



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held Monday 25th April 2016 at
Parish Rooms, Abbotskerswell
Meeting commenced at 7.55pm following the Annual Parish Meeting**

Present Cllr K Eales (Chairman), Cllr K Farrelly, Cllr B Chambers, Cllr Mrs W Grierson.

In Attendance 2 Members of the Public.

Apologies for Absence – Cllr Mrs M Colclough, John Lewis (Tree Warden), Cllr R Whiffin.

Declarations of interest

- 1) Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – Monday 21st March 2016.
Minutes of the Planning Meeting – Wednesday 13th April 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 – no report given, but following vandalism, loaned CCTV equipment was installed for a period outside of and overlooking the toilets. Also shoes over BT lines were removed promptly by BT.
- b) Fly Tipping in Firestone lane had been looked into by TDC but no further action is possible.
- c) Land at the end of Court Grange Lane, Wilton Way – this was litter picked as a one off by volunteers and the Parish Council do not have any facilities to do this on a regular basis as they have been asked to do by a Parishioner.

3) Planning Applications & Decisions

Applications received from Teignbridge District Council -

- a) **Application no 16/00801/FUL – Mr R Downs – Land at NGR 285048 69125, Totnes Road – Creation of Track. The Parish Council object to this application and recommend refusal.**

APC recommends refusal based on the grounds

1. That the proposed construction of the access track is not fit for purpose;
2. The track would become visually obtrusive once the proposed surface covering of pea gravel had been either washed away or migrated down towards the bottom of the field (bearing in mind the steepness of the slope); and
3. APC question the ability to form an 80 metre forward visibility splay along the Newton Abbot bound carriageway, thus presenting a highways risk at a significant junction on the A381.

Note:

In a recent previous application (Reference: 14/02086/NPA; Address: Land At NGR 285048 69125, Totnes Road, Abbotskerswell, Devon), which was refused, APC had requested DCC Highways visit the site to positively confirm the suggested 80 metre forward visibility splay is correctly ascertained. Recent measurements by APC confirmed that the splay is significantly less than 80 metres suggested in the application and would present a highways and traffic risk.

Decisions Received from Teignbridge District Council

- a) Appeal Decisions – 15/02507/FUL & 15/02506/FUL – Erection of 2 bungalows – Mr & Mrs D Belloti – Plumtree Cottage – Appeal dismissed.

4) Matters Arising

- a) Neighbourhood Plan – nothing further to report.
- b) Provision of a Bus Shelter in Wilton Way – Cllr P Marino confirmed he had received a quote for glazing which is just under £2,000. Cllr K Farrelly will approach Tobys Sheds and ask if they can provide anything within budget.

5) Correspondence –

- a) E-mail – Ring & Ride – request for funding - £100 – proposed by Cllr B Chambers & seconded by Cllr K Farrelly. Cllr Mrs W Grierson will put something into Abbtalk to highlight this service which is available for eligible Parishioners to ring up and get a door to door service.
- b) Waste Transfer Site at Maddicombe Cross – C Cllr A Dewhirst confirmed that the Quarry Monitor Officer has written to the operator to ask them to reduce the height of the piles as they are above the acceptable limit.

Matters not requiring discussion placed in the folder to be circulated**6) Main Agenda**

- a) Report from County Cllr A Dewhirst – nothing further to report as full report given at Annual Parish Meeting.
- b) Report from District Cllr M Colclough & District Cllr D Smith – nothing further to report.
- c) Emergency Planning Committee report.
Cllr K Farrelly reported that the Defibrillator will be registered with South West Ambulance Service and is currently awaiting their confirmation. Defibrillator will need a monthly check once in situ which can be reported to the Service through the internet.
- d) Abbotskerswell Recreation Association report.
 - 1) Pavilion Water Leak – Cllr K Farrelly reported that he met with Hydrorod onsite and they have confirmed they can excavate and investigate where the leak is occurring, this will cost £640. All in agreement to go ahead and investigate.

- e) Allotments Report – Mrs M Crompton reported that the gravel was delivered and the Stoneycombe Manager came down and did a photoshoot for Abbtalk as they had donated the gravel. A newsletter will now be done to go into Abbtalk to make people more aware of the allotments.
- f) P3 Report – nothing to report.
- g) Village Hall Report - nothing to report.
- h) Tree Warden Report – nothing to report.
- i) Reports from Parish Councillors of any external meetings or Committees.
 - 1) TALC.
 - 2) Stoneycombe Liaison.
- j) DCC, Highways, Potholes, Roads & Hedges.
 - 1) Parish – Weeds – Trevor Howard has quoted £150 to spray weeds in parts of the Village - all in agreement to go ahead.
- k) Primary School Report – new class opening up next year.
- l) Volunteer Action Group.
- m) Consultations.
- n) Street Party – Queens 90th Birthday – Cllr Mrs W Grierson reported, the School has been spoken to and will get involved, tickets are now being sold for June 12th. Road closure application and alcohol licence have been applied for.
- o) Hand Bells in the Parish Rooms - Items have now been removed and just the bells remain.

7) Cheques for Signature/Finances

Parish Council

- Cheque no 1293 = £190.89 – Kath Roscoe (Cleaning March).
- Cheque no 1294 = £20.00 – Cash (Stamps)
- Cheque no 1295 = £100.00 – Carl Bloxidge (Litter Pick March/April).
- Cheque no 1296 = £36.00 – CPRE (Annual Sub).
- Cheque no 1297 = £17.00 – NALC (Annual Sub).
- Cheque no 1298 = £127.23 (vat £6.05)– British Gas (Pavillion).
- Cheque no 1299 = £16.87 (vat 80p)– British Gas (Toilet Electric).
- Cheque no 1300 = £225.00 – Abbtalk (Advert).
- Cheque no 1301 = £205.80 (vat 34.30) – Playsafety Ltd (Annual Inspection Field).
- Cheque no 1302 = £488.48 – Sharon Raggett (Clerks Wages April).
- Cheque no 1303 = £151.20 – Kath Roscoe (Cleaning April).

Abbotskerswell Recreation Association

- Cheque no 1001 = £50.00 ARA Draw.
- Cheque no 1002 = £20.00 ARA Draw.
- Cheque no 1003 = £5.00 ARA Draw.
- Cheque no 1004 = £5.00 ARA Draw.
- Cheque no 1005 = £5.00 ARA Draw.
- Cheque no 1006 = £5.00 ARA Draw.
- Cheque no 1007 = £1,346.85 (vat £251.85) – Kevin Farrelly (Defibrillator).

Bank Balances

ARA Account Balance April 2016 = £3,549.61
Village Events Account - £138.83 (held within ARA Account)

Parish Council Bank Balance April 2016 = £21,928.39
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.
- 9) ARA Draw – April 2016 – to be drawn at May's meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.02pm

**Next Parish Council Meeting Abbotskerswell Parish Rooms – Monday 23rd May 2016 @ 7.30pm.
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