

ABBOTSKERSWELL PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held Monday 28th April 2014 at
Parish Rooms, Abbotskerswell
Meeting commenced at 8.10pm following the Annual Parish Meeting**

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

In Attendance – 2 Members of the Public, Mr John Lewis (Tree Warden), Mr John Whitehead (ARA), Margaret Crompton (Allotments), David Munden (Chair – Neighbourhood Plan), Paul Evely.

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

Declarations of interest

- 1) Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – Monday 31st March 2014.
Minutes of the Planning Meeting – no meeting held.

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

2) Public Time (Limited to 15 Minutes)

- a) Police Report – by e-mail as follows:- I can happily state there have been no logs or crimes in the public interest for the area for the month.

However, police are urging householders to be on their guard following incidents of a phone fraud where unsuspecting victims are duped by people posing as police. In the latest incident on Tuesday, an elderly man from Paignton was duped out of £12,000 by someone posing as a police officer from the Metropolitan Police who claimed that someone had been arrested in possession of his bank cards. This follows another incident in North Devon in March when a Bideford couple were duped out of more than £30,000 by people posing as police. Someone claiming to be a police officer from the Metropolitan Police phoned the retired couple saying that they had arrested someone in possession of the woman's bank card. The bogus officer asked the woman to immediately phone the bank but when the call was made the conman kept the line open, pretended to be the bank and confirmed large-scale fraudulent activity on her account. He told her that her account was being used fraudulently by bank staff and she should withdraw the cash and send it to him as evidence. They realised something was wrong when the bogus officers failed to turn up to an agreed appointment at their home. They then reported the offence to Devon and Cornwall Police. Detective Constable Dave Major, from Bideford CID, said: "This is a despicable fraud with the offenders targeting elderly and vulnerable people who are trusting and were willing to help who they thought was a bona fide police officer. "We would urge people to be aware of this scam and not to go along with it. The police would not phone members of the public in this way and we would ask anyone who is contacted by these people to phone police and report it straight away. "Detective Inspector Praveen Naidoo added: "This is a national problem and it is important to note that police officers will never ask you for your bank details or to send money to them. **UPDATE** - There has also been a very similar incident involving a local resident from Kingskerswell on 14/04/14. With this in mind we'd like everyone to remain vigilant of bogus calls, scams and cold callers. If in doubt, please report the incident to the police on 101 or anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

3) Planning Applications & Decisions

Applications received from Teignbridge District Council –

- a) Application no 14/01168/FUL – Mr C Botfield – 23 Abbotshill Park, Totnes Road – New porch on north elevation - No objections from the Parish Council - proposed by Cllr B Chambers and seconded by Cllr Mrs W Grierson with all in agreement.

Decisions Received from Teignbridge District Council

- a) Grant of Conditional Planning Permission – Application no 14/00105/FUL – Mr R Craven – Moor Tang, Two Mile Oak – Storage building for tractor.
- b) Refusal of Consent – Application no 14/00312/TPO – 6 The Paddocks – Felling of one Monterey Pine Tree.

4) Matters Arising

- a) Neighbourhood Plan – Chairman – Cllr K Eales confirmed that Linden homes have presented an analysis of their housing exhibition questionnaires to the Council. The local housing needs survey will be available in mid-May. Local plan implications (below) will also have a bearing on the Abbotskerswell Neighbourhood Plan. A working committee meeting is proposed to be held in May to bring these items together and report back to the main Parish Council meeting with its findings.
- b) TDC Local Plan – Chairman – Cllr K Eales confirmed that on the 6th May 2014 the plan is going to TDC for adoption. After the last PC meeting a Part 2 was held regarding making a challenge to the Local Plan regards environmental issues which were not correctly reported on. The PC agreed to support an investigation into a challenge, which if going to be done needs to be done within 6 weeks of the adoption of the plan. Richard Buxton Solicitors have been spoken to and gave 2 hours of free legal advice to Paul Every (CROWD). Lisa Foster a solicitor, will assemble papers to present a brief to a QC who will confirm if there is a case for a judicial review. Costs to assemble this will be £1000 for papers and £1,500 for barristers considered opinion. Ogwell Parish Council have agreed in principle to support financially, Devon Wildlife Trust - awaiting confirmation from them on finances, Wolborough Residents' Association are also in agreement and they will all pay part of the costs incurred. If there is a strong case which they consider can be won, the costs can be limited which would mean they would be less than £6,000 in total. The proposal are present is that an initial £750 is spent for a QC's opinion to ascertain whether the review can be taken further - proposed by Cllr B Chambers and seconded by Cllr R Whiffin with all in agreement.
- c) Public Toilet - Mike Tucker is looking into a sensor light.
- d) Local Housing Needs survey – awaiting the outcome of the survey from CCD.
- e) Vacancy for Parish Councillor (Notice expires 9th May 2014). No applicants at present.
- f) Parking at the top of the Village - nothing further to report.
- g) Denbury Diesels site - Steven Hobbs - TDC confirmed he is monitoring the site at present.

5) Correspondence

- a) E-Mail – meeting with Anne Marie Morris MP – 29th May @ 6pm.

Matters not requiring discussion placed in the folder to be circulated

6) Main Agenda.

- a) Report from County Cllr A Dewhirst – reported at the Annual Parish Meeting.

- b) Report from District Cllr M Colclough & District Cllr D Smith – report given at the Annual Parish Meeting.
 - c) Emergency Planning Committee report.
 - 1) DCC Sandbags Policy from EPG (e-mail received). All Cllrs confirmed they had read the Policy and were in agreement, a copy to go to DCC and copy to Ian Flood-Page at TDC.
 - d) Abbotskerswell Recreation Association report.
 - 1) Play Area Annual Inspection report – To ask Tim whether he can meet Bob Chambers on site to look at some jobs which need attention.
 - 2) Pavillion Keys - Kath the cleaner now has the keys.
 - 3) Football Club Contact – new contact for the away team to be given to John Lewis.
 - e) Allotments Report – nothing to report.
 - f) P3 Report.
 - 1) Gate post replacement – quotation received - Tim to go ahead with this all Cllrs in agreement.
 - g) Village Hall Report – Chairman – Cllr K Eales reported - Dance on 16th May 2014 to raise funds for the ARA. Bingo Night on 24th May.
 - h) Tree Warden Report - John Lewis reported - Court Farm Triangle – a tree there is not yet in leaf and may be dead, if this is the case it will need to be removed.
 - i) Reports from Parish Councillors of any external meetings or Committees.
 - 1) TALC.
 - 2) Parish Cluster meeting.
 - 3) Stoneycombe Liaison - next Wednesday at 4pm – Cllrs McNee & Chambers will attend.
 - j) DCC, Highways, Potholes, Roads & Hedges.
 - 1) Dry stone wall - 2 Odlehill Grove, looks as though it will fall into the road.
 - 2) Fingerpost to Abbotskerswell at the top of the village broken.
 - 3) Potholes in Court Grange Lane – C Cllr A Dewhirst confirmed this has been allocated for resurfacing.
 - k) Primary School Report – no report given.
 - m) Volunteer Action Group – nothing to report.
 - r) Abbtalk - Annual Report to go in once agreed.
 - s) Consultations.
- 7) Cheques for Signature/Finances – A copy of April 2014 financial report (Minute reference 109) has been distributed – Proposed by Cllr R Whiffin and seconded by Cllr D McNee with all in agreement.
- 8) Any Items to go onto next Parish Council meeting Agenda.

9) **ARA Draw April 2014**

2 Draws to be done at May's meeting as one round left of draw for collection.

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

Next Parish Council Meeting Abbotskerswell Parish Rooms – Monday 19th May 2014 @ 7.30pm.

ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAS SPECIAL NEEDS AND REQUIRES A COPY OF THESE MINUTES SENT TO THEM – PLEASE CONTACT THE CLERK – 01364 654607