

**ABBOTSKERSWELL PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at  
Parish Rooms, Abbotskerswell  
Meeting commenced at 7.30pm**

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

**In Attendance** 1 member of the Public, Margaret Crompton (Allotments).

**Apologies for Absence** Cllr R Whiffin, Mr John Lewis (Tree Warden).

**Declarations of interest**

1) Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2014.

The above minutes have been distributed and read - proposed by Cllr D McNee & 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 – e-mail received from PCSO - Chris Hurden – On the 17/01/15 at the junction of Vicarage Hill a local male in his twenties drove his vehicle into a wall on purpose in a self-proclaimed attempt to commit suicide. After a search the male was found in possession of Cannabis though was not under the influence of intoxicants at the roadside. The male was subsequently detained under the mental health act and Police will be taking further action against him in due course. No one else was injured as a result of the incident. Other items on the report about severe weather and the police website to be put on the Abbotskerswell website.
- b) E-Mail circulated to Cllrs regards car vandalism around Church House, Cllr Mrs J Kniveton advised that she had requested that they also contact the police to report this matter.

**3) Planning Applications & Decisions**

**Applications received from Teignbridge District Council –**

- a) Application no 14/03321/NPA – Mr & Mrs Hoare – Manor Farm – Application for prior approval under part 3 class MB (a) & (b) and paragraph N of the GPDO for change of use of barn from agricultural use to a dwelling and building operations.

No objections from the Parish Council subject to the necessary reports from Highways and Land Contamination reports.

### **Planning Matters**

- a) It was noted that an application has been made to English Heritage by a Parishioner for listed building status for the Butchers Arms.
- b) Linden Homes site – today was the last day of the extension of time requested, TDC at present have not received any further information from Linden regards the Housing needs. TDC has suggested another extension of time until the 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2015 and if this information is not forthcoming TDC will refuse the application.
- c) Ruby Farm application for a new unit and the removal of the condition of outdoor storage and extension to an existing unit – this will go to committee TDC on 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2015.

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

- a) Approval – Application no 14/03384/CAN – Mr D Boxall – Pine Trees Lodge, Manor Road – Felling of one Douglas Fir.
- b) Appeal Decision – Allowed and Planning Permission Granted – Mr A Black – The Beacon, Priory Road – Erection of a new single storey garage, single storey extension to the rear of the property, internal alterations to existing property and a new ramp system in the garden to accommodate the needs of a disabled individual.
- c) Appeal Decision – Allowed and Consent Granted – Mrs A Nichols – 6 The Paddocks – Proposed Felling of one Monterey Pine.

### **4) Matters Arising**

- a) Neighbourhood Plan – Chairman – Cllr K Eales reported that a meeting was held on the 7<sup>th</sup> January and 7 new members have joined the Committee, an introductory flyer has been produced to go into February's Abbtalk and a questionnaire will also be delivered to everyone in the Parish. The questionnaire will be going out in the March's edition of Abbtalk. Printing costs are now being incurred and some monies have now been forthcoming from TDC and another grant has been applied for from Locality. DALC have been approached for costings regards data analysis and this would cost approx £2,500 for a simple analysis, an in depth report would be a lot more money.
- b) TDC Local Plan Challenge – Chairman – Cllr K Eales reported that after December's PC meeting costs for taking further to appeal was looked into, £1000 was agreed to take the matter further for the Barrister to prepare grounds of appeal. A reduced cost arrangement is being considered by the Barrister to take the appeal further and CROWD agreed to take this further and the grounds of appeal were submitted by the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2015. Strong reasons for the appeal focusses on the EU Habitats Directive which protects the South Hams Special Area of Conservation, which crosses five South Devon Local Authority areas, have been lodged and funding to permission stage would be £1,700. The total cost of appeal to Abbotskerswell Parish Council with reduced costs would be this sum, but without reduced costs would be around £9,000. All Cllrs in agreement for this to be taken further.
- c) Teign Housing – Possible site for Affordable Homes, nothing further has been heard from Teign Housing.
- d) Grass Cutting for 2015 – no change in last year's prices.
- e) TDC Elector Fund – the application for Abbtalk and website has been declined by TDC.

### **5) Correspondence**

- a) Letter from Newton Abbot Town Council – Neighbourhood Development Plan Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> February 2015. David Munden to attend, if possible.
- b) Meeting with MP Anne Marie Morris 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 2015 (e-mail circulated).

- c) Letter from Dartmouth Steam and Riverboat Company – Bus Shelter A381. The letter apologised for the use of the Shelter for advertising without permission. The Clerk to ask them to contact Carol Bickley for an advert in Abbtalk magazine.
- d) TDC Civic Service – 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 2015.

**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. But also noted from the Police was a report that a vehicle with a single female driver had been flashed by another vehicle which was trying to get them to pull over, this occurred in the Ipplepen area.
- b) Report from District Cllr M Colclough & District Cllr D Smith – Cllr Mrs M Colclough reported, the budget is currently being discussed, proposal to freeze the council tax at the current rate, recycling is high on the list, housing and supporting business, 2% wage increase in staff wages. Removal of affordable housing provision in the section 106 agreement in East Lincolnshire, this was an interesting report which had the affordable housing provision removed on a site after the planning inspector deemed the site not viable economically with affordable housing requirement. It is worrying that this may set a precedent nationally for other sites.
- c) Emergency Planning Committee report – Cllr Mrs J Kniveton reported that the Committee met in January. £118 is needed to print the orange leaflet, all Cllrs were in agreement with this sum.
- d) Abbotskerswell Recreation Association report.
  - 1) Rural Aid Application – for the new play area surfacing, 3 quotes to be sought on this.
  - 2) Letter of support to Buckland AFC for grant support – all in agreement to support their application to Viridor.
  - 3) Viridor Visit – 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 2014 – Mr J Whitehead and Cllr B Chambers to meet on site.
  - 4) ARA draw – rounds distributed.
- e) Allotments Report – Mrs M Crompton reported that the water meter has now been installed.
- f) P3 Report – Cllr D McNee reported that the paths have been walked and all looks fine at the moment, a couple of bits want cutting off but nothing else wants doing.
- g) Village Hall Report – Cllr K Farrelly reported that an application for new floor funding is being put in. Group of singers are a new booking and are coming to use the hall for 3 hours on a Wednesday all year and through the summer period.
- h) Tree Warden Report – nothing to report.
- i) Reports from Parish Councillors of any external meetings or Committees.
  - 1) TALC – Cllr K Farrelly to attend.
  - 2) Parish Cluster meeting.
  - 3) Stoneycombe Liaison.
- j) DCC, Highways, Potholes, Roads & Hedges.
  - 1) Priory Lane getting potholed at the bottom where extra traffic using it because of the road closure and diversions.
  - 2) Noted a couple of street lights out which will be reported.

**1) Actions for Spring 2015**

Railings need painting by school and top of the village.

Seat at the top of the village needs painting.

Weed spraying.

Clearance of Parish Council land adjacent to the Quaker burial ground.

k) Primary School Report – Cllr D McNee confirmed all on course for the next Ofsted and all going very well. Policies are currently being reviewed and a full governors meeting is due this week.

l) Volunteer Action Group.

m) Abbtalk – second edition to be printed this week, article to be put in the next edition about dog fouling.

n) Consultations.

o) Parish Meeting Speaker – Devon Wildlife Trust.

p) Precept 2015/2016 – £20,000 proposed by Cllr Mrs M Colclough and seconded by Cllr B Chambers with all in agreement, it was felt that more items needed attention this year including the fact that the public toilets have been taken over by the PC and the Local Plan challenge may require some more funding.

**7) Cheques for Signature/Finances**

A copy of January 2014 financial report (Minute reference 117) has been distributed – Proposed by Cllr D McNee and seconded by Cllr B Chambers with all in agreement. Noted also that DALC have advised of a Clerks wage increase of 2 ½% from January 2015

8) Any Items to go onto next Parish Council meeting Agenda.

**9) ARA Draw January 2015**

£50 – 360 – (to be redrawn at Feb meeting as property now empty and owner deceased).

£20 – 375 – Mrs Collingsworth – 2 Lakeland

£5 – 63 – Mr K Eales – 9 Grange Road

£5 – 796 – Mrs B Honeywell – Cherry Tree, Court Grange

£5 – 901 – Mr J Whitehead – 8 Odle Hill Grove

£5 – 205 – Mrs Grey – 8 The Priory.

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

**Next Parish Council Meeting Abbotskerswell Parish Rooms – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2015 @ 7.30pm.**

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