

ABBOTSKERSWELL PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held Monday 28th January 2013 at
Parish Rooms, Abbotskerswell
Meeting commenced at 7.30pm**

Present Cllr K Eales (Chair), Cllr Mrs J Kniveton (Vice-Chair), Cllr D McNee, Cllr B Chambers, Cllr R Whiffin, Cllr Mrs W Grierson, Cllr Mrs M Colclough.

In Attendance 1 member of the public, PCSO Rob Wright.

Apologies for Absence – C Cllr D Smith

- 1) Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – Monday 17th December 2012.
Minutes of the Planning Meeting – Wednesday 16th January 2013.

The above minutes have been distributed and read - proposed by Cllr R Whiffin & 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) PCSO Rob Wright reported on the last three months anti-social behaviour in the Village – November 2012 – 14 recorded incidents mostly in the late evening. December – 11 recorded incidents mostly being the game knock down ginger. January – 2 incidents in total. The youths involved have been spoken to and also some of their parents have received letters, Police patrols remain vigilant when passing through the Village and are visiting on a regular basis at night.
- b) Letter from Mr B Mackness – Football Field use (e-mail circulated to Cllrs). This was dealt with during public time to allow Mr Mackness who was present to pass comment. Concerns shown were the noise from the Football Field and the swearing. All were in agreement that a letter should go to Devon FA and ask if this can be brought to the attention of referees, also ask what can be done about spectators at the field watching matches and using foul language. Bob Clements, who is a member of the ARA and Abbotskerswell FC, will be asked to speak to referee and team before the match and report back to the Parish Council as to who he thinks the culprits are whether players or spectators. In relation to the questions asked in the e-mail from Mr Mackness . The Parish Council own the field. The football club hires the field for £15 per game and in return they upkeep the field cutting the grass and doing general maintenance. Buckland AFC are going to use the field on the same terms, they are within the Parish and have a very strict swearing policy on their players. Chairman – Cllr K Eales commented that football is representative of a vibrant community in Abbotskerswell, participation in sport should be encouraged, particularly with the current youth situation in the village with antisocial behaviour.

3) **Planning Applications & Decisions**

Applications received from Teignbridge District Council – none.

Decisions Received from Teignbridge District Council

- a) Variation of Condition Following Grant of Conditional Planning Permission – Application no 12/03501/VAR – Mr J Peterson – Walker Welding Ltd, Broomhill – Variation of condition 2 of planning approval 07/04664/VAR to remove restriction to Walker Welding Ltd and allow B2 use. Cllr B Whiffin confirmed that this was against the views of the Parish Council.

4) Matters Arising

- a) Court Farm Green drain flooding - Chairman – Mr K Eales reported that some water is going across the green and not into the drain, some of the drainage stones have been moved and this has successfully diverted most of the water across into the drain. Spoken to Chris Perry and more work around the drain is appropriate, minor works required can be done by the Parish Council to dig out another channel and put in a pipe. Chris Perry confirmed he is happy to help with this. Suggestion of the 9th & 10th Feb or the 17th Feb 2013 to get a team of people together to carry out the works required.
- b) Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr R Whiffin - nothing further to report at present. In Feb set up a meeting with TDC Darren Summerfield, CCD - Greg Davies to start with and possibly Henley Units owner and any further people interested once a plan of action has been decided upon.
- c) Core Strategy update – Local Plan – Chairman – Cllr K Eales reported that since the last meeting Cllr Mrs W Grierson and himself had delivered the PC submission document from the Parish Council to TDC by hand. There has been a CROWD meeting also to go through documents again. TDC are currently assembling all the objections and submissions and they will be sent to the Inspector by the end of February for the enquiry which will take place in July 2013. The document has been published on the website and an advisory note into Abbtalk for Parishioners. A local barrister has been invited to review the document submitted to TDC and to provide best advice and guidance - a reply is being awaited on this.
- d) Standing Orders – this to be looked at for the May AGM meeting.
- e) Parish Councillor Vacancy - nothing to report at present.
- f) Court Grange Lane flooding and unauthorised works – Cllr R Whiffin reported that a meeting was held on Friday with Chairman – Cllr K Eales, C Cllr Denis Smith, Steve Hobbs & Nick Davies from TDC, Matt Beddow, David Hornblower and Phil Wright from DCC Flood Team. There is currently a stop notice on the site and if plans are not submitted for the works the current work will need to be removed. The affected land is confirmed as being owned by Mr Perryman and the trees were lawfully removed. With regards to storing the cars at the rear of the garage - a certificate of lawfulness will need to be applied for and proof of 10 years use evidenced. The works completed to the roadway by DCC to alleviate flooding is not currently working as anticipated; some water is bypassing the pipe. DCC will need to speak to Mr Perryman to see if the work he has done can be integrated with theirs. Mr Perryman has been given to the end of February to submit a plan for the drainage and to apply for the certificate of lawfulness.

5) Correspondence

- a) Letter from Mr B Mackness – Football Field use (e-mail circulated to Cllrs). See Public Time.
- b) Dog Fouling in Manor Road - this has been brought to the notice of the Dog Warden. The PC should ask TDC again if another dog bin can be put in place near to or on the junction of Forde Road, Manor Road & Laburnam Terrace. Another article in Abbtalk reminding people to pick up their dog mess is required.
- c) DALC – Buckingham Palace Garden Party – 6th June 2013 - Cllr R Whiffin & wife nominated.
- d) Grass Cutting – Amended price received - All in agreement to go ahead but the overgrown edges need trimming within the price of the cut.
- e) Teign Estuary Partnership Forum - 18th Feb 2013 – Cllr D McNee & Cllr B Chambers to attend.

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

6) Main Agenda.

- a) Report from County Cllr D Smith - no report given.
- b) Report from District Cllr M Colclough & District Cllr D Smith – Cllr Mrs M Colclough reported. Budget for next year, suggestion of no increase in the Council Tax, plans to carry on with housing and an increase in parking charges but Sunday free parking is to stay. Public are being asked which services need to be protected. First time buyers who are local have the opportunity to apply for a loan in conjunction with TDC and Sovereign Housing, there is a drop in at Forde House for more info on this. Residents will benefit from a £55,000 grant to help improve the insulation on their homes and make their homes more energy efficient.
- c) Emergency Planning Committee report – Cllr Mrs J Kniveton reported - meeting last week, emergency planning leaflets have been done. Dave Wilds is now the flood warden. Cllr K Eales is stepping down from the group now to be replaced by the new flood warden.
- d) Abbotskerswell Recreation Association report (minutes of meeting 16th Jan 2013).
 - 1) TDC Grant Fund for Joint Parish Projects. £4,573 has been received from this, many thanks to Denbury & Torbryan and Ogwell PC for their contribution.
 - 2) Litter Picking and New Litter Bin – E-Mail to Robert Allison that the PC would like the picking to be done on a Monday or Tuesday before the weekly bin collection. The price of a new lockable metal bin to be looked into.
 - 3) ARA Draw this to be collected shortly.
- e) Allotments Report - no report given.
- f) P3 Report - nothing to report.
- g) Village Hall Report - nothing to report.
- h) Tree Warden Report – Land behind Wilton Way trees to be looked at for ash dieback. Cllr R Whiffin confirmed that a letter has been received from Mrs Dubash regards the wildlife in the woods at the rear of Wilton Way.
- i) Reports from Parish Councillors of any external meetings or Committees.
 - 1) TALC - meeting this Thursday.
 - 2) Parish Cluster meeting - nothing to report at present.
 - 3) Stoneycombe Liaison – next meeting November 2013.
- j) DCC, Highways, Potholes, Roads & Hedges.
 - 1) Blocked drains in the Village need cleaning out.
 - 2) Path from Hillside Cottages to Abbotskerswell Cross needs trimming back as vegetation is pushing pedestrians into the road.
 - 3) Hedge opposite Mallands needs cutting.
 - 4) Next meeting a Pothole list for Cllr Whiffin to take to Emma Nicks.
- k) Primary School Report – Cllr R Whiffin reported that the new head Tim Hughes has started, he would like to come along to the February meeting and speak to the Parish Council.
- m) Volunteer Action Group – nothing to report.
- r) Abbtalk – PR – Dog Fouling and the TDC Local Plan submission from the Parish Council.
- s) Consultations. No action.
- t) Parish meeting speaker – Invite to Jeremy Christophers – TDC.
- u) Parish Council Insurance Policy Quotation - propose take up new insurance, with additional libel and slander cover included.
- v) Precept 2013/2014 - £18,000 proposed by Cllr R Whiffin & seconded by Cllr Mrs W Grierson with all in agreement.

- 7) Cheques for Signature/Finances – A copy of January 2013 financial report (Minute reference 95) has been distributed – Proposed by Cllr Mrs W Grierson and seconded by Cllr R Whiffin with all in agreement.
- 8) Any Items to go onto next Parish Council meeting Agenda.

9) **ARA Draw January 2013**

£50 - 154 - Mrs D Harvey – Odle Hill House, Odle Hill

£20 - 375 - Mr Collingsworth – 2 Lakeland

£5 - 636 - Jacqueline Webb – 7 The Orchard

£5 - 248 - Mrs P Munden – 1 Monks Orchard

£5 - 526 - Mr J Duncan – 10 Barnfield Terrace

£5 - 122 - Mrs M Collins – Gable Cottage, Odle Hill

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

Next Parish Council Meeting Abbotskerswell Parish Rooms – Monday 25th February 2013 @ 7.30pm.

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