

**ABBOTSKERSWELL PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 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 B Chambers, Cllr R Whiffin, Cllr Mrs W Grierson, Cllr Mrs M Turner, C Cllr D Smith.

**In Attendance** 2 members of the public, Cllr A Dewhurst (Ipplepen).

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

New Cllr Mrs M Turner – was duly co-opted to the Parish Council.

- 1) Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2013 – one addition proposed by Chairman – Cllr K Eales. The decision on the increase of the precept was reached because of the costs last year for the flooding works on the Village Green, also money will be needed for the formulation of the Neighbourhood Plan and general inflation costs were taken into account and the fact that the precept had not been increased for the last 3 years.  
Minutes of the Planning Meeting – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2013 – one amendment proposed Item b) applicant name changed to Green (not Perryman).

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 - no report given.
- b) Mrs M Crompton reported that the last football match was played was quieter than usual with no swearing.

3) **Planning Applications & Decisions**

**Applications received from Teignbridge District Council – none received.**

**Decisions Received from Teignbridge District Council – none received.**

4) **Matters Arising**

- a) Neighbourhood Plan – formal application to be made - a letter has been drafted to TDC to make a formal application and a full map of the Parish is to be obtained to send with the letter. Parishioners comments have been noted regards the land at Wilton Way, the Parish wishes for this to be preserved and this will be included in the Neighbourhood plan when this is drawn up.
- b) Core Strategy update – Local Plan - the plan has been deferred by TDC for 3 to 4 months, it was proposed that Natural England is contacted to find out why they have asked for more information from TDC, also to ask Nicola Bulbeck what questions have been raised by Natural England. The TDC Overview and Scrutiny committee on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2013 is looking into this delay. Questions can be submitted to them and Kelvyn Shantry will be asking 9 questions, so they will be formulated around these so as not to ask the same things.
- c) Field use by the Football Club and associated bad language - note in public time above item 2b).

- d) Community Right to Bid - List to be submitted to TDC, Local Shop Model Stores, Bambinis Coffee Shop, Butchers Arms & Court Farm Inn.

## 5) Correspondence

- a) Correspondence from Anne Marie-Morris after meeting with Parish Councils - this has been circulated to Cllrs with comments noted. A tentative meeting has been arranged for the 19<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm in the Parish Rooms regards the local Plan. Wolborough Residents' Association will also be present at this closed meeting.
- b) Copy letters and correspondence regards works at Court Grange Lane - these have been circulated to Cllrs. TDC have not informed the PC regarding the Certificate of Lawfulness progress. A letter to be sent to TDC Nick Davies to ask for an update on the situation. Similarly, Matt Beddow, DCC Drainage, to be asked for an update on Enforcement Notice.

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

## 6) Main Agenda.

- a) Report from County Cllr D Smith – copy of report attached to the minutes.
- b) Report from District Cllr M Colclough & District Cllr D Smith – Cllr D Smith reported the Plan Teignbridge submission has been delayed: housing numbers from Torbay Council have yet to be obtained, some other points raised by Natural England which need clarification and further work necessary on the Community Infrastructure Levy.
- c) Emergency Planning Committee report - next meeting end of April 2013.
- d) Abbotskerswell Recreation Association report (Minutes of 13<sup>th</sup> March 2013 attached). Grants have now been applied for and, if obtained, £81,000 will be reached. Buckland will now start using the football field. A new litter bin has been purchased and will be installed. Bonfire residue - awaiting a quote for clearing up. Fireworks have been ordered for 5<sup>th</sup> November 2013.
- e) Allotments Report - Mrs M Crompton reported that as soon as spring arrived clearance will begin.
- f) P3 Report – Cllr D McNee and Cllr B Chambers confirmed that they have walked the footpaths and submitted a report to DCC.
- g) Village Hall Report - Toilet refurbishment plans have been drawn up and quotes are being obtained.
- h) Tree Warden Report - nothing to report.
- i) Reports from Parish Councillors of any external meetings or Committees.
  - 1) TALC – next meeting is this coming Thursday.
  - 2) Parish Cluster meeting - nothing at present.
  - 3) Stoneycombe Liaison - meeting in November.
- j) DCC, Highways, Potholes, Roads & Hedges -
  - A) Potholes outside the vets on the main road.
  - B) Ask John Lewis who has chopped down all the hedging on the bank at Odle Hill Grove by the steps.
  - C) Flooding Court Grange Lane is being monitored.
  - D) Ask Richard Ayres, Linden Homes, if he can get the hedge cut back on the field behind the Old Cider Works as its growing into the road.
  - E) Village Entrance from the Main Road, hedges need cutting back and railings need painting - ask DCC.
  - F) Wall at Mrs Harvey, Odle Hill, has been rebuilt and a very good job has been made of it.

- k) Primary School Report – Cllr R Whiffin - end of term on Thursday and start of next term 90 children at school. Decision on the head will be made shortly.
  - l) Volunteer Action Group - nothing to report.
  - m) Abbtalk – PR - Reporting issues about footpaths to the Parish Council. Parish Meeting speaker – Kelvyn Shantry.
  - n) Consultations.
    - 1) TDC Enforcement Policy Consultation – noted by Cllrs.
  - o) Parish meeting speaker - Kelvin Shantry has confirmed he will come to speak on an overview of local issues.
  - p) Beating the Bounds - this matter to be looked at again next year as was done 4 years ago.
  - q) S137 Grants.
    - a) Abbfest - £50 from the Parish Council and ask if the ARA will top up by another £100.
    - b) Teignbridge Neighbourhood Watch - £50 - proposed by Cllr R Whiffin & seconded by Cllr B Chambers with all in agreement.
- 7) Cheques for Signature/Finances – A copy of March 2013 financial report (Minute reference 97) has been distributed – Proposed by Cllr Mrs W Grierson and seconded by Cllr R Whiffin with all in agreement.
- 8) Any Items to go onto next Parish Council meeting Agenda.

9) **ARA Draw March 2013**

£50 - 407 - Mrs A Stacey – 21 Grange Road  
 £20 - 852 - Mrs Kenyon – 1 Court Road  
 £5 - 52 - Mr K Eales – 9 Grange Road  
 £5 - 747 - Mr K Eales – 9 Grange Road  
 £5 - 265 - Lindy Wiltshire – c/o Ruby Farm, Totnes Road  
 £5 - 176 - Mrs K Painter – 3 Mallands Meadow

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm.**

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

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