



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at  
Parish Rooms, Abbotskerswell  
Meeting commenced at 7.30pm**

**Present** Cllr B Chambers, Cllr R Whiffin, Cllr Mrs L Clowes, Cllr P Marino, Cllr K Eales, Cllr Mrs W Grierson, D Cllr D Smith, C Cllr A Dewhurst (from item 6).

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

**Apologies for Absence** – Cllr Mrs M Colclough, Cllr K Farrelly.

**Declarations of interest**

- 1) Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2016.  
Minutes of the Planning Meeting – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

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

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

- a) Police Report – no report given.
- b) Post Box in Wilton Way needs re-painting.

**3) Planning Applications & Decisions**

**Applications received from Teignbridge District Council**

- a) **Application no 16/02544/FUL – Mr & Mrs C Hoey – Whiddon Lodge, Abbotskerswell – Car port on existing concrete base. No objections from the Parish Council.**
- b) **Application no 16/02316/FUL – Mr & Mrs P Barber – Coombe Cottage, Priory Road – Extension. No objections from the Parish Council .**

**Decisions Received from Teignbridge District Council**

- a) Grant of Conditional Consent – Application no 16/0985/LBC – Mrs A Sercombe – Elm Cottage – Retrospective application – replacement render on three faces with silicate paint, replacement back door and repair damage to slate roof of porch which overhangs walkway.
- b) Grant of Conditional Planning Permission – Application no 16/01841/FUL – Mr & Mrs Cousens – Crathorne, Stoneyhill – Single storey rear and side extensions.

#### 4) Matters Arising

- a) Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr K Eales reported that the steering group has completed the pre submission version which will be released on Friday for a 6 week consultation. All statutory consultees have been forwarded a copy and they are available for Parishioners around the village, on the web site and at Forde House (TDC). On behalf of the Parish Council we express our gratitude to David Munden, a letter to be written to him. Cllr R Whiffin also gave many thanks to Kevin Eales for all his hard work on this.

#### 5) Correspondence –

- a) Boundary Review proposal for South West – Proposals are that Abbotskerswell and Ipplepen (Ambrook) go into the Totnes constituency but this has yet to go through parliament before it can go any further.
- b) E-Mail from Newton Abbot Town Council regards Boundary Review – Cllr K Eales reported that suggestions had been made to make a change to the ward boundaries, and Abbotskerswell suggested that Conitor Copse should be included in Abbotskerswell as at present it is partly in Newton Abbot and partly in Abbotskerswell. The Boundary Commission will base their findings on percentages of electors per district. Letter back to Phil Rowe, the Parish Council did not intend this to be an aggressive act and are currently considering their position on this.

#### **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 – see written report attached to the minutes.
- c) Emergency Planning Committee report – Priory Road salt bin has been knocked over. Defib demo on the 8<sup>th</sup> October in the Village Hall. HGV signs on priory road have not yet been done, all were in agreement that signs are needed at both ends.
- d) Abbotskerswell Recreation Association report – Cllr B Chambers reported meeting held last week, concerns about the tennis court nets which are being tangled and broken. Weeds around court are being attended to. November 5<sup>th</sup> Fireworks have been ordered, Bpfire Night will be advertised on the website and in Abbtalk. Invite PTFA from Primary School to October ARA meeting.
- e) Allotments Report – Mrs M Crompton reported, water will be turned off in October and turned on again in April. 4 x ½ plots are available and some families have taken plots on, a piece has gone into Abbtalk inviting more people to come forward.
- f) P3 Report – Cllr B Chambers confirmed he has spoken to the owner of Rosebank. Letter to Rosebank, the Parish Council believe the boundary fence which is in need of repair to be owned by occupier.
- g) Village Hall Report – Cllr K Eales reported - Garden Show was very successful, an industrial dishwasher has now been installed, larger shed will be installed shortly for EPG use, new striplights installed, heating, curtains and PA system looking at being renewed.

- h) Tree Warden Report – Mr John Lewis – 2 Vicarage Road, Silver birch and a Holly tree to be removed which should come down through planning. Rear of 59 Wilton Way in wood, reports of a tree being felled – TDC Mark Waddams has been informed. Overgrown conifers on property by entrance to the Playing Fields – not in the conservation area so can be removed by the owners. Ash Dieback in the news again will go through the county in the next 5 to 15 years.
- i) Reports from Parish Councillors of any external meetings or Committees.
  - 1) TALC – Cllr K Eales reported minutes have been circulated. A question has been asked about the cost of the items which TDC have given up such as the toilets. TDC declined to reply to this question.
  - 2) Stoneycombe Liaison – Cllr B Chambers is unable to attend the next meeting on Wednesday.
- j) DCC, Highways, Potholes, Roads & Hedges.
  - 1) Weed Spraying – Parish Council Policy – Cllr K Eales reported that the question was raised as to whether RoundUp is used. As currently there is no other alternative the Parish Council are in agreement with using it sparingly and not around the school operating hours, preferably during school holidays.
  - 2) Overgrown Hedges in several places in the Village need attention, occupiers will be written to.
  - 3) Hedge from Abbotshill down to the cottages and to Abbotskerswell Cross needs to be cut back by DCC.
- k) Primary School Report – Cllr R Whiffin reported now 102 children attending and is now at capacity.
- l) Volunteer Action Group – Quakers burial ground to be tackled by VAG
- m) Consultations – Cllr K Eales reported that the 2017/2018 local government finance settlement was covered in a DALC report that the all Parish Council precepts may be capped by 2%, a consultation will shortly be forthcoming with regards to this.
- n) Abbotskerswell Pay Phone – adoption from BT – the contract has now been signed by the Parish Council and will be returned to BT.
- o) Communications Committee.
  - 1) Facebook Policy – at present there is an unadopted Facebook page, there are some concerns about what is posted on there but it does allow messages to get out about things such as the Firework arrangements. The draft policy will be circulated to Cllrs. Cllr K Eales proposed that the Parish Council try this for 6 months and monitor whether it is still working, seconded by Cllr Mrs W Grierson with all in agreement
  - 2) Internet in Parish Rooms - £18.99 line rental and around £15.00 for internet per month. Proposed by Cllr B Chambers that the Parish Council purchase a projector first to show planning documents instead of going ahead with the wi-fi, seconded by Cllr P Marino, vote taken 3 in agreement and 2 against. If this method does not work the proposal of wi-fi will be revisited by the Parish Council.
- p) Land owned by the Parish Council – Cllr K Eales reported that he has visited the Solicitors and now has a record of all the land owned by the Parish Council and has photos of this.

## 7) Cheques for Signature/Finances

### Parish Council

Cheque no 1337 = £20.00 Cash (Stamps).  
 Cheque no 1338 = £488.48 – Sharon Raggett (Wages August 2016).  
 Cheque no 1339 = £54.87 (vat £2.61) – EDF (Pavillion).  
 Cheque no 1340 = £53.20 (vat £2.52) - EDF (Tennis Courts).  
 Cheque no 1341 = £12.12 – SWWA (Toilets).  
 Cheque no 1342 = £29.84 (vat £2.33) SWWA – (Parish Rooms).  
 Cheque no 1343 = £39.90 (vat £1.90) – EDF (Parish Rooms).  
 Cheque no 1344 = £1.00 – British Telecom (Phone Box Adoption).  
 Cheque no 1345 = £96.00 (vat £16.00) - Clystnet (Website Support).  
 Cheque no 1346 = £98.40 (vat £16.40) - AP Building Services (Toilet Door Repair).  
 Cheque no 1347 = £14.12 (vat £2.35) – Bob Chambers (Toilet Lock).  
 Cheque no 1348 = £47.94 (vat £7.99) – Richard Whiffin (Land Registry Search).  
 Cheque no 1349 = £220.00 – The Lawn Rangers (weed clearance and re-seeding).  
 Cheque no 1350 = £123.00 – St Marys PCC (Church Clock Service Donation).  
 Cheque no 1351 = £396.00 (vat £66.00) – DCC (New Grit Bin).  
 Cheque no 1352 = £89.66 – Kevin Eales (Printer Cartridges, Neighbourhood Plan).  
 Cheque no 1353 = £50.00 – C Bloxidge (Litter Pick September).  
 Cheque no 1354 = £162.00 (vat £27.00) – AP Building Services (Gate post in Football Field).  
 Cheque no 1355 = £340.16 – Kath Roscoe (wages August & September plus expenses).  
 Cheque no 1356 = £488.48 – Sharon Raggett (Wages September).

### Abbotskerswell Recreation Association

Cheque no 1027 = £50.00 ARA Draw  
 Cheque no 1028 = £20.00 ARA Draw  
 Cheque no 1029 = £5.00 ARA Draw  
 Cheque no 1030 = £5.00 ARA Draw  
 Cheque no 1031 = £5.00 ARA Draw  
 Cheque no 1032 = £5.00 ARA Draw  
 Cheque no 1033 = £2,000.00 (vat £333.33) Angelfire (Fireworks).  
 Cheque no 1034 = £50.00 ARA Draw  
 Cheque no 1035 = £20.00 ARA Draw  
 Cheque no 1036 = £5.00 ARA Draw  
 Cheque no 1037 = £5.00 ARA Draw  
 Cheque no 1038 = £5.00 ARA Draw  
 Cheque no 1039 = £5.00 ARA Draw

### Bank Balances

ARA Account Balance September 2016 = £4,990.32  
 Village Events Account - £551.28 (held within ARA Account)  
 Parish Council Bank Balance September 2016 = £22,072.73  
 P3 = £700.00 (held within Parish Council Account).  
 CPRE Donation = £1,000 (held within Parish Council Account).

**Proposed by Cllr P Marino & seconded by Cllr B Chambers with all in agreement.**

- 8) Any Items to go onto next Parish Council Meeting's Agenda.
- 9) ARA Draw – August & September 2016

**August 2016**

£50.00 – 887 – Mr V Stunt – 7 Wilton Way  
£20.00 – 437 – Mrs C M Branson – 21 Forde Close  
£5.00 – 680 – Mr A Black – The Beacon, Priory Road  
£5.00 – 352 – L Worley – 65 Wilton Way  
£5.00 – 504 – Mary Hooper – c/o Ruby Farm  
£5.00 – 616 – Lara Brewer – Brookside, Slade Lane

**September 2016**

£50.00 – 753 – Mr K Eales – 9 Grange Road  
£20.00 – 198 – Mrs M Pearson – 32 The Priory  
£5.00 – 551 – Mr Lockett – 4 St Marys Close  
£5.00 – 105 – Mr Williams – 4 Laburnham Court  
£5.00 – 74 – Tom Stacey – 23 Grange Road  
£5.00 – 300 – Mrs Mortimore – c/o Ruby Farm

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45pm**

**Next Parish Council Meeting Abbotskerswell Parish Rooms – Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 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**