoe (Cleaning).

Cheque no 1254 = £150.70 - TDC (Uncontested Election Expenses).

Cheque no 1255 = £15.01 (vat £2.50) - Bob Chambers (Fuel).

Cheque no 1256 = £1,179.88 (vat £196.65) – Hydro-Rod (Toilet Drainage Repairs).

Cheque no 1257 = £651.60 (vat £108.60) – Hydro-Rod (Toilet Drainage Repairs).

Cheque no 1258 = £352.78 (vat £58.80) – South West Grounds Maintenance (Grass Cutting).

Cheque no 1259 = £50.00 – Carl Bloxidge (Litter Pick December).

Cheque no 1260 = £488.48 – Sharon Raggett (Clerks Wages December).

### Abbotskerswell Recreation Association

Cheque no 973 = £100.00 – ARA Draw

Cheque no 974 = £20.00 – ARA Draw

Cheque no 975 = £5.00 – ARA Draw

Cheque no 976 = £5.00 – ARA Draw

Cheque no 977 = £5.00 – ARA Draw

Cheque no 978 = £5.00 – ARA Draw

### Bank Balances

ARA Account Balance December 2015 = £3,311.33

Village Events Account - £138.83 (held within ARA Account)

Parish Council Bank Balance December 2015 = £22,414.23

P3 = £700.00 (held within Parish Council Account).

Neighbourhood Plan = £3,500 (held with Parish Council Account).

Cheques proposed by Cllr Mrs M Colclough and seconded by Cllr B Chambers with all in agreement.

**Audit Procurement for 2017 Accounts** – an opt out option is available to Parish Councils who need to advise of their intent in writing by the end of January 2016 – proposed by Cllr R Whiffin and seconded by Cllr K Farrelly with all in agreement to opt out and use Hania Lee Accounting for 2017 audit.

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

9) ARA Draw – December 2015

£100 – 964 - Sarah Leach – Croft Cottage, Slade Lane

£20 – 770 – Mrs J Sherlock – 15 Grange Road

£5 – 239 – Mr D McNee – Bede Cottage, Slade Lane

£5 – 596 – Mrs Julie Arrow – Crystalwood, Stonemans Hill

£5 – 324 – Mrs Jenning – 17 Wilton Way

£5 – 675 – Mrs Clemments – 52 Wilton Way

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25pm**

**Next Parish Council Meeting Abbotskerswell Parish Rooms – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2016 @ 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**