



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held Monday 23rd May 2016 at
Parish Rooms, Abbotskerswell
Meeting commenced at 7.50pm following the AGM**

Present Cllr K Eales (Chairman), Cllr K Farrelly, Cllr B Chambers, Cllr Mrs W Grierson, Cllr R Whiffin, Cllr Mrs M Colclough, Cllr Mrs L Clowes, Cllr P Marino, C Cllr A Dewhirst (from Item 5).

In Attendance 1 Member of the Public, John Lewis (Tree Warden), Margaret Crompton (Allotments).

Apologies for Absence – D Cllr D Smith

Declarations of interest

- 1) Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – Monday 25th April 2016.
Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting – Monday 25th April 2016.
Minutes of the Planning Meeting – Wednesday 11th May 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 – vehicles broken into at Stoneyhill and one vehicle was stolen, the vehicles were left unsecure.
- b) Water leak in Court Grange lane has now been fixed and the road is dry.
- c) Rubbish on private land in Court Grange Lane – this will be picked up by Cllrs.

3) Planning Applications & Decisions

Applications received from Teignbridge District Council

- a) **Application no 16/01295/FUL – Mr & Mrs Buckpitt – Fairview, Vicarage Road – Single storey rear extension with patio area. No objections – proposed by Cllr R Whiffin & seconded by Cllr P Marino with all in agreement.**
- b) **Application no 16/01297/FUL – Mr D Hodges – 5 Odlehill Grove – Raising of roof and extension including dormers and roof lights to facilitate first floor accommodation and extension to rear. No objections – proposed by Cllr R Whiffin & seconded by Cllr Mrs W Grierson with all in agreement.**

Decisions Received from Teignbridge District Council

- a) **Grant of Conditional Planning Permission – Application no 16/00484/FUL – Mr M Watts – 4 Wilton Close – Single storey extension to front elevation.**

4) Matters Arising

- a) Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr K Eales reported that the first draft has been produced and TDC have a new Neighbourhood Plan officer – David Kiernan. Shortfall in funding for the consultation, which might take another 4 days at a cost of £2,000 – proposed by Cllr R Whiffin and seconded by Cllr K Farrelly that this goes ahead.
- b) Provision of a Bus Shelter in Wilton Way – Cllr P Marino reported several quotes have been obtained, the cheapest being timber framed at £4,000 the cost for the glazing within this is £1,800 so this would reduce the cost without glazing. Further designs will be looked at to reduce the cost, Toby Sheds have been approached for a cost and also Timberline and these would be without glazing. Proposed by Cllr Mrs M Colclough that we have fully investigated the cost of this and for its use it does not warrant the expense and whilst the parish council fully support bus travel they will not be taking this matter forward, seconded by Cllr Mrs W Grierson with all in agreement.
- c) Land behind Wilton Way – noted in the banks Dormouse boxes had been put in and they had suddenly appeared before a weekend, TDC have been informed but cannot react if nothing is happening. This piece of land has a woodland preservation order on it.

5) Correspondence –

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 – Cllr Mrs M Colclough reported TDC AGM held the new Chairman – Graham Price and Vice-Chairman – John Nutley. Meeting on 6th June to discuss connecting Devon and Cornwall Broadband project.
- c) Emergency Planning Committee report – Cllr K Farrelly confirmed that the defibrillator is now installed, details to go into Mid Devon Advertiser and Abbtalk. Grit bin to be purchased for £384.00 - £200 of grant money to be used plus topped up by the Parish Council. Priority Road HGV sign can be put in position but will need to be paid for by the Parish Council, C Cllr A Dewhirst will look into the cost of this and may be able to fund some of it from his DCC budget.
- d) Abbotskerswell Recreation Association report – Cllr B Chambers reported - pipework down at the Pavillion done and any leaks present have been alleviated. Chains on the big swing need replacing.
- e) Allotments Report – Mrs M Crompton reported – open gardens this weekend but due to the cold spring not much produce is available to look at.
- f) P3 Report – nothing to report.
- g) Village Hall Report – Cllr K Eales reported, progress being made on the sheds, heating and decoration being looked at to be upgraded, also the kitchen facilities.
- h) Tree Warden Report – John Lewis reported, look at Ash Trees in the village which seem to be very slow this year. Any signs of Ash dieback need to be reported.
- i) Reports from Parish Councillors of any external meetings or Committees.
 - 1) TALC – meeting on Thursday – Cllr K Eales & Cllr K Farrelly to attend.
 - 2) Stoneycombe Liaison – nothing to report.

- j) DCC, Highways, Potholes, Roads & Hedges.
 - 1) Grass Cutting – Manor Road, this has been raised by a Parishioner but its noted that the piece of land in question is not owned by the Parish Council.
 - 2) Pothole – Wilton Way.
 - 3) Grass cutter to be asked to cut in the Village as soon as possible.
 - 4) Railings in the village have been painted by the community payback team.
 - 5) Weed spraying in the village, this will go ahead shortly.
- k) Primary School Report – Cllr R Whiffin reported, 99 pupils for September with an extra class and a new teacher has been appointed who is also an ex pupil. It is expected to have a pupil waiting list in September; an audit has given the school a clean bill of health.
- l) Volunteer Action Group.
- m) Consultations.
 - 1) Electoral Review of Teignbridge – no parish boundaries proposed to be changed but ward sizes will change but the number of Cllrs will stay the same. Cllr K Eales will circulate comments to be made to TDC.
- n) Street Party – Queens 90th Birthday – Cllr Mrs W Grierson reported, all being organised at present. £200 from ARA account to be available for upfront costs, but fund raising should cover this and £138 is still available from the ARA account. All Cllrs in agreement.
- o) Website maintenance online support to be purchased 1 hour per month at £40 per hour – all in agreement that this is done.

7) Cheques for Signature/Finances

Parish Council

Cheque no 1304 = £100.00 – Newton Abbot Ring & Ride (PC Donation).
 Cheque no 1305 = £45.91 (Vat £1.01) – EDF (Parish Rooms).
 Cheque no 1306 = £178.78 – Kath Roscoe (Cleaning May).
 Cheque no 1307 = £20.00 (Vat £3.33) – Bob Chambers (Expenses).
 Cheque no 1308 = £107.70 – Wendy Grierson (Picture Framing).
 Cheque no 1309 = £91.74 (Vat £4.36) – EDF (Tennis Courts).
 Cheque no 1310 = £52.51 (Vat £2.50) – EDF (Pavillion).
 Cheque no 1311 = £66.00 (Vat 11.00) – South West Plumbing (Parish Rooms).
 Cheque no 1312 = £1,026.57 – Came & Company (Annual Insurance).
 Cheque no 1313 = £98.40 (Vat £16.40) – AP Building Services (Toilet Door Repair).
 Cheque no 1314 = £240.98 (Vat £5.41) – British Gas (Pavillion Gas).
 Cheque no 1315 = £4,008.48 (Vat £684.75) – Hydrorod (Pavillion Water).
 Cheque no 1316 = £34.62 (Vat 84p) – British Gas (Toilets).
 Cheque no 1317 = £488.48 – Sharon Raggett (Clerks Wages May).
 Cheque no 1318 = £50.00 – C Bloxidge (Litter Pick May).

Abbotskerswell Recreation Association

Cheque no 1008 = £50.00 – ARA Draw.
 Cheque no 1009 = £20.00 – ARA Draw.
 Cheque no 1010 = £5.00 – ARA Draw.
 Cheque no 1011 = £5.00 – ARA Draw.
 Cheque no 1012 = £5.00 – ARA Draw.
 Cheque no 1013 = £5.00 – ARA Draw.

Bank Balances

ARA Account Balance May 2016 = £2,743.92
 Village Events Account - £138.83 (held within ARA Account)

Parish Council Bank Balance May 2016 = £29,843.16
 P3 = £700.00 (held within Parish Council Account).
 CPRE Donation = £1,000 (held within Parish Council Account).

Cheques proposed by Cllr P Marino and seconded by Cllr B Chambers with all in agreement.

- 8) Any Items to go onto next Parish Council Meeting's Agenda.
 - a) Parish Council on Facebook.
- 9) ARA Draw – April 2016 & May 2016 Draw to be made at Junes meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.55pm

**Next Parish Council Meeting Abbotskerswell Parish Rooms – Monday 27th June 2016 @ 7.30pm.
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