

ABBOTSKERSWELL PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held Monday 28th September 2015 at
Parish Rooms, Abbotskerswell
Meeting commenced at 7.30pm**

Present Cllr R Whiffin (Vice-Chair), Cllr P Marino, Cllr K Farrelly, D Cllr A Dewhirst (from Item 2), Cllr Mrs W Grierson.

In Attendance Mr John Lewis (Tree Warden), 6 Members of the Public.

Apologies for Absence – Cllr K Eales (Chairman), Cllr Mrs M Colclough, Cllr B Chambers.

Declarations of interest

3a) Appeals received – Cllr P Marino has declared an interest.

In the absence of the Chairman – Vice-Chairman Cllr R Whiffin took the Chair for the meeting.

- 1) Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – Monday 27th July 2015.
Minutes of the Planning Meeting – Wed 2nd September 2015.

The above minutes have been distributed and read - proposed by Cllr K Farrelly & seconded by Cllr P Marino with all in agreement and duly signed by the Vice- Chairman – Cllr R Whiffin.

2) Public Time (Limited to 15 Minutes)

- a) Police Report – PCSO Maria Holmes reported - for the month of September 2015 we have had a total of five calls from Abbotskerswell, these are broken down to – 1 x vehicle stuck on a highway causing an obstruction, 1 x possible intruder and 3 x ‘other calls’ for obvious reasons cannot go into.
- b) Speed of cars in the Village in particular Priory Road coming down into the Village. Ask DCC whether they have a speed counter available to do some surveys in the Village.
- c) Affordable housing in the Village what is the Parish Council doing about this, CCD did a Survey which showed a housing need and Teign Housing will shortly be lodging a planning application for 12 affordable homes at the top of the village.
- d) Local Plan Challenge – how much of Parish Council money was spent, Cllrs confirmed the total cost was £58,000 with £2,000 of this being from the Parish Council, the rest being made up of Public Donations.
- e) TDC – new bin collections – they have been very slow picking up the old green bins which are not being used.

3) Planning Applications & Decisions

Applications received from Teignbridge District Council

- a) **Application no 15/02409/COU – Mr M Causey – Higher Langford, Totnes Road – Change of use land to domestic use, retention of new access road and creation of new access point. The Parish Council note that this application is retrospective and that advice has been taken from DCC. No objections from the Parish Council.**

- b) **Application no 15/02506/FUL & 15/02507/FUL – Mr & Mrs D Belloti – Plumtree Cottage – Bungalow and double garage with access drive, parking and turning facilities. These applications are on land outside the development boundary, it is not an affordable housing exception site and therefore is against the TDC local plan, the Parish Council recommend refusal of these applications.**

Decisions Received from Teignbridge District Council

- a) Grant of Conditional Planning Permission – Application no 15/01728/FUL – Mr M Perryman – Denbury Diesels – Erection of Industrial building for (use classes B1, B2 & B8).

Appeals Received

- a) Appeal against refusal of outline application ref 14/02802/MAJ for up to 53 new dwellings with approval sought for access – Land at Manor Road – Linden Homes (South West) Ltd. Cllr P Marino has declared an interest and left the room. A document has been circulated to Cllrs which was agreed and will be sent to the planning inspectorate.

4) Matters Arising

- a) Neighbourhood Plan – Stuart Todd associates have been appointed as consultants and a grant has been received for £7,000 to fund this work. Next meeting mid October.
 b) TDC Local Plan Challenge – The final bill has been paid and a final sums will now be totalled up with the Parish Council and Wolborough Residents.
 c) Provision of a Bus Shelter in Wilton Way - costings for this will be looked into further and the matter carried forward to the next meeting.
 d) Parish Council Vacancy – one vacancy still remains.

5) Correspondence –

- a) E-mail from Beryl & Mike Veale – Re: Wasteground.
 b) TDC Elector Fund – to be discussed with the website item later in the meeting.
 c) DALC AGM – 15th October 2015.
 d) Rural Futures Conference – 1st October 2015.

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 – no report given.
 c) Emergency Planning Committee report – Salt bins – Cllr K Farrelly confirmed that he has checked the bins and has a list of those that need attention. C Cllr A Dewhirst confirmed that these will be refilled shortly by DCC who will go around and check each one.
 d) Abbotskerswell Recreation Association report. – A quote from Rhino Play has been accepted by the Committee for £6,000 to do the resurfacing work, 3 other quotes were obtained all in excess of this price. Fireworks night 5th November going ahead meeting to discuss this in October.

- e) Allotments Report – Mr J Lewis reported, the water bill has now been paid, water will be turned off in October and turned on again in March.
- f) P3 Report – nothing to report.
- g) Village Hall Report – Cllr K Farrelly reported - new flooring in and bowls are very happy with this. Entrance door needs to be replaced. Charges for hall hire will stay the same for the next 12 months.
- h) Tree Warden Report - Mr John Lewis reported - Court Farm Triangle the dead mountain ash has been removed.
- i) Reports from Parish Councillors of any external meetings or Committees.
 - 1) TALC – minutes have been circulated.
 - 2) Stoneycombe Liasion – no meeting.
- j) DCC, Highways, Potholes, Roads & Hedges – nothing to report.
- k) Primary School Report – Cllr R Whiffin reported that the new term now started and 91 children currently in school.
- l) Volunteer Action Group – report by e-mail from Celia Rose as follows - We have cleared the lower part of Stoneman's Hill, removing a lot of brambles. Thanks especially to Wendy who removed all the stuff to the tip. This has probably completed our efforts for the time being. In the longer term, some sort of Parish Council-led initiative to encourage villagers to look after their own areas is probably the best option, with volunteers occasionally tackling the communal areas. I've sent another small item in to Abbtalk for October to keep people informed and encourage participation in keeping the village looking cared-for. Many thanks to Celia and volunteers from the Parish Council for all their efforts.
- m) Website – TDC Elector Fund, £1,300 has been applied for to help with the up-dating of this to ensure it complies with the new transparency code. A sub committee of the Parish Council will be appointed, Liz Clowes has agreed to take on the up-dating of the site with information being provided to her .
- n) Consultations – nothing to report.

7) Cheques for Signature/Finances

A copy of August 2015 financial report (Minute reference 124) has been distributed – Proposed by Cllr P Marino and seconded by Cllr Mrs W Grierson with all in agreement.

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

9) ARA Draw – August & September 2015

273 - £50 – Mrs Carr – Kipepeo, Slade Lane
311 - £20 – Lee Walkden – 2 Berry Road
820 - £5 – Dougal Dubash – The Pottery, Court Grange
777 - £5 – Mervyn Down – Ruby Farm, Totnes Road
136 - £5 – Mrs L Tritschler – 28 Wilton Way
927 - £5 – Mrs Collingsworth – 2 Lakeland

147 - £50 – Mrs Allen – Treetops, Forde Close
2 - £20 – Mr P Foston – Croft Tors, Totnes Road
335 - £5 – Mr B P Levell – 55 Wilton Way
564 - £5 – Mr McNee – Bede Cottage, Slade Lane
679 - £5 – Mrs Read – Kestor, Priory Road
167 - £5 – Liz Batchelor – 1 Rose Cottages, Priory Road

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm

Next Parish Council Meeting Abbotskerswell Parish Rooms – Monday 26th October 2015 @ 7.30pm.

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