

**ABBOTSKERSWELL PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2014 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, Cllr Mrs M Colclough, Cllr B Chambers, D Cllr D Smith, C Cllr A Dewhirst (from Item 6).

**In Attendance** 4 members of the public: Margaret Crompton (Allotments Chair), John Lewis (Tree Warden).

**Apologies for Absence** – none received.

**Declarations of interest**

**Item 4C) Cllr Mrs M Turner has declared an interest.**

**Item 4C) Cllr D McNee has declared an interest.**

- 1) Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2014.  
Minutes of the Planning Meeting – no meeting held.

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

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

- a) Police Report – by e-mail – Chris Hurden confirmed no crimes reported last month, the only items reported were bad weather events such as fallen trees.
- b) Stonemans Hill - looked like a tree had come down and has now been cleared away.
- c) Car Park at the Playing Fields - Gulley which takes water away is blocked up.

3) **Planning Applications & Decisions**

**Applications received from Teignbridge District Council –**

- a) **Application no 14/00312/TPO – Mrs A Nichols – 6 The Paddocks – Felling of one Monterey Pine Tree. Mark Waddams at TDC has inspected the tree and it is found to be sound, one branch has fallen off in the recent very high winds but nothing else. The Parish Council object to the felling of the tree and the preservation order should remain in force.**

**Decisions Received from Teignbridge District Council**

- a) Grant of Conditional Planning Permission – Application no 13/02129/MAJ – Rydon Solar Ltd – Rydon Farm, Two Mile Oak – Installation of ground mounted solar array (total site area 68,000 m<sup>2</sup>) estimated output of 12 megawatts and associated infrastructure.

#### 4) Matters Arising

- a) Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr R Whiffin reported a steering group has been formed to start to take this forward with the first meeting taking place on Wednesday. A meeting was held with TDC and Newton Abbot Town Council as a small part of land within the Parish Boundary will become part of the Wolborough Development. Teignbridge wanted the development to be totally in Newton Abbot's Neighbourhood Plan but TDC have agreed that it will stay in Abbotskerswell but that our Neighbourhood Plan should not inhibit the Wolborough Development. Abbotskerswell Parish will be able to claim the Community Infrastructure Levy monies on any development and will work with Teignbridge this. TDC have drawn up a Memorandum of Agreement to be signed by the Parish Council, this will be circulated by e-mail again and discussed at the next meeting. E-Mail to Neil Blaney and confirm another meeting will not be able to be organised until after the next PC meeting at the end of March 2014.
- b) TDC Local Plan – Cllr K Eales confirmed that the inspector will not be reporting until April/May 2014, it will be a while until any information is received and why the information on Wolborough which was submitted by CROWD has been ignored. The process on the Strategic Environment Assessment (SEA) which has been gone through by TDC is questionable. Some organisations are now looking at the possibility of a judicial review. This needs to be considered carefully as there could be financial implications to this if it were to go ahead. A paper stating the facts and options will be brought to the next meeting for a decision to be made.
- c) Land at Manor Road - Linden homes have produced a flyer of what is proposed and a Planning Exhibition will be held at the Village Hall on the 1<sup>st</sup> March for the public to view what is proposed.
- d) Pavilion and Field use by Abbotskerswell AFC – Grant of lease to become self managing - no further action at present.
- e) Public Toilet – Cllr R Whiffin and Cllr Mrs W Grierson attended a meeting at TDC - the toilets will be closed on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 unless the Parish Council take them on, they have offered a transfer cost of £1,000 for the PC to take them over on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014. All in agreement that the Parish Council takes these on, check list to be complied of the things needed - cleaner, insurance etc..
- f) Local Housing needs survey – Chairman – Cllr K Eales confirmed a document has been received from Sue Southwell at Community Council of Devon (CCD). A 6 page detailed questionnaire will be sent to every household in Abbotskerswell to try and ascertain the need for affordable housing in the Parish. Once this is complete it will tie into the Neighbourhood Plan. The Questionnaire has been amended to correct some typing errors and the question about local connection will be brought to the front page, CCD have agreed to print this in readiness to be distributed by the Parish Council. Note to Sue Southwell - 2 typos Parishes and the question - items in green will they a black when printed.

#### 5) Correspondence

- a) E-Mailed letter from Teignbridge Neighbourhood Watch - carried forward to the next meeting.
- b) Letter from Andy Gould – Community Fire Safety - noted by the Parish Council.
- c) E-Mailed letter regards land at The Butchers Arms – Invite to a PC meeting.

**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 – Cllr Mrs M Colclough reported - Budget meeting held last Friday - freeze in Council Tax as proposed. £55,000 remains for rural aid. Cllr D Smith – copy of report attached to the minutes.
- c) Emergency Planning Committee report – Vice-Chair – Cllr Mrs J Kniveton reported that the lock is broken on the hut behind the village hall where the sand bags are, this needs to be replaced. Drain cover outside the butchers arms broken. Firestone Lane tree fallen down and debris causing a build-up of water there. Letter to Andrew Buckpit - may thanks for storing salt in his Barn and for arranging for it to stay in situ with the new owners.
- d) Abbotskerswell Recreation Association report - no football matches held due to the weather. SWWA have indicated that they need to do a drain survey which the ARA has to pay for before the new Courts can start.
  - 1) TDC Elector Fund – this to be applied for to help towards the new flood lighting.
  - 2) ARA Draw collection – renewals now to be collected for April's draw.
- e) Allotments Report – Mrs M Crompton reported that the water meter to be installed when the ground dries up, 8 gardens in the Parish this year entered for the National Gardens Day and the allotments.
- f) P3 Report – Cllr D McNee reported survey forms done and returned to DCC.
- g) Village Hall Report – Chairman – Cllr K Eales, this Friday night film evening will show Skyfall.
- h) Tree Warden Report – Mr J Lewis reported – a big tree at the school has been split in half, this hangs over the climbing frame and needs to be taken down quickly. Court Grange Lane - lots of trees have come down and the loose branches have been put back into the hedges, this could create another problem if they blow back onto the road.
- i) Reports from Parish Councillors of any external meetings or Committees.
  - 1) TALC.
  - 2) Parish Cluster meeting.
  - 3) Stoneycombe Liaison - noted that a complaint about a loud blast has been received from a Parishioner. C Cllr A Dewhirst confirmed they are blasting at the nearest point to Stoneyhill and there will be more blasts which are to be carried out and these will be monitored.
  - 4) Chairman – Cllr K Eales attended at CPRE meeting at Newton Abbot Racecourse.
- j) DCC, Highways, Potholes, Roads & Hedges - Potholes, Court Grange Lane, The Priory, Manor Road, Firestone Lane, Odlehill Grove.
- k) Primary School Report – Cllr R Whiffin reported apart from the tree at the school which needs removing there is nothing further to report.
- m) Volunteer Action Group - stream clearance - suggestion of a community clean up to be advertised in Abbtalk when the weather improves.
- r) Abbtalk – New Mobile Library times.
- s) Consultations.
  - 1) Teignbridge Green Infrastructure Strategy.
  - 2) DALC Consultation - Openness of Local Government.
  - 3) DCC - Outsourcing of Adult Residential Care Services.
- t) Parish Council Bank Accounts - all previous cllrs are to be removed and all current cllrs have been listed on the forms provided by Lloyds Bank. These have been witnessed by Devon County Councillor A Dewhirst.
- u) Grass Cutting Contract for 2014 – Cllr B Chambers will meet some contractors on site for quotations.

- 7) Cheques for Signature/Finances – A copy of February 2014 financial report (Minute reference 107) has been distributed – Proposed by Cllr B Chambers 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 February 2014**

£50 - 474 - Mrs S Oakley – 10 Laburnham Terrace  
£20 - 340 - Mr McHardy – Selbourne, Totnes Road  
£5 - 749 - Mrs B Pendlebury – 30 The Priory  
£5 - 460 - Mr Merritt – 14 Laburnham Terrace  
£5 - 627 - Mrs P Munden – 1 Monks Orchard  
£5 - 325 - Robin Huggins – Model Stores Flat

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

**Next Parish Council Meeting Abbotskerswell Parish Rooms – Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014 @ 7.30pm.**

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