



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at  
Parish Rooms, Abbotskerswell  
Meeting commenced at 7.30pm**

**Present** Cllr K Eales (Chairman), Cllr K Farrelly, Cllr Mrs M Colclough, Cllr B Chambers, C Cllr A Dewhirst (from item 6), Cllr Mrs W Grierson.

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

**Apologies for Absence** – D Cllr D Smith, Cllr R Whiffin (Vice-Chair), Cllr P Marino.

**Declarations of interest**

Before the meeting began the Chairman – Cllr K Eales reported that Shirley Maddicott has passed away. She was elected to Abbotskerswell Parish Council in 1988 and was an active member of the ARA for a number of years. A donation from the Parish Council will be sent to the British Heart Foundation.

- 1) Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015.  
Minutes of the Planning Meeting – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 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.

**3) Planning Applications & Decisions**

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

**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. Chairman – Cllr K Eales confirmed he would speak to C Cllr A Dewhirst regards this application.

**Decisions Received from Teignbridge District Council – none**

### 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. Applicant stated they had provided information and paperwork required and TDC has now confirmed that Permission will be approved. **Helen Murdoch from TDC has written to the developer/agents to ask that they comply with CONDITION 3 in 14/01453/COND1.**

**A 5 page letter has been drawn up by Lisa Foster at the request of Paul Evely and concludes by asking:**

**“18. Due to the 200m proximity of a legally protected GHB satellite roost and the site’s situation within the South Hams SAC flyway, we are requesting that the bio-diversity officer carries out an Assessment of Likely Significant Effect (ALSE) and an Appropriate Assessment (AA).**

**19. TDC, as the competent authority, must determine and produce an effective composite lighting design for the entire Conitor site, including industrial, business and residential sites, plus street lighting, the impact of vehicular movements and household lighting from the Conitor House’s 11 apartments and office complex. This composite approach is the only effective means to ensure that the flyway and nearby satellite roost are fully protected. “**

**The letter extracts from TDC’s planning portal key statements from between the developer/agent, Helen Murdoch, Natural England and TDC’s Biodiversity Officer. The letter will be sent to Helen Murdoch, Duncan Moors, Natural England and the developer/agent and it basically supports Helen Murdoch’s stance on CONDITION 3.**

- 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.

**APC’s response was circulated to councillors and submitted to TDC by Sharon on 15 January 2016.**

- 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).

**A successful public meeting was held on 21<sup>st</sup> January and was well attended. The following has been submitted to AbbTalk:**

**STOP PRESS**

The Public Meeting arranged by Abbotskerswell Parish Council to gauge parishioners' views on the Linden Homes Appeal against TDC's refusal to allow the building of 53 homes (16 affordable) on land adjacent to the Old Cider Works was well attended.

Recent experience of flooding and transport problems in the parish were the foremost discussion points, followed by the need for affordable housing. When you read this article, the Informal Hearing on the 26<sup>th</sup> January will be over and the Inspector's decision awaited.

The Parish Council would like to express its profound gratitude to all those who attended and to those who gave their well-articulated views.



- d) Scoping opinion – NA3 – Historic England have made comments on this application and have suggestion that the local plan is re-visited with regard to the housing allocation.

**APC previously responded to NA3 previously and was surprised by a second Wolborough Barton Farm application:**

**15/03338/AGR: - Wolborough Barton , Coach Road, Newton Abbot, Devon, TQ12 1EJ  
Proposal: Portal framed agricultural building for general purpose agricultural storage (machinery, feed, fertiliser, etc.)**

**APC's views were expressed in its response (APC 15-03338-AGR Wolborough Barton .doc) sent to councillors on the 5 January 2016 and submitted to TDC.**

#### 4) Matters Arising

- a) Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Mrs W Grierson reported that on the 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 2016 a workshop will be held in the Parish Rooms for feedback from Parishioners on the NP Vision, Aims and Objectives. A notice/questionnaire for this will go into Abbtalk and posters will go around the parish. A letter has been received from Steve Anderson regarding land at Hillside. Mr Anderson confirmed that he has been instructed to proceed with plans for eight affordable dwellings by the owners of the land as Teign Housing have currently withdrawn their interest in the site.
- b) Provision of a Bus Shelter in Wilton Way – 3 quotations have been received to remove the old shelter and make good and put into position the new one. A decision now needs to be made on the type of shelter that is purchased, a plastic off the shelf one or a wooden one. There are various for and againsts – the plastic modern bus stop is very low maintenance, the wooden structure would be more rural but would be high maintenance and much costlier. Cllr P Marino will be asked to provide some drawings and a quote for a wooden structure before the next meeting.

- c) Quaker Burial Ground – this has now been attended to by the Lawn Rangers – they will come back when its drier and rotavate and re seed the area.

## 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 that at a TDC meeting today devolution was again mentioned but nothing much further to report on it as it is changing all the time. New electoral boundaries will be discussed in the future and the Parish Council will be consulted on their views.
- c) Emergency Planning Committee report.
  - 1) Grants for defibrillators – Cllr K Farrelly reported that the grants from the British Heart Foundation have run out for this year. New funds will be available in April 2016 and another application will be made then for it. C Cllr A Dewhirst confirmed he would be able to fund this now from his DCC money.
  - 2) Devon Communities Together are offering grants for Community Flood Resilience and an application will be put forward for this to provide 2 new sheds, also the cost of a new grit bin which makes the grant bid around £1,900.
  - 3) Grit Bins - One bin in Corn Park Road is still empty. DCC have also been approached to provide a new grit bin at the end of Priory Road joining Kingskerswell Road. The gritter is currently by the Village Hall covered by a sheet, if grant money is received for the new sheds it can be stored in these.
- d) Abbotskerswell Recreation Association report.
  - 1) Letter from South West Water – Changing Rooms Leak – Cllr K Farrelly & Cllr B Chambers met them on site, the pipes will be isolated to see if they can ascertain where the leak is.
  - 2) Security light to be put on the Pavillion wall and some electric works need doing on the fuses in the Pavillion. Light is £205 and Fuses £148. All in agreement that this work goes ahead.
- e) Allotments Report – Mrs M Crompton reported, 1 allotment vacant at the moment.
- f) P3 Report – Survey forms to be completed by Feb – Cllr B Chambers and Cllr K Eales.
- g) Village Hall Report – Planning for the Garden Show on the 6<sup>th</sup> August 2016 is ongoing.
- h) Tree Warden Report – Court Grange Lane branch hanging down from Oak Tree, which has now been safely removed.
- i) Reports from Parish Councillors of any external meetings or Committees.
  - 1) TALC – meeting this Thursday – Cllr K Farrelly and Cllr K Eales to attend.
  - 2) Stoneycombe Liaison.
- j) DCC, Highways, Potholes, Roads & Hedges.
  - 1) E-Mail from Brian Mackness regards cut through road to Mallands where there is a hole in the road, this has been reported to DCC by C Cllr A Dewhirst.
  - 2) Entrance to the vets, road breaking up and the pavement outside the shop, also the entrance to Forde Close.
- k) Primary School Report – nothing to report.

l) Volunteer Action Group – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 2016 - Village Clean Up – Poster to be circulated for this which is being organised by C Cllr A Dewhurst.

m) Website – Neighbourhood Planning documents now being put on to the website, grant money has been spent on updating it to comply with the transparency code.

n) Consultations – nothing to report.

o) Annual Parish Meeting – no speaker this year, just the normal reports then to be produced into an Annual Report.

p) Precept 2016/2017 - £22,000 proposed by Cllr K Eales, which would amount to a £3 increase per year per household, seconded by Cllr B Chambers with all in agreement.

## **7) Cheques for Signature/Finances**

### **Parish Council**

Cheque no 1261 = £153.88 – Kath Roscoe (Cleaning Jan & Materials).

Cheque no 1262 = £861.00 (vat £143.50) – Clystnet Ltd (Website Build).

Cheque no 1263 = £50.00 – Carl Bloxidge (Litter Pick Jan).

Cheque no 1264 = £34.27 (vat £1.63) – British Gas (Parish Rooms Electric).

Cheque no 1265 = £25.00 – British Heart Foundation (PC Donation).

Cheque no 1266 = £488.48 – Sharon Raggett (Clerks Wages January).

### **Abbotskerswell Recreation Association**

Cheque no 979 = £50.00 – ARA Draw

Cheque no 980 = £20.00 – ARA Draw

Cheque no 981 = £5.00 – ARA Draw

Cheque no 982 = £5.00 – ARA Draw

Cheque no 983 = £5.00 – ARA Draw

Cheque no 984 = £5.00 – ARA Draw

### **Bank Balances**

ARA Account Balance January 2016 = £2,666.16

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

Parish Council Bank Balance January 2016 = £21,255.94

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.

### **Financial Matters**

- a) Chairman – Cllr K Eales had circulated the final figures for the TDC Local Plan Challenge, the final cost to the Parish Council was £3,476.03 with the total cost overall being £58,894.23. There is a current shortfall on the final bill of £1,202.49 and it was proposed by Cllr Mrs W Grierson and seconded by Cllr K Farrelly with all in agreement that the Parish Council pay this final account.
- b) The CPRE have agreed to award the Parish Council a £1,000 Grant, they wish to come and present this which will be done at April's Annual Parish Meeting, the money will then be ring fenced within the Parish Council account expenditure for environmental issues which may occur in the future.

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

**9) ARA Draw – January 2016**

£50 – 285 – Mr & Mrs Royston – 2 Abbotshill Park

£20 – 150 – Mr A Jackson – 3 The Paddocks

£5 – 577 - Mrs Henwood – c/o 6 Lakeland, Abbotskerswell.

£5 – 403 – Miss Howard – c/o 9 Grange Road, Abbotskerswell

£5 -578 – Mrs Richards – Abbots Barn, Slade Lane

£5 -265 – Lindy Wiltshire – c/o Ruby Farm, Totnes Road, Abbotskerswell

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35pm**

**Next Parish Council Meeting Abbotskerswell Parish Rooms – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February 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**