

**ABBOTSKERSWELL PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at  
Village Hall, Abbotskerswell**

**Meeting commenced at 8.35pm following the Annual Parish Meeting**

**Present** Cllr K Eales (Chair), Cllr R Whiffin, Cllr Mrs M Colclough, Cllr Mrs W Grierson, Cllr D McNee, Cllr B Chambers, Cllr K Farrelly, C Cllr A Dewhurst.

**In Attendance** Mr John Lewis (Tree Warden), Mr John Whitehead (ARA)

**Apologies for Absence** – D Cllr D Smith, Cllr Mrs K Kniveton

**Declarations of interest**

- 1) Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2015.  
Minutes of the Planning Meeting – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

The above minutes have been distributed and read - proposed by Cllr Mrs W Grierson & 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 – no report given.
- b) E-Mail received from Mr Lee Walkden: Can I bring to your attention some pollution I witnessed in the village stream last Friday. I have no idea what it was or where it came from apart from upstream of Berry Close. The pollution could be best described as very foamy. Could you please discuss this in the next Parish meeting so that it will be captured in the minutes and therefore published in the next Abbtalk as a reminder that our streams, although small, are diverse ecological trophic habitats to many creatures and deserve our deepest consideration and protection. This has been noted by the Parish Council and Mr Walkden has been advised to contact the Environment Agency immediately, if this occurs again.

**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 – Cllr R Whiffin reported the Steering Group is now in the process of collating information from the many questionnaires received back. A meeting will be held on Wednesday to review progress. Cllr K Eales & David Munden (Steering Group Chair) visited Denbury & Ipplepen's Annual Parish Meetings to give each council a summary of where Abbotskerswell is in its neighbour plan process.
- b) TDC Local Plan Challenge – Chairman Cllr K Eales confirmed that an oral hearing will be held in the Civil Appeals Court on the 5<sup>th</sup> June 2015 and will last approximately 45 minutes, according to our legal advisors.
- c) Ditch in Court Grange Lane – TDC Steven Hobbs confirmed he has visited the site and asked the owners to remove the pipes. If this is not done, an untidy land notice will be issued.

The road curtilage adjacent to the ditch is DCC's responsibility and DCC have confirmed they have no issues with this.

- d) Broadband speeds in the Village – Chairman – Cllr K Eales confirmed he has received an e-mail from Laurent Boon. Broadband is being rolled out around Devon, but the next phase procurement process remains under negotiation.

## 5) Correspondence

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

## 6) Main Agenda

- a) Report from County Cllr A Dewhirst – nothing further to report as reported at Annual Parish Meeting.
- b) Report from District Cllr M Colclough & District Cllr D Smith – nothing further to report as reported at Annual Parish Meeting.
- c) Emergency Planning Committee report – no report given.
- d) Abbotskerswell Recreation Association report – quote for the slide repairs has been received and is to be discussed at the next ARA meeting.
- e) Allotments Report – Mr John Lewis expressed many thanks to all for the help in clearing up the allotments.
- f) P3 Report – no report given.
- g) Village Hall Report – no report given.
- h) Tree Warden Report – no report given.
- i) Reports from Parish Councillors of any external meetings or Committees.
  - 1) TALC.
  - 2) Parish Cluster meeting.
  - 3) Stoneycombe Liaison.
- j) DCC, Highways, Potholes, Roads & Hedges – Entrance to the vets has been marked for potholes, Court Grange Lane sign has been done, bench at the bottom of Firestone lane is broken and requires repair. Outside the village shop, the pavement needs work as it's broken up and is dangerous.
  - 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 – Paul Cary quoted £150 + VAT. All in agreement with this.
    - Clearance of Parish Council land adjacent to the Quaker burial ground.
- k) Primary School Report – Cllr R Whiffin reported a slight increase in primary school children numbers next year, An Ofsted review and report is expected this term.
- l) Volunteer Action Group.
- m) Consultations.

## 7) Cheques for Signature/Finances

A copy of April 2015 financial report (Minute reference 120) 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 April 2015 to be drawn at May's meeting.

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm**

**Next Parish Council Meeting Abbotskerswell Parish Rooms – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2015 @ 7.30pm.**

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