



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at  
Parish Rooms, Abbotskerswell  
Meeting commenced at 7.30pm**

**Present** Cllr B Chambers, Cllr P Marino, Cllr Mrs W Grierson (Chairman), C Cllr A Dewhirst (from Item 6), Cllr Mrs M Colclough, Cllr K Farrelly, D Cllr D Smith, Cllr K Eales.

**In Attendance** Mrs M Crompton (Allotments), Mr J Lewis (Tree Warden).

**Apologies for Absence** – Cllr Mrs L Clowes

**Declarations of interest**

- 1) Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016.  
Minutes of the Planning Meeting – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

The above minutes have been distributed and read - proposed by Cllr B Chambers & seconded by Cllr P Marino with all in agreement and duly signed by the Chairman – Cllr Mrs W Grierson.

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

- a) Police Report – no report given.
- b) Street lights out 1,2 & 5 in Wilton Way, there may also be more throughout the Village. Cllr K Farrelly confirmed he will have a drive around the village and note any that are out and report them online.

**3) Planning Applications & Decisions**

**Applications received from Teignbridge District Council**

- a) **Application no 16/03060/CAN – Mrs E Davis – 1 Vicarage Road – Fell one Tree – No objections from the Parish Council.**
- b) **Application no 16/02952/FUL – Mr R Whiffin – The Coach House, Court Grange – Single storey extension to rear. No objections from the Parish Council.**
- c) **Application no 16/03118/CAN – Mr N E Coates – Manor House, 3 Manor Road – Fell approx. 25 Leylandi tress forming a hedge. No objections from the Parish Council.**

**Decisions Received from Teignbridge District Council**

- a) Grant – Application no 16/02765/CAN – Mr B Wordsworth – Town Farm – Crown reduce one beech by 3m and thin by 30%, crown lift one tulip tree to 3m above ground and crown reduce by 3m.

**4) Matters Arising**

- a) Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Mrs W Grierson reported that it was now the end of consultation period and responses are now being collated and documented which is quite a big job. Cllr K Eales confirmed that on the 11<sup>th</sup> November the consultation period closed and most of the Public responses received were favourable with good support from Historic England. TDC Neighbourhood Planning Officer has been very helpful with suggested changes and Natural England confirmed they are happy with any changes TDC suggest. A consultation document also now needs to be written up and also a basic conditions statement showing how the statutory requirements have been met. When the submission document has been completed it gets handed over to TDC, this process takes about 6 weeks which should then lead into the referendum which will hopefully be next May 2017 to tie in with DCC elections in the Village.
- b) Parish Council Vacancy – nothing further to report.

**5) Correspondence – none received.****Matters not requiring discussion placed in the folder to be circulated****6) Main Agenda**

- a) Report from County Cllr A Dewhirst – written report attached to the minutes.
- b) Report from District Cllr M Colclough & District Cllr D Smith – written report attached to the minutes. Cllr Mrs M Colclough reported, Carparking – free Sunday parking is now district wide and machines are now available to pay by phone and card payments. There have been some thefts of carparking machines – 4 in the Teignbridge District.
- c) Emergency Planning Committee report – Cllr K Farrelly reported the new shed is now up at the back of the village hall, Court Grange Lane & Butchers Arms – drainage problems have been reported. C Cllr A Dewhirst confirmed that DCC are going right through the village clearing the drains. Grit bins have been reported as needing attention. Chapter 8 training – Cllr K Farrelly & Cllr K Eales wish to attend the course arranged by DCC.
- d) Abbotskerswell Recreation Association report – Cllr B Chambers reported, Fireworks night went very well a profit of £700 was made, a report and note of thanks to all helpers will go into Abbtalk. Tennis Courts, new handles for the nets to be purchased. Netting is being looked at to put around the sides of the courts this will cost around £250 to £300.
- e) Allotments Report – Mrs M Crompton reported 2 plots vacant now at the end of the season.
- f) P3 Report – nothing to report.
- g) Village Hall Report – AGM next Tuesday @ 7pm, space heating system to be done over the Christmas period. Christmas tree to go up next week outside.
- h) Tree Warden Report – John Lewis reported – Manor House Trees – Leylandi to be taken down, no objections to this. Ash Die Back – Ash trees in the Village are mostly on private properties and not the Parish Council responsibilities. In March a leaflet to go around in Abbtalk to ask the public if they have noticed anything and to let the Parish Council know as it can be spotted when the leaf starts coming on the trees. Letter to Mark Waddams at TDC to ask how this may be approached as trees in the conservation area may need to come down if they are infected.

- i) Reports from Parish Councillors of any external meetings or Committees
  - 1) TALC – minutes have been circulated to Cllrs. Cllr K Farrelly attended this meeting and John Hart leader of DCC was present and discussed the cost of Childrens and Elderly peoples care in the County.
  - 2) Stoneycombe Liasion – nothing to report.
  - 3) Cllr K Eales reported that Wolborough residents association are trying to arrange a meeting with Tristan Peat regards NA3 Wolborough, Cllr K Eales will also attend this meeting and will report back to the Parish Council.
  - 4) Cllr K Eales asked if John Lewis could look at some trees on the boundary of the village hall on land owned by Heavitree.
- j) DCC, Highways, Potholes, Roads & Hedges.
  - 1) Letter from Mrs Hoare regards flooding issues – See item C above this has been reported to DCC. Cllr Mrs W Grierson will reply to Mrs Hoare to confirm matters are in hand for the drain clearances top take place.
  - 2) Planter Barrels in the village to be removed.
  - 3) Weeds in the Village – a person to be found to remove these around the village for ½ day per week. Dave Wilds to be asked if he is willing to undertake this for £50 per week, all Cllrs in agreement. Noted that once the clearance has begun he may not need to do it every week so the situation will be monitored.
- k) Primary School Report – Cllr K Farrelly reported that he had spoken to Tim Hughes and he will drop a report through to the Parish Council when there is anything significant to report.
- l) Volunteer Action Group – Quaker Burial Ground – Lawn Rangers to attend to this.
- m) Consultations – nothing at present.
- o) Communications Committee Report – Cllr Mrs L Clowes reported by e-mail - Reminders have been sent on Facebook for people to keep an eye on the storm drains nearest to them and keep them clear of leaves or contact us, as well as an Article by Kevin Farrelly regarding preparation for Winter (35 hits in one week). We now have 526 friends on Facebook, and it's working for bringing people to the website. Of the most recent articles on the website, it seems that bad news is pretty popular with the news of the theft of the bicycle getting 632 hits, only being beaten by Fireworks night with 658 hits (that really worked with over 400 hits on the day and two days leading up to it). Latest news (the front end of the website) has had **36072** hits since the beginning of the Website, almost one year ago and the Neighbourhood plan 434 hits. The proposed boundary changes have had a modest 111 hits.
- p) Grass Cutting Contract 2017 – three quotations have been received. Birbeck Landscapes to be employed at £65 per cut, based on 10 cuts throughout the growing season.

## 7) Cheques for Signature/Finances

### Parish Council

- Cheque no 1368 = £20.00 – Ashburton Post Office (Petty Cash).
- Cheque no 1369 = £22.90 – Coast to Coast (Parish Rooms Fire Extinguishers).
- Cheque no 1370 = £333.00 – Abbotskerswell Recreation Association (Fireworks Vat).
- Cheque no 1371 = £48.00 – (vat £8.00) Clystnet (website support).
- Cheque no 1372 = £57.20 – (vat £9.53) Thomas Fattorini (Chain of Office Bar).
- Cheque no 1373 = £72.47 – (vat £3.42) EDF (Tennis Court Electric).
- Cheque no 1374 = £15.00 – Poppy Appeal.
- Cheque no 1375 = £53.90 – (vat £2.54) EDF (Pavillion Electric).
- Cheque no 1376 = £360.00 – (vat £60.00) Grant Thornton (Annual Audit).

Cheque no 1377 = £2,160.00 – (vat £360.00) Tobys Sheds (Emergency Plan).  
 Cheque no 1378 = £85.00 – Newton Abbot Glass (repair at Bus Stop).  
 Cheque no 1379 = £40.00 – K Farrelly (vouchers for Defib trainer).  
 Cheque no 1380 = £279.99 – S Raggett (PC Projector).  
 Cheque no 1381 = £49.00 – (vat £4.23) EDF (Parish Rooms Electric).  
 Cheque no 1382 = £170.00 – The Lawn Rangers (Strim around Tennis Courts).  
 Cheque no 1383 = £24.18 – (vat £3.80) British Gas (Toilet Electric).  
 Cheque no 1384 = £488.48 – Sharon Raggett (Wages November 2016).  
 Cheque no 1385 = £50.00 – C Bloxidge (Litter Pick November 2016).  
 Cheque no 1386 = £172.80 – Kath Roscoe (Cleaning November 2016).

#### **Abbotskerswell Recreation Association**

Cheque no 1047 = £20.00 – TDC (Lottery Licence).  
 Cheque no 1048 = £50.00 – ARA DRAW  
 Cheque no 1049 = £20.00 – ARA DRAW  
 Cheque no 1050 = £5.00 – ARA DRAW  
 Cheque no 1051 = £5.00 – ARA DRAW  
 Cheque no 1052 = £5.00 – ARA DRAW  
 Cheque no 1053 = £5.00 – ARA DRAW

#### **Bank Balances**

ARA Account Balance November 2016 = £4,805.32  
 Village Events Account - £551.28 (held within ARA Account)

Parish Council Bank Balance November 2016 = £31,150.48  
 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 – November 2016

£50 – 50 – Bjorn Lonngren – 29 Wilton Way  
 £20 – 246 – Mr P Brown – 40 The Priory  
 £5 – 302 – Gary Tuckett – c/o Ruby Farm  
 £5 – 566 – Mrs Smeaton – 1 Church Cottage, Orchard Close  
 £5 – 362 – Mr C Bell – 18 Wilton Way  
 £5 – 618 – Mrs Gilbert – Priors, Slade Lane

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.08pm**

**Next Parish Council Meeting Abbotskerswell Parish Rooms – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 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**