

ABBOTSKERSWELL PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held Monday 27th July 2015 at
Parish Rooms, Abbotskerswell
Meeting commenced at 7.30pm**

Present Cllr K Eales (Chairman), Cllr R Whiffin (Vice-Chair), Cllr Mrs M Colclough, Cllr B Chambers, Cllr P Marino, Cllr K Farrelly, D Cllr A Dewhirst.

In Attendance Mr John Lewis (Tree Warden), 5 Members of the Public, James Davis – Planning Manager @ Solstice Renewables.

Apologies for Absence – Cllr Mrs W Grierson, D Cllr D Smith.

Declarations of interest

- 1) Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – Monday 29th June 2015.
Minutes of the Planning Meeting – Wed 15th July 2015.

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

2) Public Time (Limited to 15 Minutes)

- a) Police Report – ask if anything to report assuming there is nothing as we have not heard from Chris Hurden.
- b) Heavitree Land – a fence was going to be put up at the bottom, to protect surrounding properties and this has not yet been done. The Parish Council will ask Dave Collins to contact Alan Wheeler – 1 Lakelands to discuss this matter.
- c) Parking on the corner of Wilton Way close to the junction has been noted, Parishioners advised to contact the Police number 101 to report any dangerous parking.
- d) Bonfires in the Village – note into Abbtalk to ask Parishioners to be more considerate.
- e) James Davis – Planning Manager for Solstice Renewables – proposed Solar Farm at Ruby Farm on the Land fill site – the proposed site is 11 acres and some plans were presented to show the extent of the site. The Parish Council confirmed that they could not comment further until a planning application was presented.

3) Planning Applications & Decisions

Applications received from Teignbridge District Council

- a) **Application no 15/01773/FUL – Mr S King – 23 Odlehill Grove – First floor extension over existing single storey extension on south east elevation and former window and single storey extension on north east elevation. No objections from the Parish Council, all in agreement.**

Decisions Received from Teignbridge District Council – none.

4) Matters Arising

- a) Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr R Whiffin reported that a meeting had been held and a consultant - Stuart Todd - has been appointed, a fee proposal has been received which will be submitted for grant funding and then this will proceed, if a grant is achieved.
- b) TDC Local Plan Challenge – Chairman – Cllr K Eales reported that a Freedom of Information request had been received from Duncan Moors at TDC on behalf of a TDC Cllr, a response has been drafted to reply and all Cllrs are in agreement with this. APC drafted questions were presented to the Parish Council with a proposal to submit them to TDC Full Council for a response regards Settlement Level Plans. All Cllrs were in agreement that this should be sent to Duncan Moors with a copy to Neil Aggett, Phil Shears and the FOI officer, also the questions should be sent to all TDC Councillors.
- c) Provision of a Bus Shelter in Wilton Way – this matter was discussed at the PC Planning meeting and deemed as very expensive. Ask Dennis Smith whether any grant monies are available for this.
- d) Abbtalk Grant – nothing further to report, will now await a response from Abbtalk with regards to how much money is needed.
- e) Parish Council Vacancy – nothing further at present.

5) Correspondence – none received.**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.
- b) Report from District Cllr M Colclough & District Cllr D Smith – Cllr Mrs M Colclough reported that a new access that was made to Higher Langford House. Steven Hobbs TDC enforcement officer has looked at and has written to the owners as DCC confirming that the access is dangerous and that a planning application is needed. 3 TDC parks were named as some of the best green spaces in the UK, they will be given a green flag award: Decoy, Courtenay Park & The Den at Teignmouth. A 10 year strategy for Teignbridge a consultation is now taking place.
- c) Emergency Planning Committee report – next meeting in October.
- d) Abbotskerswell Recreation Association report – a Rural Aid grant has been confirmed for the matting on the playground and a quote is being awaited from a local company.
- e) Allotments Report – New allotment holders have started work and now all the plots have been let.
- f) P3 Report – nothing to report.
- g) Village Hall Report – garden show to take place shortly and new floor to be laid.
- h) Tree Warden Report – nothing to report.
- i) Reports from Parish Councillors of any external meetings or Committees.
 - 1) TALC – meeting this Thursday.
 - 2) Stoneycombe Liaison.
- j) DCC, Highways, Potholes, Roads & Hedges.
 - 1) Community payback team have done a lot of clearance and cutting back on paths in the Village. Thank you to Emma Nicks at DCC for organising this.
 - 2) Ask Paul Cary about weed spraying, specifically when will this be done and also the weeds behind the Parish Rooms.

3) Sight line at the top of court grange lane overgrown with vegetation and the footpath down to the bus stop is very overgrown and up to Abbotshill.

4) Railings painting – quotes for this were very expensive. Cllrs Chambers and Farrelly will look at alternatives.

k) Primary School Report – Cllr R Whiffin reported that the wall by school has been surveyed and is being monitored for 6 months by engineers to ensure that it is safe.

l) Volunteer Action Group – litter pick to be organised.

m) Website – nothing to report.

n) Consultations – TDC 10 year strategy.

7) Cheques for Signature/Finances

A copy of July 2015 financial report (Minute reference 123) has been distributed – Proposed by Cllr R Whiffin and seconded by Cllr Mrs M Colclough with all in agreement.

The clerk reported that because last year's turnover was so high an intermediate audit has been asked for and some copies of minutes have been sent to the external auditors as requested.

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

9) ARA Draw – July 2015

£50 – 121 – Mrs Butland – 12 Forde Close

£20 – 632 – Mr Rooth – Court Cottage, Priory Road

£5 – 408 – Mrs M Down – 4 Laburnham Terrace

£5 -817 – Mrs S Congdon – 8 Manor Road

£5 – 600 – Mrs V Hurst – 7 Manor Gardens

£5 – 180 – Mrs P Dalby – 3 Monks Orchard

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm

Next Parish Council Meeting Abbotskerswell Parish Rooms – Monday 28th September 2015 @ 7.30pm.

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