

**ABBOTSKERSWELL PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at  
Parish Rooms, Abbotskerswell Meeting commenced at 7.30pm**

**Present** Cllr K Eales (Chair), Cllr Mrs J Kniveton (Vice-Chair), Cllr D McNee, Cllr Mrs W Grierson, Cllr B Chambers, Cllr Mrs M Colclough, C Cllr A Dewhirst.

**In Attendance** 2 members of the public, Margaret Compton (Allotments Chair), Kate Cohill & Associate from Auto Solar.

**Apologies for Absence** – Cllr Mrs M Turner, Cllr J Whiffin, Mr John Lewis (Tree Warden).

- 1) Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2013 – one amendment 5b) should read 2 Manor Close, many apologies to the owner of number 1.  
Minutes of the AGM – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2013.  
Minutes of the Planning Meeting – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2013.

The above minutes have been distributed and read - proposed by Cllr B Chambers & 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 - no report given.
- b) Mr Trevor Howard was present regards the Community Right to Bid he would like the Shop to be removed from the list if this is to be sent to TDC as this would cause the shop unnecessary expense and implications including a charge on the deeds of his property. Chairman - Cllr K Eales has declared an interest and left the room. The Parish Council agreed that this to be discussed later in the meeting during matters arising.
- c) Rydon Farm, Solar Farm - Cllr Mrs J Kniveton has declared an interest and left the room. Kate Cohill from Auto Solar confirmed that the proposal is for 25 years, it does not change the status of the land, it will still be agricultural, it will generate enough electricity for 2400 homes, as part of the application landscaping, ecology, flood risk, trees are all taken into consideration, the site is around 53 acres. It will also include 10 buildings on site. Chairman confirmed although it is outside the Parish it is very close to the boundary, the application will be submitted in full to TDC at the end of July 2013.
- d) Parking at the top of the Village - quite often the village is blocked with lorries waiting to get in, the bus does not want to come through the village. Chairman – Cllr K Eales confirmed that there is a reluctance to put double yellow lines in place because of the cost and the time involved. Phil Tucker has built a car park now which is being used, but this has not reduced the number of cars being parked on the road.
- e) Margaret Crompton – Allotment Chair mentioned that the Woodland Trust do packs of trees and suggested that this would be a good idea for the Village, this matter to be placed on the next agenda.

3) **Planning Applications & Decisions**

**Applications received from Teignbridge District Council**

- a) Application no 13/01589/FUL – Mr & Mrs P Booth – Brooklands – Extension to form annex, conservatory and porch. No objections subject to the Condition that the annexe should remain ancillary to the property. All in agreement.

- b) Application no 13/01360/FUL – Mr & Mrs C Allen – 6 Corn Park Road – Single storey rear extension and conservatory with re-roofing of existing roof. No objections from the Parish Council. All in agreement.

#### **Decisions Received from Teignbridge District Council**

- a) Grant of Conditional Planning Permission – Application no 13/01202/FUL – Mrs C Hill – 2 Manor Road – Conversion of garage to form office and studio.

#### **4) Matters Arising**

- a) Neighbourhood Plan - notices have been posted around the village regards the Parish Council's intention to start a Neighbourhood Plan - comments by the 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2013 to TDC. Bid has also been put to organisation called Locality for a grant (government funded) to help with compiling the Plan.
- b) TDC Local Plan – Chairman – Cllr K Eales confirmed that a letter was sent to the Planning Inspectorate regards the legality of alterations made to the plan by TDC before its submission. A letter has been returned from the Planning Inspectorate not answering the question raised but asking the PC to address issues to the Programme Officer once the plan has been submitted. Kelvyn Shantry has also raised a point regards the alterations to the final plan and has raised this with TDC but is yet to receive a reply. Cllr Eales and other Parish Chairmen from the District attended a meeting with Nick Bowles - Minister for Planning. Points raised were the use of Brownfield sites in preference to green field sites, Community Infrastructure Levies proposed by TDC which will disadvantage villages, and lack of meaningful discussion with TDC over the plan. Anne Marie Morris MP came out in support of the protection of green field sites in a local television interview. A letter has also been written to Natural England regards the number of homes and also a letter has gone to the Environment Agency. Natural England have replied in support of the information already submitted, however they have not confirmed whether anyone has visited the site despite being asked this question several times. The Environment Agency confirmed that they will only be involved when a developer submits an application and they have made no representation to the local plan, they would attend a meeting with the PC but Natural England will not attend a meeting. CROWD are meeting once a fortnight and will be collating extra information as evidence. The Parish Council are content that Cllr K Eales and Cllr Mrs W Grierson work together with CROWD to develop further evidence to support APC's objections.
- c) Community Right to Bid - No further action on this matter at present, the Parish Council wish to have further information on the processes carried out at TDC before going any further with this. This matter is deferred until further notice.

#### **5) Correspondence**

- a) E-Mail from Teignbridge CAB – To be asked to submit a grant request beginning of Jan for consideration at the end of the PC financial year in March.
- b) First World War 'Then and Now', funding opportunities - this has been forwarded to Anne Sercombe for Abbpast and is being applied for.
- c) TDC - Rural Aid - application has been submitted by the Village Hall to refurbish the floor.
- d) E-mail from DCC – Matthew Beddow – Denbury Diesels Land - confirmed that the site agent has been in touch with TDC and the drainage matters will be considered within the planning application for the security fence.
- e) Red Phone Box at Stone hill - Noted that Mr Cousens has done a superb job on the box. Many thanks to him. Pictures have been circulated to Cllrs.

**Matters not requiring discussion placed in the folder to be circulated.**

**6) Main Agenda.**

- a) Report from County Cllr A Dewiest – copy of report attached to the minutes.
  - b) Report from District Cllr M Colclough & District Cllr D Smith – Cllr Mrs M Colclough reported, attending a seminar on health and wellbeing tomorrow - portfolio officer for this will be Sylvia Russell.
  - c) Emergency Planning Committee report – nothing to report.
  - d) Abbotskerswell Recreation Association report - Viridor grant received for the Tennis Courts, now awaiting the Veolia grant. A new tender is now being sought for the work to replace a withdrawn tender.
  - e) Allotments Report – Mrs M Crompton - Open Gardens were a success, especially for the allotments. £2,500 was raised. Football sheds at the top of the allotments needs attention.
  - f) P3 Report – nothing to report.
  - g) Village Hall Report – Chairman – Cllr K Eales reported, the Garden show is on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2013, scarecrows to be built by the 13<sup>th</sup> July, Solar panels have generated £640 income for the last quarter.
  - h) Tree Warden Report - nothing to report.
  - i) Reports from Parish Councillors of any external meetings or Committees.
    - 1) TALC – Vice-Chair – Cllr Mrs J Kniveton attended. There was a presentation from Jeremy Christophers and Nicola Bulbeck TDC.
    - 2) Parish Cluster meeting.
    - 3) Stoneycombe Liasion.
  - j) DCC, Highways, Potholes, Roads & Hedges - in the absence of Cllr RWhiffin, Cllr D McNee will meet Emma Nicks on Wed this week.
    - 1) Site line from grange road looking towards Denbury Diesels needs clearing of vegetation.
    - 2) Hedge from Abbotshill encroaching over the road.
    - 3) Stinging nettles coming out from hedge at School.
    - 4) Weeds on raised footpaths need spraying (ask TDC if they can do).
    - 5) Potholes down towards Maddacombe Cross need attention.
  - k) Primary School Report – Cllr D Mcnee confirmed that the school is now in the process of deciding on the new head teacher.
  - m) Volunteer Action Group – Village entrance tidy up is required – Cllr D McNee confirmed he met with Celia Rose on site where several questions were raised, including about the vegetation and who is responsible clearing down towards the bus stop. Railings on the other side of the bus stop need painting and there is a black and white post which needs repainting. The seat is fine but the notice needs alterations regarding the twinned towns. Weeds along the main road need attention but DCC need to do these. All the matters will be brought to the attention of Emma Nicks – DCC to ascertain what DCC will undertake.
  - r) Abbtalk – PR - residents trimming back their hedges that are encroaching onto highways and footpaths.
  - s) Consultations – nothing noted.
- 7) Cheques for Signature/Finances – A copy of June 2013 financial report (Minute reference 100) has been distributed – Proposed by Cllr Mrs W Grierson and seconded by Cllr B Chambers with all in agreement.
- 8) Any Items to go onto next Parish Council meeting Agenda.

**9) ARA Draw June 2013**

£50 - 465 - Mr & Mrs Dyke – 4 Grange Park, Grange Lane

£20 - 336 - Mrs Marchington – 51 Wilton Way

£5 - 563 - Mr Dalby – 3 Monks Orchard

£5 - 734 - Mrs A Wild – 1 Model Cottages

£5 - 134 - Mr P Luxton – Bryher Croft, Odle Hill

£5 - 534 - Mr Howard – Model Stores, Abbotskerswell

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.55pm.**

**Next Parish Council Meeting Abbotskerswell Parish Rooms – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2013 @ 7.30pm.**

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