



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held Monday 31st October 2016 at
Parish Rooms, Abbotskerswell
Meeting commenced at 7.30pm**

Present Cllr B Chambers, Cllr Mrs L Clowes, Cllr P Marino, Cllr Mrs W Grierson (Chairman), C Cllr A Dewhirst, Cllr Mrs M Colclough, Cllr K Farrelly.

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

Apologies for Absence – D Cllr D Smith, Cllr K Eales.

Declarations of interest

Planning Matters a) – Cllr P Marino has declared an interest.

- 1) Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – Monday 26th September 2016.
Minutes of the Planning Meeting – Wednesday 12th October 2016.

The above minutes have been distributed and read - proposed by Cllr Mrs L Clowes & 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) Mrs M Crompton confirmed that a query was raised from Parishioners as to whether the Christmas Tree in the Village Hall Carpark could be reinstated. Cllr K Farrelly will look into this with the Village Hall Committee and whether this could be possible due to the loss of any parking spaces whilst the tree was in situ.

3) Planning Applications & Decisions

Applications received from Teignbridge District Council

- a) Application no 16/02556/FUL – Mr & Mrs Gaunlett – 7 Corn Park Road – Division of single dwelling into two dwellings including front extension, balcony to rear and the creation of 2 additional parking spaces. No objections from the Parish Council, all in agreement.
- b) Application no 16/02765/CAN – Mr B R Wordsworth – Town Farm – Crown reduce one Beech by 3m, crown lift one Tulip tree to 3m above ground and crown reduce by 3m. No objections from the Parish Council.
- c) Application no 16/02866/CAN – Mr D Wheelaker – The Barn, Vicarage Road – Fell one holly tree. No objections from the Parish Council.

Decisions Received from Teignbridge District Council – none.

Planning Matters

- a) **Appeal against refusal of Planning Permission for Linden Homes – 203 homes on the edge of Newton Abbot. Public inquiry on 8th, 9th & 10th November 2016. Cllr P Marino left the room. Cllr Mrs W Grierson confirmed that Wolborough Residents have asked for any support that can be offered on the dates of the Inquiry.**

4) Matters Arising

- a) Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Mrs W Grierson reported that the plan is progressing well and forms are now being returned for the consultation on the draft plan with any suggestions and comments for changes, closing date 11th November.
- b) Parish Councillors resignation – Richard Whiffin has now resigned and steps will be taken to fill the vacancy. Many thanks to Richard for all his hard work on the Parish Council, Cllr K Eales has written to Richard to thank him.

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 – see written report attached to the minutes.
- b) Report from District Cllr M Colclough & District Cllr D Smith – Cllr Mrs M Colclough reported, enforcement review meeting this week, parking payments can now be done through a smart phone and machines throughout this district are being updated to allow card payments to make it easier. Sunday parking will still be free.
- c) Emergency Planning Committee report – Cllr K Farrelly confirmed the new shed will be put in during the next couple of weeks to replace the 2 old ones that are currently in situ. Defib day on the 8th October which was well attended. Kath who did the course will be given a £40.00 voucher as thanks.
- d) Abbotskerswell Recreation Association report – Cllr B Chambers reported - Fireworks night 5th November 2016 – this is now all organised. Area around the outside of the tennis courts has been strimmed. SWWA has given a leak refund on the account. Some windbreak to be purchased to go around the edge of the courts to stop balls going through.
- e) Allotments Report - Mrs M Crompton reported - end of the season now, 2 x ½ plots are still remaining.
- f) P3 Report – nothing to report.
- g) Village Hall Report – nothing to report.
- h) Tree Warden Report – Mr J Lewis reported that some trees have lost their leaves early this year. Cllr Mrs L Clowes suggested that a survey needs to be done in the Village of the Ash trees, if these are going to be lost with Ash dieback during the next 8 to 10 years there needs to be some thought going into replacing them. Also the Horse Chestnuts will be looked at as they are also suffering from a new disease.
- i) Reports from Parish Councillors of any external meetings or Committees.
 - 1) TALC – nothing to report.
 - 2) Stoneycombe Liasion – nothing to report.
- j) DCC, Highways, Potholes, Roads & Hedges.
 - 1) Chapter 8 Training from DCC – this has been circulated to cllrs if anyone would like to apply for this training. Cllr K Farrelly will undertake this.

- 2) Noticeboard at Two Mile Oak Glass has been broken, Newton Glass has been instructed to replace this.
- 3) Hedges on the main road to Abbotshill Cross needs cutting back.
- 4) Cllr K Farrelly reported that a list has been made of the grit bins that need refilling and those that are damaged this will go to DCC.
- 5) Large Kays lorry using the village, letter to go to Kays asking them not to use the village as a cut through.
- k) Primary School Report – nothing to report – Cllr K Farrelly will speak to Tim Hughes to see if a short monthly report can be provided.
- l) Volunteer Action Group – Cllr Mrs W Grierson reported that Celia has looked at the graveyard and there is a lot of work to do in there. Cllr B Chambers will speak to the Lawnrangers to see if they can clear this again.
- m) Consultations – nothing to report.
- o) Communications Committee Report – nothing to report.
- p) Grass Cutting Contract 2017 – some quotes are being sought for next years contract.

7) Cheques for Signature/Finances

Parish Council

- Cheque no 1357 = £148.80 (vat £24.80) – Kingfisher (Neighbourhood Plan).
- Cheque no 1358 = £40.00 (vat £8.00) – Clystnet (web support).
- Cheque no 1359 = £114.50 (vat £22.90) – Coast 2 Coast (Parish Rooms Fire Extinguishers).
- Cheque no 1360 = £148.80 (vat £24.80) – Kingfisher (Neighbourhood Plan).
- Cheque no 1361 = £16.51 – Wendy Grierson (Stamps for Neighbourhood Plan).
- Cheque no 1362 = £165.60 – Kath Roscoe (Cleaning Oct 2016).
- Cheque no 1363 = £50.00 – C Bloxidge (Litter Pick October 2016).
- Cheque no 1364 = £71.94 – R Whiffin (Land Registry Search).
- Cheque no 1365 = £11.49 – K Eales (Printer Ink Neighbourhood Plan).
- Cheque no 1366 = £54.29 – British Gas (Toilet Electric).
- Cheque no 1367 = £488.48 – Sharon Raggett (Wages October 2016).

Abbotskerswell Recreation Association

- Cheque no 1040 = £300.00 Dave Collins (Petty Cash for Fireworks night gate).
- Cheque no 1041 = £50.00 ARA DRAW
- Cheque no 1042 = £20.00 ARA DRAW
- Cheque no 1043 = £5.00 ARA DRAW
- Cheque no 1044 = £5.00 ARA DRAW
- Cheque no 1045 = £5.00 ARA DRAW
- Cheque no 1046 = £5.00 ARA DRAW

Bank Balances

- ARA Account Balance October 2016 = £4,930.32
- Village Events Account - £551.28 (held within ARA Account)
- Parish Council Bank Balance September 2016 = £32,238.61
- 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 – October 2016

£50.00 – 343 – Christine Nelson – 64 Wilton Way

£20.00 – 104 - Mr Freestone – 15 Manor Gardens

£5.00 – 610 – Mrs J Bush – 1 Well Cottage, Slade Lane

£5.00 – 121 – Simon Dodds – c/o Bob Chambers

£5.00 – 383 – Mr F Brown – 53 Wilton Way

£5.00 -302 – Gary Tuckett – c/o Ruby Farm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm

Next Parish Council Meeting Abbotskerswell Parish Rooms – Monday 28th November 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