

**ABBOTSKERSWELL PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2014 at  
Parish Rooms, Abbotskerswell  
Meeting commenced at 7.30pm**

**Present** Cllr K Eales (Chair), Cllr Mrs J Kniveton (Vice-Chair), Cllr R Whiffin, Cllr D McNee, Cllr B Chambers, Cllr Mrs M Colclough, Cllr K Farrelly, D Cllr D Smith, C Cllr A Dewhirst (from item 6).

**In Attendance** – 2 Members of the Public, Margaret Crompton (Allotments), Mr John Lewis (Tree Warden), Mr John Whitehead (ARA).

**Apologies for Absence** – Cllr Mrs W Grierson.

**Declarations of interest**

Before the meeting began Chairman – Cllr K Eales asked if item 4b in Matters arising - TDC Local plan can be moved to a part 2 of the meeting - all Cllrs in agreement with this.

- 1) Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014.  
Minutes of the Planning Meeting – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2014.

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 - e-mail report received from PCSO Chris Hurden. “There have been no logs or crimes in the public interest for the area for the month. However since last month I have spoken with several residents regarding what is believed to be a shotgun being fired in the early hours around the Orchard Terrace/Manor Road area. I have enquiries to progress and at this time may know who is responsible, suitable words of advice will be issued and relevant checks made if firearms/fireworks/explosives are being discharged.”
- b) Many thanks to DCC for repairing the road in Odlehill Grove.

**3) Planning Applications & Decisions**

**Applications received from Teignbridge District Council – none.**

- a) Felling Licence Application no 018/173/14-15 – Connybear Brake – Larch removal. Noted by the Parish Council.

**Decisions Received from Teignbridge District Council – None.**

**4) Matters Arising**

- a) Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr R Whiffin reported that questionnaire will be the next step and some monies will shortly be forthcoming from TDC towards the work which has already been done, meeting will need to be arranged regards the housing needs survey and Newton Abbot Neighbourhood Plan has also started. Meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> August to review what has happened and people who have put their name down for the focus group will be approached. Linden homes has requested a further meeting with TDC regards development at the Cyder Works.
- b) TDC Local Plan – to be in Part 2 of the Parish Council meeting.
- c) Public Toilet – has now been handed over by TDC and is being cleaned by Kath Roscoe. A letter to go to JN Electric to thank them for doing the remote sensors free of charge.
- d) Local Housing needs survey - meeting to be arranged with Sue Southwell from CCD, all Cllrs to look at the draft survey before the meeting takes place.

**5) Correspondence**

- a) Roll on honour project on the 4<sup>th</sup> August, all Parish Councillors are invited to this.
- b) Broadband – in the centre of the village the broadband is not good, even though some update works have already been completed by BT. A letter to BT to ask if they can update the PC on the situation in the village.

**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 at the next meeting at TDC, delivery of ICT will be discussed. It is proposed to form a joint service approach and a new company will be formed which will be owned by three councils - Exeter City, TDC & East Devon. This is expected to make large savings. Cllr D Smith reported that he brought the Chief Executive of TDC to look at the new tennis courts, they also looked at the road situation in Court Grange Lane and at the potential Linden Homes site.
- c) Emergency Planning Committee report - virtual meeting this month to collate information.
- d) Abbotskerswell Recreation Association report – Mr John Whitehead reported correspondence has been received from the primary contractor as the final bill has not been paid because the VAT claim has not yet been received back. This is expected by the end of this week. Fencing - there has been an issue with Tennis Balls going through the bottom half of the court, but some wind break netting has been put up which has now solved the problem. All cllrs in agreement that the rest of the wind break netting is put around as soon as possible. PC to ask if the contractors will contribute the £75.00 as a gesture towards the cost of this. It was also noted that £10,000 had been transferred from the PC account to pay part of the bill until the VAT has been returned from HMRC and the PC account will be reimbursed.
- e) Allotments Report – Mrs M Crompton reported, water meter still to be installed. IT was agreed to arrange for a contractor to complete.
- f) P3 Report - nothing to report.

- g) Village Hall Report – Chairman – Cllr K Eales reported that the garden show to be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> August and Ladies and Gentlemen’s toilets to be refurbished shortly thereafter.
- h) Tree Warden Report - some dead trees noted around the village.
- i) Reports from Parish Councillors of any external meetings or Committees.
  - 1) TALC.
  - 2) Parish Cluster meeting.
  - 3) Stoneycombe Liasion.

j) DCC, Highways, Potholes, Roads & Hedges – Cllr R Whiffin reported that he had a meeting with Emma from DCC who confirmed that Court Grange Lane and Manor Road are in the programme to be resurfaced, but no exact date given. Pavement outside the shop to be looked at as someone has fallen over because it is so uneven.

k) Primary School Report - end of term on Wednesday, new education year to start in September with 84 children.

m) Volunteer Action Group - Lots of litter around the village, maybe a litter pick could be organised through the village.

r) Abbtalk – Cllr Mrs J Kniveton reported that there are various choices for continuing with village news communications which are: everything goes online through the internet so people could access it; the other alternative is to buy a printing machine for £2,500 and operate it with advertising to pay for the initial outlay, but this would need to be manned by volunteers; or Aaron Printers in Newton Abbot will print for around £400 with the cost being paid for by the advertisers. Advert to be put into the shop and on the notice boards to see if anyone would come forward to volunteer to run a new look Abbtalk.

s) Consultations - nothing to report.

- 7) **Cheques for Signature/Finances** – A copy of July 2014 financial report (Minute reference 112) has been distributed – Proposed by Cllr R Whiffin and seconded by Cllr B Chambers with all in agreement.

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

9) **ARA Draw July 2014**

£50 - 467 - Mr Speed - 2 Laburnham Terrace

£20 - 537 - Mr Wade - 9 Corn Park Road

£5 - 607 - Mrs Compton - Old School House

£5 - 633 - Mr Ruth - Court Cottage, Priory Road

£5 - 242 - Mr P Hunter - 27 Wilton Way

£5 - 926 - Mr R Steer - 1 Bridge Cottage

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm. To be followed by a Part 2.**

**Next Parish Council Meeting Abbotskerswell Parish Rooms – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2014 @ 7.30pm.**

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