

ABBOTSKERSWELL PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held Monday 25th November 2013 at
Parish Rooms, Abbotskerswell Meeting commenced at 7.30pm**

Present Cllr K Eales (Chair), Cllr B Chambers, Cllr R Whiffin, Cllr Mrs M Turner, Cllr Mrs W Grierson, Cllr Mrs M Colclough, C Cllr A Dewhirst (from item 4).

In Attendance 6 members of the public: Margaret Crompton (Allotments Chair), John Lewis (Tree Warden).

Apologies for Absence – D Cllr D Smith, Cllr D McNee, Cllr Mrs J Kniveton (Vice-Chair).

- 1) Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – Monday 28th October 2013.
Minutes of the Planning Meeting – Wednesday 13th November 2013.

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

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

- a) Police Report - nothing received this month.
- b) Mr B Mackness – NHS Patients Representative - clinical commissioning group is asking for views on the health service and in particular doctors surgeries. A meeting is being held at the Village Hall on the 11th December 2013 from 6 to 8pm, this is advertised around the village and he would ask Parish Councillors and villagers to attend if possible.
- c) Mr Shaddock of Mallands Meadow has raised concerns about staff from the residential home parking in the cul-de-sac. It is noted by Cllrs that they may be parking there whilst work is being done at the home. Also noted that the drains may be blocked in Mallands Meadow and need clearing - ask TDC to attend to this.

3) **Planning Applications & Decisions**

Applications received from Teignbridge District Council

- a) Application no 13/02761/FUL – Mr M Perryman – Denbury Diesels, Totnes Road – Engineering works to facilitate creation of new vehicular access and associated works. Cllr B Chambers declared an interest and left the room. Cllr Mrs M Colclough reported that the certificate of lawfulness has yet to be decided, TDC are also raising a query with DCC regards the state the land has been left in as they were surprised that Matthew Beddow from DCC has found it acceptable. The Parish Council object to this application as follows –
 - 1) The applicant has stated that this land is agricultural. The Council considers the current access is adequate for use by agricultural vehicles.
 - 2) The 2.1m gate is totally out of context to the street scene.
 - 3) The redesigned access has been widened to 4.1m width and is over engineered for agricultural access.
 - 4) The surrounding land and road is prone to flooding and this area attenuates the effects of heavy rain. Any further development will deteriorate the attenuation and further increase flood risk.
 - 5) The Council has concerns about the hydrogeology of the proposed area and have noted works may already be affecting the natural drainage fissures which aid water discharge, thus increasing flood risk.

Decisions Received from Teignbridge District Council

- a) Refusal of Planning Permission – Application no 13/02444/FUL – Mrs L Banks – 24 Wilton Way – Erection of summerhouse in front garden.

4) Matters Arising

- a) Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr R Whiffin reported a meeting was held last week to look into starting a steering group to take it forward. A lot of work over 2 years will be put into the plan which will consider sustainable development. It will then have to be approved and a Parish referendum held. An open Parish Meeting to be planned for Jan or Feb 2014 to get progress this.
- b) TDC Local Plan – Chairman – Cllr K Eales, still waiting for news from the planning inspector. CROWD group have still been meeting but less frequently and are trying to get a meeting with Natural England. The sustainability appraisal revision from the plan will also be scrutinised.
- c) Land at Manor Road – Chairman – Cllr K Eales reported a meeting was held with Linden homes to hear what they are considering. Parish Councillors made it aware they were unhappy with what was suggested, but Linden Homes may make an application anyway. Another second meeting will be held on the 4th December with Linden Homes when they will show how the concerns are being addressed. As the site is outside the Village Development Envelope a proportion of new homes, if it progresses, must be affordable.
- d) Pavilion and Field use by Abbotskerswell AFC – Consideration of a grant of lease to become self-managing. The Council to ask TDC if they have any updated documents. Following this a meeting should be arranged between Cllrs and the Football Club. The Council to request a 1/3 contribution towards the last high water bill from the Football Club, noting that the Allotment Society have contributed 1/3.
- e) Grant to Abbotskerswell Parish Church – Cllr Mrs M Turner and Cllr Mrs J Kniveton have arranged meeting on Thursday with the Church and will report back at the next meeting.
- f) Parking Issues at the Industrial Estate and top of Village - Haulage companies have been written to after the last meeting and asked to be more considerate and not to block the road, Yellow lines could be a solution to the problem but they may move the parking problem elsewhere. Chairman – Cllr K Eales suggested that the PC will monitor the effect of the letters and see what happens and if problem are still occurring the Council will ask the police to come and put some notices on cars regarding parking.
- g) Works to Land at Denbury Diesels - Cllr B Chambers left the meeting. C Cllr A Dewhirst reported that DCC have asked the landowner to finish off the drainage works by removing the fill, at present the sinkhole is running slightly better than before. With regards to flooding on other land, any landowner has to prove that this is occurring because of works and this would become a civil matter.
- h) Parish Councillors' register of interests held at TDC - reminder to ask all Cllrs to update this at TDC if needed.

5) Correspondence

- a) Public Toilet in Abbotskerswell – Letter from TDC, this has been circulated to Cllrs. The Clerk to now ask for a breakdown of the running costs, once we have received this we would be open to a meeting with TDC to discuss the way forward.
- b) E-Mail from Sue Hitchcock Community Council Devon regarding neighbourhood plans and affordable housing— Council to ask Sue to come to next meeting Dec or January 2014.

Matters not requiring discussion placed in the folder to be circulated

6) Main Agenda.

- a) Report from County Cllr A Dewhirst – a copy of the report to be attached to the minutes.
 - b) Report from District Cllr M Colclough & District Cllr D Smith – Overview & Scrutiny meeting had someone present from the NHS, the new structure is very complicated and 2 doctors attended to explain and discuss this.
 - c) Emergency Planning Committee report - no report given.
 - d) Abbotskerswell Recreation Association report - over £4,000 has been banked from the Fireworks. The Tennis Courts grants are almost there with funding. The ARA are just awaiting one more grant to be confirmed.
 - e) Allotments Report – Mrs M Compton confirmed that a water meter has been purchased and will be fitted when the weather is right. An Elm tree which had come down has been removed.
 - f) P3 Report – Cllr Dave McNee reported by e-mail that he had attended the annual P3 meeting at Aveton Gifford. Ros Davies from DCC gave an update on budget and the afternoon walk highlighted issues for P3 representatives to check on when they are walking their footpaths.
 - g) Village Hall Report – Chairman - Cllr K Eales - film show this week hosted by Ipplepen film club. If there is sufficient interest, the Trustees are hoping a monthly film club may be started.
 - h) Tree Warden Report - many thanks to John Lewis for attending to the tree on the green.
 - i) Reports from Parish Councillors of any external meetings or Committees.
 - 1) TALC.
 - 2) Parish Cluster meeting.
 - 3) Stoneycombe Liaison.
 - 4) AbbPast – Cllr K Eales confirmed that Peter Wade who had borrowed four minute books has now returned them.
 - j) DCC, Highways, Potholes, Roads & Hedges - Court Grange Lane sight line looking right onto the main road when turning out is still impaired by vegetation. The Priory – the unsightly hole in the wall requires repair.
 - k) Primary School Report - nothing to report.
 - m) Volunteer Action Group.
 - r) AbbTalk - Derek Bellotti has spoken to Cllr K Eales and confirmed he will introduce Cllr J Kniveton to Abbtalk newsletter staff at Kingfisher.
 - s) Consultations -
 - 1) Cllr Mrs M Turner reported that a paper copy of the library consultation had been circulated.
 - 2) Chairman Cllr K Eales confirmed he had looked at the Census consultation, where they are now suggesting that the next one should be either online or using existing government documentation - he will respond to this.
- 7) Cheques for Signature/Finances – A copy of November 2013 financial report (Minute reference 104) 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 November 2013**

£50 - 680 - Mr A Black – The Beacon, Priory Road
£20 - 642 -Mrs Matthews – Yeoman Cottage, Slade Lane
£5 - 852 - Mrs Kenyon – 1 Court Road
£5 - 24 - Mrs Vaites – 13 Grange Road
£5 - 536 - Miss C Howard – Model Stores
£5 - 91 - Mrs M Whitefoot – 3 Laburnham Terrace

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.32pm.

Next Parish Council Meeting Abbotskerswell Parish Rooms – Monday 16th December 2013 @ 7.30pm.

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