



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held Monday 29th February 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, Cllr R Whiffin, D Cllr D Smith.

In Attendance Mrs M Crompton (Allotments), Mr J Lewis (Tree Warden), 2 Members of the Public.

Apologies for Absence – Cllr P Marino.

Declarations of interest

- 1) Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – Monday 25th January 2016.
Minutes of the Planning Meeting – Wednesday 10th February 2016.

The above minutes have been distributed and read - proposed by Cllr K Farrelly & 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 received. Cllr Mrs W Grierson reported that the toilets are now being locked at night due to vandalism which we believe is happening at night. Cllr K Eales confirmed that this has been reported to the police on the website and Maria Holmes – PCSO rang back and confirmed it has been reported under log number 190 26/2/2016. There was also a collision of 2 lorries in the village which should also be on the Police report.
- b) Mr C Down has confirmed that a change of use will be put in for D2 use for a Crossfit Gymnasium at Ruby Farm in one of the empty units.
- c) Community Composting – some local sites are going to be visited and a small group of volunteers will be sought, when more information is gained a piece will go into AbbTalk to see if there is an interest. Nothing is certain on a site at present but there are several possibilities. Cllr K Eales confirmed that the Parish Council support this and would welcome a report back in due course when there is more information.

3) Planning Applications & Decisions

Applications received from Teignbridge District Council - none

Decisions Received from Teignbridge District Council

- a) Grant of Conditional Planning Permission – Application no 15/03466/FUL – Mr R Skitch – Unit 14B, The Old Cider Works – Retention of reinstatement of original window opening for use as fire escape to include completion of existing external steps.

Appeals Received from Teignbridge District Council

a)Appeal Reference 16/00004/REF – Mr & Mrs Belloti – Plumtree Cottage – Appeal against refusal of Planning Permission 15/02506/FUL – Bungalow and double garage with access drive, parking and turning facilities.

b)Appeal Reference 16/00005/REF – Mr & Mrs Belloti – Plumtree Cottage – Appeal against refusal of Planning Permission 15/02507/FUL – Bungalow and double garage with access drive, parking and turning facilities.

Cllr K Eales proposed that a reply for both the above is sent to reiterate the comments of the Parish Council and further strengthen this response with extra items relating to the TDC Local Plan. All Cllrs were in agreement.

c)Linden homes appeal – not expecting anything for 6 weeks to come through from the inspector.

4) Matters Arising

- a) Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Mrs W Grierson reported that a workshop was held over 2 days and around 60 people came, responses have been in support of the Aims and Objectives in the Plan. Further meeting has been held and the aims and objectives have now been amended to reflect comments received. The next stage will be to draft the policies supporting the aims and objectives. Alex Lessware at TDC has been consulted and is in support of what has been done so far.
- b) Provision of a Bus Shelter in Wilton Way – Cllr P Marino has done a design in Oak with polycarbonate sides. He will then get some companies to quote for this and hopefully have some costings for the next meeting.
- c) Quaker Burial Ground – Cllr B Chambers reported that the contractor will be reseeding with wild flower mix at the end of March when things get warmer.
- d) Strip of Scrub Land in Court Grange Lane – A tree was felled on this piece of land due to storm damage and the timber has been removed. This piece of land is not registered to anybody. The Parish Council were all in agreement that they will not takes steps with the Land Registry to adopt it as it would be of no benefit to the Parish Council.
- e) Solar Farm Monies – Clerk confirmed she had written to the Company involved but the agreement with Ogwell Parish Council was set up during Planning so it seems that Abbotskerswell Parish Council are not eligible for any money.

5) Correspondence –

- a) Abbfest – request for sponsorship - £100 – all in agreement.
- b) Letter from Office of the Traffic Commissioner – Goods Vehicle Licensing – PB-J Ltd – Ruby Farm, Two Mile Oak. Noted by the Parish Council.

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 minutes. Cllr Mrs M Colclough reported that Duncan Moors – TDC Solicitor has left this week to join the private sector.
- c) Emergency Planning Committee report – no meeting held. Cllr K Farrelly confirmed grant for Emergency funding has come in. New grit bin request and bin in Corn Park Road both need action – C Cllr A Dewhirst confirmed he will chase this with DCC. AbbTalk this month has published an updated emergency planning card to be cut out and kept for all Parishioners.
- d) Abbotskerswell Recreation Association report – Cllr B Chambers reported that Fireworks have been ordered and the event will be going ahead on the 5th November, which is a Saturday. Looking to get £1000 of funding if possible for this to help pay for the fireworks. Chairman – Cllr K Eales confirmed that the Parish Council would only fund the Fireworks if there is a shortfall and this item will be deferred until after the ARA draw has been collected in April/May.
- e) Allotments Report – Mrs M Crompton reported – AGM March 15th – 7.30pm at Parish Rooms. 4 plots vacant at the end of the season. Open gardens 2015 - 20 gardens in this area raised £2000. Condolences to Brian Mackness from all at the allotments on the recent loss of his wife Christine. Chairman – Cllr K Eales confirmed that the Parish Council's thoughts were also with Brian.
- f) P3 Report – Cllr B Chambers and Cllr K Eales have walked the Paths and reported to the Parish Council. Some paths that need clearing will be brought to the attention of C Cllr A Dewhirst to see if they can be attended to by the Community Payback Team. Wall at the back of Rock Cottage has collapsed into the lane and will be brought to the attention of John Rowlands – DCC footpaths.
- 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 – minutes have been circulated. Main item was that TDC after May 2016 are not sending out planning in paper copies, it will all be done electronically.
 - 2) Stoneycombe Liaison – no meeting held.
 - 3) Cllr B Chambers attended the opening of Apollo IT on the Industrial Estate.
- j) DCC, Highways, Potholes, Roads & Hedges.
 - 1) Land registry documents for Forde Close – Cllr R Whiffin confirmed he will meet with the property owner next week to look at these documents. However, it is noted that the potholes at the entrance have now been filled.
 - 2) Damage caused by Road Repair Vehicles in Village – Road surfaces in Odle Hill Grove & by the entrance to the Cider Works Business Park the vets have been done, however it appears some of the street furniture has been damaged by the lorries which did the work. This has been reported to C Cllr A Dewhirst for the attention of Devon Highways.
 - 3) Lorries delivering to the shop – Parishioner has asked if the shop can be asked if they can use smaller lorries.
 - 4) Drain clearance – noted blocked drains in the village have been reported but not been done. D Cllr A Dewhirst confirmed that DCC have run out of money for drain clearance at present however they must be reported online and also Potholes.

Note will be put into AbbTalk with the link for reporting potholes for Parishioners and also the link will be put onto the Parish Website.

k) Primary School Report – Cllr R Whiffin reported, now a waiting list for the school, 91 pupils and looking into having another class in September 2016.

l) Volunteer Action Group – A number of residents turned out for the Litter Pick many thanks to Cllr A Dewhirst for organising this.

m) Consultations – nothing to report.

n) Parish Rooms – Improvement and New Expenditure – Cllr Mrs W Grierson reported that some photos and certificates had been found in the Parish Rooms that need framing. All in agreement that this should be done.

7) Cheques for Signature/Finances

Parish Council

Cheque no 1267 = £430.00 – The Lawn Rangers (Quaker Burial Ground Clearance).

Cheque no 1268 = £20.00 – Cash (Stamps).

Cheque no 1269 = £58.80 (Vat £9.80) – Kevin Farrelly (Carpet Tiles for Parish Rooms).

Cheque no 1270 = £50.00 – Carl Bloxidge (Litter Pick Feb).

Cheque no 1271 = £97.76 (Vat £16.29) – Sharon Raggett (Viking Ink Carts & Storage).

Cheque no 1272 = £154.80 (Vat £25.80) – Kingfisher (Neighbourhood Plan).

Cheque no 1273 = £274.80 (Vat £45.80) – Kingfisher (Neighbourhood Plan).

Cheque no 1274 = £114.00 (Vat £19.00) – Doug Bacchus (Pavillion Boiler Service).

Cheque no 1275 = £95.00 – Abbtalk (Advert Payment for Roy Davidson).

Cheque no 1276 = £49.82 (Vat £2.37) – EDF (Parish Rooms).

Cheque no 1277 = £67.45 (Vat £3.19) – EDF (Tennis Courts).

Cheque no 1278 = £52.61 (Vat £2.49) – EDF (Pavillion).

Cheque no 1279 = £140.70 – Kath Roscoe (Cleaning Feb).

Cheque no 1280 = £36.73 (Vat 89p) – British Gas (Toilet Electric).

Cheque no 1281 = £488.48 – Sharon Raggett (Clerks Wages February).

Abbotskerswell Recreation Association

Cheque no 985 = £50.00 – ARA Draw

Cheque no 986 = £20.00 – ARA Draw

Cheque no 987 = £5.00 – ARA Draw

Cheque no 988 = £5.00 – ARA Draw

Cheque no 989 = £5.00 – ARA Draw

Cheque no 990 = £5.00 – ARA Draw

Bank Balances

ARA Account Balance February 2016 = £2,501.16

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

Parish Council Bank Balance February 2016 = £19,104.98
P3 = £700.00 (held within Parish Council Account).
Neighbourhood Plan = £3,142 (held with Parish Council Account).

Cheques proposed by Cllr Mrs M Colclough 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 – February 2016.

£50 – 920 – Colin Bovey – 3 Abbotswell Cottages
£20 – 350 – Mrs P Heath – 44 Wilton Way
£5 - 745 – Mrs Moore – Tennai, Stoneyhill
£5 – 180 – Mrs P Dalby – 3 Monks Orchard
£5 – 653 – Mrs S Farr – 18A Odle Hill Grove
£5 – 15 – Mr P Foston – Croft Tors, Totnes Road

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40pm

**Next Parish Council Meeting Abbotskerswell Parish Rooms – Monday 21st March 2016 @ 7.30pm.
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