

ABBOTSKERSWELL PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present Cllr K Eales (Chair), Cllr Mrs J Kniveton (Vice-Chair), Cllr B Chambers, Cllr R Whiffin, Cllr Mrs M Turner, Cllr Mrs W Grierson, D Cllr D Smith, C Cllr A Dewhirst (from item 6).

In Attendance 5 members of the public, Margaret Crompton (Allotments Chair), John Lewis (Tree Warden), John Whitehead (ARA).

Apologies for Absence – Cllr Mrs M Colclough, Cllr D McNee

- 1) Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – Monday 30th September 2013.
Minutes of the Planning Meeting – Wednesday 16th October 2013.

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

- 2) **Public Time (Limited to 15 Minutes)**

- a) Police Report – PCSO Chris Hurden reported by e-mail as follows:- there was an assault on a young male in a vehicle outside of the village hall on 17/10/13. A suspect has been located and this is being dealt with accordingly. Other than that there has only been some cows causing a brief highway disruption again in Firestone lane and a road traffic collision in Whiddon road.

Cllrs noted that no mention has been made about the lorries at the top end of the village blocking the road even though they had been reported by e-mail to Chris. Cllr Mrs J Kniveton confirmed she had also tried to report this on the 101 number but was unable to get through.

- b) Visibility splay at the top of Court Grange Lane needs attention and pipe is blocked where the water is flooding across the road. This to be reported to DCC.
- c) Works to Land at Denbury Diesels, this seems to be ongoing with pipework left in the field and no further works ongoing. Chairman – Cllr K Eales confirmed that this will also be followed up with a letter from the Parish Council to Matthew Beddow at DCC, asking for a clear statement on whose responsibility it is if there is an accident where there is no kerb or barrier to this land and the road is quite often icy in this area (a copy to TDC). Cllr R Whiffin will also speak to Emma Nicks (Highways Officer).

- 3) **Planning Applications & Decisions**

Applications received from Teignbridge District Council – none received

Decisions Received from Teignbridge District Council

- a) Grant of Conditional Planning Permission – Application no 13/01866/FUL – Mr Eales – 9 Grange Road – Conservatory to rear.

4) **Matters Arising**

- a) Neighbourhood Plan – report on meeting with Simon Thornley at TDC – Chairman – Cllr K Eales reported that Cllr R Whiffin, Cllr Mrs W Grierson and he met with Simon Thornley the Head of Spatial Planning and Development at TDC. Simon Thornley has concerns about the Parish Boundary where it overlaps with Wolborough NA3 on the local plan so will wait until the inspector's comments which should be by the end of November before this boundary can be confirmed. There is nothing to stop the Parish Council now making informal preparation for the plan prior to confirmation of the neighbourhood area. Teignbridge can offer help where officers and resources may be required. An informative meeting is planned with a Torbay Cllr who is preparing a neighbourhood plan for Brixham and Mr Gray who is helping her. After this the plan can be started but it will take about 2 years and a steering group will need to be formed. A grant bid to Locality will now be made.
- b) TDC Local Plan - now in a waiting period for another 3 weeks until the inspector's modifications are published.
- c) Land at Manor Road – Chairman – Cllr K Eales reported that Linden Homes has asked to meet the Parish Council on Thursday night. The Council will hear what Linden Homes have to say. Linden Homes has also booked the village hall for a public presentation.
- d) Allotments/Pavilion Water Use - Allotments have now paid a 3rd of the large bill which came in this being £98. The water meter has now been purchased and will be installed when the weather is better and the water use will be monitored on a weekly basis by reading the meter.
- e) Pavilion and Field use by Abbotskerswell AFC – Grant of lease to become self managing. The Football Club are interested in doing this and this will be progressed further.
- f) Grant to Abbotskerswell Parish Church - this will be for maintenance of the Churchyard, Cllrs will have a meeting with Church representatives to clarify some points before a decision is made.
- g) Parking Issues at the Industrial Estate and top of Village - Business lorries have been unloading this month on a regular basis. A letter will be sent to Gardners, Gregorys and Palletline to ask if they can take care not to obstruct the highway when unloading. Chris Hurden, PCSO, has been informed, but as yet has not responded. Phil Tucker will also be spoken to and ask if he can offer any parking spaces to other companies.

5) **Correspondence**

- a) Public Toilet in Abbotskerswell – Letter from TDC - The least used TDC toilets will be considered for closure or be handed over to the local Parishes and Towns to support. A reply to TDC will be formulated and returned to them before the 21st November 2013. All were in agreement that they would not wish to lose the public toilet facilities in Abbotskerswell.
- b) AbbFest – Chairman – Cllr K Eales reported AbbFest raised £27,500 which is an all-time record. The PC offered its congratulations to them, noting the monies will be distributed to many good causes.

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

6) **Main Agenda.**

- a) Report from County Cllr A Dewhirst – A copy of the report to be attached to the minutes. Denbury Diesels land, Cllr Dewhirst confirmed it is the landowners right to store pipework on his land and the works he has done has been reinstated to a satisfactory state for DCC. Cllr Dewhirst is meeting on site with a concerned parishioner tomorrow to look at this further.
- b) Report from District Cllr M Colclough & District Cllr D Smith – a copy of e-mailed report from D Cllr D Smith to be attached to the minutes.

- c) Emergency Planning Committee report – Vice-Chair – Cllr Mrs J Kniveton reported that a meeting was held last week. Steve Ellyatt has stood down as a Gritter Driver, so this leaves one vacancy for this. The emergency leaflet is to be reprinted with changes - all in agreement that this will be funded by the Parish Council.
 - d) Abbotskerswell Recreation Association report – Cllr B Chambers reported: firework display - all in hand for the event on the 5th November; fundraising for tennis courts still underway, but now getting closer to target.
 - e) Allotments Report – Mrs M Crompton - Allotment holders had been asked if they have anything to put on the bonfire to clear up.
 - f) P3 Report - autumn workshop on the 19th November 2013.
 - g) Village Hall Report – Chairman – Cllr K Eales - new carpet to be fitted in the small room, AGM on the 10th Dec at 7pm and the committee is hoping to make progress on the new toilets shortly.
 - h) Tree Warden Report.
 - 1) Ash Tree by public footpath/churchyard - DCC has confirmed they will look at the tree and advise.
 - i) Reports from Parish Councillors of any external meetings or Committees.
 - 1) TALC. No report
 - 2) Parish Cluster meeting. No report
 - 3) Stoneycombe Liaison – Cllr B Chambers attended and reported no major issues, next meeting 30th April 2014.
 - 4) Abbpast – Chairman – Cllr K Eales reported he had met with Pete Wade who is researching the 1914/18 war years. All in agreement that he may loan the Parish Council minute books for furthering his research, the loan will apply for one month.
 - j) DCC, Highways, Potholes, Roads & Hedges.
 - 1) Odlehill Grove – DCC have confirmed potholes and surfacing to be done January 2014.
 - 2) Weed spraying to be done in the spring in conjunction with Ogwel and Ipplepen PC.
 - k) Primary School Report – Cllr R Whiffin reported children’s behaviour has been good and new pupils have been settling in well.
 - l) Volunteer Action Group – John Lewis confirmed he will deal with a parish green tree as this needs cutting back. Railings at the top of village – Cllr B Chambers and Cllr Mrs W Grierson will be dealing with.
 - m) Abbtalk – Vice-Chairman – Cllr Mrs J Kniveton reported an edition came out last week. In future its production may be limited in the summer due to Derek Bellotti being away from the village. During these periods the Parish Council would like to explore options for providing Abbtalk content to Kingfisher, the publishers. Items for the next edition of Abbtalk: public toilets and mobile library consultations.
 - n) Consultations
 - 1) Mobile Library - details into Abbtalk.
- 7) Cheques for Signature/Finances – A copy of October 2013 financial report (Minute reference 103) 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 October 2013

£50 - 738 – Mr Morrisroe – Four Seasons, Stoneyhill
£20 - 386 – Mr & Mrs R Havill – Springfield, Court Grange Lane
£5 – 635 – Mrs Mathews – Yeoman Cottage, Slade Lane
£5 – 406 – Dr K Fergusson – 2 Mallands Meadow
£5 – 464 – Mr Neu – 1 The Paddocks
£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 November 2013 @ 7.30pm.

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