

ABBOTSKERSWELL PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held Monday 16th December 2013 at
Parish Rooms, Abbotskerswell Meeting commenced at 7.30pm**

Present Cllr K Eales (Chair), Cllr Mrs J Kniveton (Vice-Chair), Cllr R Whiffin, Cllr D McNee, Cllr Mrs M Turner, Cllr Mrs W Grierson, C Cllr A Dewhirst, D Cllr D Smith.

In Attendance 5 members of the public: Margaret Crompton (Allotments Chair), PCSO – Chris Hurden.

Apologies for Absence – Mr John Lewis (Tree Warden), Cllr B Chambers, Cllr Mrs M Colclough

- 1) Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – Monday 25th November 2013.
Minutes of the Planning Meeting – no meeting held.

The above minutes have been distributed and read - proposed by Cllr R Whiffin & seconded by Cllr Mrs W Grierson with all in agreement and duly signed by the Chairman – Cllr K Eales.

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

- a) Police Report - PCSO Chris Hurden reported that some vehicle crime has occurred in the Village, 3 vehicles have been targeted in the past month, otherwise not much else to report but across Teignbridge cold callers have been a problem so be wary of these.

- 3) **Planning Applications & Decisions**

Applications received from Teignbridge District Council

- a) Letter from TDC to note change of proposal description – Application no 13/02761/FUL – Mr M Perryman – Denbury Diesels – Engineering works to facilitate the creation of a new vehicular access with the closure of the existing access and associated works. Noted by Cllrs that the description has been amended. Cllr R Whiffin has advised that the landscape officer's report at TDC is against the application and that the Parish Council should write and endorse this report, all in agreement with this. Noted that Mr & Mrs Havill copied their letter sent to DCC to the Parish Council and that D Cllr Mrs M Colclough has confirmed she will ask for the application to go to committee, should it look as though it is going to be approved.

Decisions Received from Teignbridge District Council – none received.

- 4) **Matters Arising**

- a) Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr R Whiffin reported - exploring possibility of grant aid and plans to form a steering group with an open meeting at the Village Hall on Wed 26th Feb 2014 to introduce how to take the plan forward. A leaflet drop will take place in the Village in January to let everyone know about this and will be published in Abbtalk, if there is one in time. It will also be published onto the website.
- b) TDC Local Plan – Chairman – Cllr K Eales confirmed that there has been no movement from the inspector but would hope to have some more news before the Neighbourhood Plan meeting on the 19th Feb 2014. It was noted that about an acre of woodland has been cut in Conitor Copse where Horseshoe Bats and Hazel Dormice reside, the Police have been involved in this and TDC have issued an enforcement notice.

- c) Land at Manor Road - Cllr M Turner has declared an interest and left the room. Standing orders were suspended – Chairman - Cllr K Eales reported a 2nd working group meeting was held with Linden Homes. Mark Crosby from Consensus, Linden Homes' PR Company attended with ecology, traffic/highways, design/layout and flooding/drainage specialists, each giving their view regarding the proposed site. The PC expressed its concerns that the site is outside the village envelope, there are specific traffic issues which have been raised, the ecology remains unaddressed and the density of the homes proposed is excessive. Another meeting is planned for the middle of January 2014 to address these concerns. Standing orders reinstated.
- d) Pavilion and Field use by Abbotskerswell AFC – Grant of lease to become self-managing. The PC is awaiting a reply from TDC regards identifying a suitable lease.
- e) Grant to Abbotskerswell Parish Church – Cllr Mrs J Kniveton and Cllr Mrs M Turner met with the priest in charge and discussed the works needed. They would like to retain control of the site and not have a closed Churchyard, which would mean TDC would take control. The PC will consider a donation towards the maintenance when discussing next year's budget in January 2014.
- f) Works to Land at Denbury Diesels - covered in item 3a) above.
- g) Public Toilet – Chairman – Cllr K Eales reported that a costing had been received from TDC for the toilet maintenance. The costs have been broken down into various sections which Cllrs have looked at. Cllr Mrs W Grierson and Cllr R Whiffin confirmed that they will go into TDC to meet Adrienne Steatham to find out more and report back to the PC in due course.
- h) Local Housing needs survey – Sue Hitchcock to attend Januarys PC meeting.

5) Correspondence

Matters not requiring discussion placed in the folder to be circulated

6) Main Agenda.

- a) Report from County Cllr A Dewhirst – copy of report attached to the minutes.
- b) Report from District Cllr M Colclough & District Cllr D Smith - Teignbridge Sports Personality of the Year was awarded jointly to the 40 team managers and volunteers from Teignbridge who took part in the Devon Games this summer and were overall Local Authority winners in Devon .
- c) Emergency Planning Committee report – no report given.
- d) Abbotskerswell Recreation Association report.
 - 1) Quotation for repairs from Tim Pearse - all in agreement that the quotation is accepted.
 - 2) Tennis Courts - Contractor is now to be met on site as the grant money has been obtained. Many thanks to John Whitehead for all the work he has done.
- e) Allotments Report – Mrs M Crompton reported there is one plot vacant which will be split into two smaller plots. The water meter is to be installed in the New Year.
- f) P3 Report – Cllr D McNee confirmed the annual return to be completed shortly for DCC.
- g) Village Hall Report – no report given.
- h) Tree Warden Report – no report given.
- i) Reports from Parish Councillors of any external meetings or Committees.
 - 1) TALC - no meeting to report.
 - 2) Parish Cluster meeting - no meeting to report.
 - 3) Stoneycombe Liaison - no meeting to report.

- i) DCC, Highways, Potholes, Roads & Hedges.
 - 1) Country Bus using the village - letter received from a Parishioner regards the bus, but Cllrs noted that the bus normally used is the smaller kind used for villages unless this it out of action and a larger bus is used.
 - 2) Parish sweeper has been reported in the Village clearing pavements.
 - 3) Cllr R Whiffin reported that DCC have planned significant resurfacing work in the village proposed for January 2014.
 - j) Primary School Report – Cllr D McNee attended the Carol concert which was very good.
 - k) Volunteer Action Group. No report.
 - l) Abbtalk – Advertise the Neighbourhood Plan meeting date and report car crimes in the village and to warn parishioners about cold calling around Teignbridge.
 - m) Consultations - Flood Risk, Public Transport review and Devon waste plan to be looked at by Chairman – Cllr K Eales & Cllr Mrs M Turner
 - n) Parish Meeting Speaker – April 2014 - suggestions for the next meeting.
- 7) Cheques for Signature/Finances – A copy of December 2013 financial report (Minute reference 105) has been distributed – Proposed by Cllr R Whiffin and seconded by Cllr Mrs W Grierson with all in agreement.
- 8) Any Items to go onto next Parish Council meeting Agenda.

9) **ARA Draw December 2013**

£100 - 800 – Rhian Dunkley – Woodside, Court Grange
 £20 - 669 – Mr Cardis – The Old Post Office, Priory Road
 £5 - 82 – M Henwood – 6 Lakeland
 £5 – 570 – Mr D Wheeleker – The Barn, Vicarage Road
 £5 – 263 – Mr & Mrs Royston – 2 Abbotshill Park
 £5 – 365 – Mr Collinsworth – 2 Lakeland

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Next Parish Council Meeting Abbotskerswell Parish Rooms – Monday 27th January 2014 @ 7.30pm.

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