



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016 at  
Parish Rooms, Abbotskerswell  
Meeting commenced at 7.30pm**

**Present** Cllr K Eales (Chairman), Cllr K Farrelly, Cllr B Chambers, C Cllr A Dewhirst (from item 6), Cllr Mrs W Grierson, Cllr R Whiffin, Cllr P Marino.

**In Attendance** Mrs M Crompton (Allotments), 1 Member of the Public.

**Apologies for Absence** – D Cllr D Smith, Cllr Mrs M Colclough, John Lewis (Tree Warden).

**Declarations of interest**

- 1) Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016.  
Minutes of the Planning Meeting – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

The above minutes have been distributed and read - proposed by Cllr Mrs W Grierson & 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 – CR/013677/16 – Log number for the toilet vandalism.
- b) Increase in Traffic along Priory Road & Manor Road, seems as though Sat Nav is directing people through as a short cut to Totnes. Chairman – Cllr K Eales confirmed that the PC are encouraging residents to take photos of this issue which would then help carry more weight with highways and also these will be used in discussion with highways once the Neighbourhood Plan is finished.
- c) Pile of Grass Cuttings in Firestone Lane – a piece of paper was found with the cuttings which may lead them to the person who dumped it and this has been taken into TDC for them to follow up.

**3) Planning Applications & Decisions**

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

**Decisions Received from Teignbridge District Council**

- a) Grant of Works – Application no 16/00193/CAN – Mr J B Entwistle - Byre Cottage – Fell one Cherry Tree.
- b) Linden Homes appeal – Chairman – Cllr K Eales confirmed he had spoken to TDC who confirmed that the inspector was waiting for some more information from Linden Homes.

**4) Matters Arising**

- a) Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Mrs W Grierson reported that the CPRE Roadshow on Neighbourhood Planning was attended at Seale Hayne. Chairman – Cllr K Eales confirmed that the Plan is now at the point when policies are ready to be written, a meeting this Thursday will discuss this further and what will be the next steps.
- b) Provision of a Bus Shelter in Wilton Way – Cllr P Marino confirmed some prices have been received from 2 companies for a wooden bus shelter, the cheapest price being £4,500 which is much more than expected. Chairman – Cllr K Eales, options are to revert to trying to find another carpenter who would make it in wood at a more reasonable price or purchase a less expensive off the shelf version or consider abandoning the idea altogether. It was decided to look at other Companies who could provide a possible cheaper wooden option and carry the matter forward to the next PC meeting.

**5) Correspondence –**

- a) Waste Transfer Site (AJS) Adverse Environment Visual Impact – e-mail from Mr S Walkden. Chairman – Cllr K Eales confirmed that this refers to the site at Maddicombe which is just out of the Parish, a copy has been sent to the Environment Agency and it is in Kingskerswell Parish and they have also been notified. C Cllr A Dewhirst has also been notified of this matter and given the details of the e-mail from Mr S Walkden.

**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 – no report given.
- c) Emergency Planning Committee report – Cllr K Farrelly reported – DCC are still considering the new grit bin on Manor Road which may be done in the Autumn. Defibrillator – grant money has now been received and it can now be purchased, all Cllrs were in agreement that this now goes ahead – proposed by Cllr R Whiffin and seconded by Cllr B Chambers.
- d) Abbotskerswell Recreation Association report – Cllr B Chambers reported that Fireworks have been ordered and Central Stores have been asked for some sponsorship and other local firms will be approached. The ARA draw is being collected and the store has agreed that someone can sit outside the shop for a couple of days to sell extra tickets. Pavillion – water leak – some costings have been sought but the companies are not able to state a specific cost. Hydrorod have quoted £70 per hour for a day to investigate and find the leak, quotes will also be sought as an alternative to this for laying a new pipe. Cllr K Farrelly & Cllr B Chambers will liaise and speak to Hydrorod and report back at the next PC meeting.
- e) Allotments Report – Mrs M Crompton reported - AGM held last week, out of 21 members, 7 attended. Abbfest will be approached for a grant to do some maintenance and also Stoneycombe will be approached as they give grants of materials. Chairman – Cllr K Eales confirmed that the Allotments Society used to run the garden show and this gave them an income of money to use for improvements. It may be a possibility for them to take it over again from the Village Hall Committee, if any of the Allotments Society members were willing. 3 allotments vacant at the moment which will be advertiser in Abbtalk.

- f) P3 Report - The paths have been walked by Cllr K Eales and Cllr B Chambers. Cllr A Dewhirst confirmed that the footpath warden has moved the stones by Rock Cottage. Corn Park – path clearance has been underway today. He also confirmed that during May the community payback team could come and do some work and their supervisor has now been chapter eight trained. Quaker Burial Ground – now needs to be rotovated and seeded – Cllr B Chambers to action this.
- g) Village Hall Report – Cllr K Farrelly would like to apply for a rural aid grant to update the heating system. All Cllrs were in agreement with this.
- h) Tree Warden Report – Tree down during the high winds at the allotments which has now been dealt with.
- i) Reports from Parish Councillors of any external meetings or Committees.
  - 1) TALC – nothing to report.
  - 2) Stoneycombe Liaison – meeting this week – Cllr B Chambers will attend.
- j) DCC, Highways, Potholes, Roads & Hedges - Potholes – Manor Road, plus pavement outside the shop. Railings which have been damaged have been noted by DCC as they were damaged when DCC were repairing the road. Railings by the school in the raised footpath need inspecting by DCC as they are rusty and could be dangerous.
  - 1) Lorry deliveries to the Shop - It has been noted that the shop is now using larger lorries and unfortunately deliveries sometimes coincide with the bus coming into the village. E-mail to Country Bus to say that now Court Grange Lane has been resurfaced it is passable by the Bus. Cllr K Eales will do a map to show how larger vehicles can operate a one-way system coming into and out of the village
  - 2) Parish – Weeding. Piece of land on Buckpits Hill needs spraying for weeds & strimming. Ask Paul Cary if he can do weed spraying immediately.
- k) Primary School Report – Cllr R Whiffin reported - 4 classes from September, interviewing for another teacher at present.
- l) Volunteer Action Group – nothing to report.
- m) Consultations – nothing to report.
- n) Street Party – Queens 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday – nothing further to report at present.
- o) Website & Abbtalk – Communication Advisory Group Review – Cllr R Whiffin is looking into the Transparency code to make sure everything conforms.
- p) Plaques outside the Parish Room – replacement with stones – all in agreement that this should go ahead as a Parishioner has volunteered to attend to this.
- q) Flower Tubs – replacement/removal – Cllr K Eales suggested removal of all dilapidated tubs owned by the Parish Council. All Cllrs in agreement.
- r) Parish Rooms Storage – Cllr R Whiffin will look into some of the items which need packing away. The hand bell ringers will be asked to remove the ancillary items as soon as possible but the bells will stay in the rooms.

## 7) Cheques for Signature/Finances

### Parish Council

Cheque no 1282 = £100.00 - Abbfest (Parish Council Donation).  
 Cheque no 1283 = £4,200.00 (Vat £700.00) – Stuart Todd Associates (Neighbourhood Plan).  
 Cheque no 1284 = £33.60 (Vat £5.60) – Parish Online (Annual Renewal).  
 Cheque no 1285 = £52.94 – Kevin Eales (Ink Cartridges).  
 Cheque no 1286 = £41.08 – Wendy Grierson (Keys Cut & Stationary).  
 Cheque no 1287 = £25.11 – SWWA (Parish Rooms Water).  
 Cheque no 1288 = £273.50 – SWWA (Pavillion Water).  
 Cheque no 1289 = £73.66 – SWWA (Public Toilets).  
 Cheque no 1290 = £246.00 (Vat £41.00) – Flaherty Electrics (Pavillion Floodlight Fitting).  
 Cheque no 1291 = £177.60 – (Vat £29.60) Flaherty Electrics (Pavillion RCD Sockets).  
 Cheque no 1292 = £488.48 – Sharon Raggett (Clerks Wages March).

### Abbotskerswell Recreation Association

Cheque no 991 = £50.00 – Abbfest (Donation).  
 Cheque no 992 = £300.00 – Abbotskerswell Netball (Donation).  
 Cheque no 993 = £200.00 – Abbotskerswell AFC  
 Cheque no 994 = £34.39 – Mrs A Down (ARA Draw Books).  
 Cheque no 995 = £50.00 – ARA Draw  
 Cheque no 996 = £20.00 – ARA Draw  
 Cheque no 997 = £5.00 – ARA Draw  
 Cheque no 998 = £5.00 – ARA Draw  
 Cheque no 999 = £5.00 – ARA Draw  
 Cheque no 1000 = £5.00 – ARA Draw

### Bank Balances

ARA Account Balance March 2016 = £2,406.16  
 Village Events Account - £138.83 (held within ARA Account)

Parish Council Bank Balance March 2016 = £18,264.99  
 P3 = £700.00 (held within Parish Council Account).  
 CPRE Donation = £1,000 (held within Parish Council Account).

Cheques proposed by Cllr R Whiffin and seconded by Cllr B Chambers with all in agreement.

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

**9) ARA Draw – March 2016.**

£50 – 136 – Mrs L Tritschler – 28 Wilton Way

£20 – 138 – Mr J Lewis – 31 Odle Hill Grove

£5 – 387 – Mrs Drawbridge – 7 The Paddocks

£5 – 375 – Mrs Collingsworth – 2 Lakeland

£5 – 885 – P Williams – 23 Wilton Way

£5 – 499 – Mr Plummer – 33 Manor Road

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40pm**

**Next Parish Council Meeting Abbotskerswell Parish Rooms – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2016 @ 7.30pm.**

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