

ABBOTSKERSWELL PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held Monday 29th July 2013 at
Parish Rooms, Abbotskerswell Meeting commenced at 7.30pm**

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

In Attendance 4 members of the public, Margaret Compton (Allotments Chair), John Lewis (Tree Warden),

Apologies for Absence – Cllr D McNee

- 1) Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – Monday 24th June 2013.
Minutes of the Planning Meeting – no meeting held.

The above minutes have been distributed and read - proposed by Cllr Mrs M Turner & seconded by Cllr Mrs M Colclough with all in agreement and duly signed by the Chairman – Cllr K Eales.

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

- a) Police Report no report this month, however it was noted that a Beko Fridge has caught fire in the village - note in Abbtalk if anyone has one of these fridges they are entitled to a free upgrade if they contact the supplier as some of them have a faulty component.
- b) Ragwort in the village - Odlehill Grove and Grange Road it has been noted also opposite the entrance to the village there is some in the Vineyard which needs reporting.
- c) TDC are now fining people who throw rubbish from cars if the number plate is reported - this to go into Abbtalk.

3) **Planning Applications & Decisions**

Applications received from Teignbridge District Council

- a) Application no 13/01922/LBC – Mrs S Buckley – The Garden Room, The Priory – Replace full height glazed screens and doors to north east and south east elevations of garden room. No objections from the Parish Council.
- b) Application no 13/02054/FUL – Mrs D Cornelius – 2a Manor Close – Cllr M Turner has declared an interest and left the room. Erection of summerhouse to rear garden. No objections from the Parish Council.

Decisions Received from Teignbridge District Council

- a) Grant of Conditional Planning Permission - Application no 13/01357/FUL – Mr I Drawbridge – 7 The Paddocks – Replacement conservatory.
- b) Grant of Conditional Planning Permission – Application no 13/01360/FUL – Mr & Mrs C Allen – 6 Corn Park Road – Single storey rear extension and conservatory with re-roofing of existing roof.
- c) Grant of Conditional Planning Permission – Application no 13/01503/FUL – Mr R Fox & Dr T J Sleep – 5 The Paddocks – Single storey extension to rear and raised platform.
- d) Refusal of Planning Permission – Application no 13/01233/FUL – Mr M Perryman – Denbury Diesels – Relocate existing access, new boundary fencing and gates.

Planning Matters

- a) Denbury Diesels - noted at a planning meeting there was a mention of a bungalow permission on the site, the Parish Council have investigated and there is no planning permission for any property on site recorded on the TDC Planning Portal.

4) Matters Arising

- a) Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr R Whiffin confirmed that the notices are up advising the formation on a plan with a closing date for comments to TDC of the 2nd august 2013.
- b) TDC Local Plan – Chairman – Cllr K Eales reported that the hearing has been set for 5th September for 2 weeks, the Parish Council have been invited to add further submissions if they have any additional information. Cllr Eales confirmed he will be speaking at the hearing and also Paul Evely, with some input from David Boxall. Any further submissions have to be in by the 14th August 2013 – Cllrs Eales, Whiffin and Grierson are working on this information.
- c) Woodland Trust Trees - Margaret Crompton reported - the trees are free from the Woodland Trust for community use. Mr J Lewis suggested they be planted on the hedge bank between the allotments and the football field but this is not workable. PC decided at present not to go ahead with anything but maybe in the future when it will be looked at again.
- d) Land at the Old Cider Works – formation of a working party – Chairman – Cllr K Eales reported that a meeting was held to discuss the key issues regards the land which need answering by Linden Homes before anything more can be considered, these are, density of housing, style, drainage, landscaping, compatibility with the village, affordable housing, highways & access issues, contribution to the village facilities. Other points raised - why do they think they can build outside the village boundary? what effect will it have on the village? scale of the site in reference to the village?

5) Correspondence

- a) E-Mail from Gary Powell – Parish Plan update - Cllr D Mcnee confirmed he has replied to this.
- b) CCD – Annual Conference 12th September 2013.

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

6) Main Agenda.

- a) Report from County Cllr A Dewhirst – copy of this report attached to the minutes.
Denbury Diesels - noted that still no action from DCC regards the Drainage Work – to write a letter again to DCC to stress the urgency of getting the drainage work already done on the site rectified as a matter of urgency now that the planning permission for fencing has been refused by TDC.
- b) Report from District Cllr M Colclough & District Cllr D Smith - D Cllr Mrs M Colclough reported as follows, Rural Aid has agreed the £5,000 grant for the village hall floor. TDC Executive will consider recommendations proposed to the housing need register tomorrow. There are Bands A to E on the list with A being the most in need, proposals include that Band E is removed and also applicants that have not put in a bid for 12 months or have refused 3 properties are removed from the list. Social housing allocation changes would be put in place from January 2014. Steven Hodder has been appointed as business lead for management and support services at TDC. Decoy Country Park and the Den at Teignmouth has been appointed the green flag award again.

Attended a DCC talk on Highways comments for planning applications, if 3 homes or less on an unclassified road no comment is given, visibility splays on rural lanes need to also be taken into consideration as quite often there is not enough room. If any comments are given by DCC they can be ignored by the planning officer, if he sees fit. New Education infrastructure plans can be found on the website. TDC are to start issuing fines for car drivers who litter from their cars.

- c) Emergency planning – Cllr Mrs J Kniveton confirmed there had been a meeting this month but nothing much to report because the weather was so dry.
 - d) Abbotskerswell Recreation Association report – Cllr B Chambers reported that a Veolia grant for £39,000 has been confirmed for the Tennis Courts, a Sport England grant will be looked into also. Buckland FC confirmed they will use the field again next year, fireworks have been ordered and paid for, the shed on the allotments will be dealt with by the football club.
 - e) Allotments Report – Mrs M Crompton reported that a perpetual cup has been purchased in memory of Bob Bedward for the Children’s classes in the Garden Show.
 - f) P3 Report – A request for a footpaths map by a member of the public has been dealt with.
 - g) Village Hall Report - Garden Show is on this coming Saturday.
 - h) Tree Warden Report –Mr J Lewis reported that trees have suffered over the cold winter, some are waiting to be taken down for the bonfire. Ash dieback no further news.
 - i) Reports from Parish Councillors of any external meetings or Committees -
 - 1) TALC – Cllr Mrs J Kniveton reported attended meeting at Parke DNPA, DCC emergency planners attended also the environment agency.
 - 2) Parish Cluster meeting.
 - 3) Stoneycombe Liaison.
 - j) DCC, Highways, Potholes, Roads & Hedges – Matters raised at last month’s PC meeting as follows - DCC have confirmed they will attend to the weed spraying. South West Highways have been asked to attend to the weeds on the main road. Railings at the village entrance are to be painted by the Parish Council. School hedge is to be done during the holidays. Items for attention this month - Hedge going up to Abbotshill Park needs attention as vegetation overgrowing, also sight line turning out of Court Grange Road is overgrown. Priory Hill – a pothole has damaged a parishioner’s car.
 - k) Primary School Report – Cllr R Whiffin confirmed that Tim Hughes has been appointed as the permanent Head Teacher from the beginning of the Autumn term September 2013.
 - m) Volunteer Action Group – Village entrance tidy up required - Cllr D McNee is coordinating this action.
 - r) Abbtalk – PR – TDC fines for throwing rubbish from cars.
 - s) Consultations – nothing at present.
- 7) Cheques for Signature/Finances – A copy of July 2013 financial report (Minute reference 101) has been distributed – Proposed by Cllr Mrs W Grierson 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 2013**

£50 - 624 - Mrs A Down – Ruby Farm, Totnes Road
 £20 - 92 - Mrs L Foston – Croft Tors, Totnes Road
 £5 - 128 - Mrs S Leggett – 6 Forde Close
 £5 - 18 - Mr Donald – 6 Grange Road
 £5 - 874 – Mr C Johns – 8 Barnfield Terrace
 £5 - 610 - Mr Fulleylove – 1 Well Cottage, Slade Lane

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Next Parish Council Meeting Abbotskerswell Parish Rooms – Monday 14th August 2013 @ 7.30pm.

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