

ABBOTSKERSWELL PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held Monday 29th June 2015 at
Parish Rooms, Abbotskerswell
Meeting commenced at 7.30pm**

Present Cllr R Whiffin (Vice-Chair), Cllr Mrs M Colclough, Cllr Mrs W Grierson, Cllr B Chambers, Cllr P Marino, Cllr K Farrelly, D Cllr D Smith.

In Attendance Mr John Lewis (Tree Warden), 2 Members of the Public, Paul Evemy.

Apologies for Absence – Cllr K Eales (Chair).

Declarations of interest

Cllr B Chambers has declared an interest on item 3a)

In the absence of the Chairman the meeting was taken by Cllr R Whiffin (Vice-Chairman).

- 1) Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – Monday 18th May 2015.
Minutes of the AGM – Monday 18th May 2015.
Minutes of the Planning Meeting – no meeting held.

The above minutes have been distributed and read - proposed by Cllr Mrs W Grierson & seconded by Cllr Mrs M Colclough with all in agreement and duly signed by the Vice-Chairman – Cllr R Whiffin.

2) Public Time (Limited to 15 Minutes)

- a) Police Report – no report given.
- b) Grange Road vegetation growing out on left hand side turning out from Wilton Way.

3) Planning Applications & Decisions

Applications received from Teignbridge District Council

- a) **Application no 15/01728/FUL – Mr M Perryman – Denbury Diesels, Totnes Road – Erection of industrial building for (use classes B1, B2 & B8). Cllr B Chambers declared an interest and left the room. No objections from the Parish Council – proposed by Cllr K Farrelly & seconded by Cllr P Marino with all in agreement.**

Decisions Received from Teignbridge District Council

- a) Grant of Conditional Planning Permission – Application no 15/00897/FUL – Mr J Stewart – Ladywell – Retention of shed.

Planning Matters

- a) Proposed Solar Farm, Ruby Farm, Nr Abbotskerswell – A planning application is likely to come forward during the Autumn. An invite will be extended to the applicants for 15 minutes at the next PC meeting.

4) Matters Arising

- a) Neighbourhood Plan – meeting on the 20th July to decide who to work with for the plan, various quotes have been sought from consultants and the decision needs to be made on who to use.
- b) TDC Local Plan Challenge – the outcome of the appeal was not successful but it seems with TDC have done a u-turn on Conitor Copse and this could be as a result of the appeal. Many thanks to Paul Evemy for all his hard work on this.
- c) Provision of a Bus Shelter in Wilton Way – some prices have been circulated ~~by~~ to the Parish Council this will be progressed by the Planning Committee.
- d) Abbtalk Grant for IT Equipment – They have received a grant from C Cllr A Dewhirst, the Village Hall have granted £150 and the Parish Council are all in agreement to make up the shortfall up to £500.
- e) Grass verges in Grange Road (Grass cutting) – these have now been done FOC by Paul Cary.

5) Correspondence

- a) E-mail regards Car Congestion in the Lower Village – this was a one off when there were several events happening in the village at the same time.
- b) Letter from the Pensions Regulator – all in agreement that a scheme should be set up which will lay dormant for a cost of £40.
- c) TDC – Providing Self Build Housing Plots for Local People – this letter to be given to the neighbourhood plan committee.
- d) Electoral Review of Devon – Draft Recommendations. No comment from the Parish Council, it was noted that the Parish Councils previous comments had been taken into account.

Matters not requiring discussion placed in the folder to be circulated**6) Main Agenda**

- a) Report from County Cllr A Dewhirst – no report given at the meeting but subsequently circulated.
- b) Report from District Cllr M Colclough & District Cllr D Smith. Cllr D Smith nothing much to report except that he is now Chairman of planning. Rural Aid appraisals have been carried out, the decision making will now start as there are more applications than money available.
- c) Emergency Planning Committee report – meeting in July.
- d) Abbotskerswell Recreation Association report – Rural Aid meeting at the field for the grant applied for resurfacing at the play park.
- e) Allotments Report – Mr John Lewis reported, the open gardens was a success, many thanks to Kevin Farrelly for helping to tidy up, all allotment spaces have now been filled.
- f) P3 Report – nothing to report.
- g) Village Hall Report – Garden show on the 1st August, the hall will be closed for 2 weeks after that for the flooring to be done.
- h) Tree Warden Report – nothing to report.
- i) Reports from Parish Councillors of any external meetings or Committees.
 - 1) TALC – minutes have been circulated.
 - 2) Stoneycombe Liaison – next meeting in July.

j) DCC, Highways, Potholes, Roads & Hedges.

- 1) Cllr R Whiffin confirmed that the community payback team have been in the village clearing various paths.
- 2) Railings need painting by school and top of the village – various quotes have been obtained and they are very pricey. Cllr K Farrelly & Cllr B Chambers will look at it again to see what they come up with.
- 3) Seat at the top of the village needs painting – Cllr B Chambers will attend to this.
- 4) Clearance of Parish Council land adjacent to the quaker burial ground – quote of £480 pounds has been stated by the payback team and this work is going ahead.

k) Primary School Report – Cllr R Whiffin reported that the ofsted report was good with many outstanding features. It was agreed to ask the Chairman – Cllr K Eales to write to the school and congratulate them.

l) Volunteer Action Group – Cllr Mrs W Grierson to speak to Celia and find out what they are willing to do.

m) Website – Cllr K Eales asked all Cllrs to look at the website before next month to see what needs to be done.

n) Consultations – nothing to report.

7) Cheques for Signature/Finances

A copy of June 2015 financial report (Minute reference 122) has been distributed – Proposed by Cllr R Whiffin and seconded by Cllr Mrs M Colclough with all in agreement.

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

9) ARA Draw – June 2015

£50 – 703 – Mrs Batten – 24 Abbotshill Park

£20 – 96 – Mr I Preston – Cross View, Priory Road

£5 – 677 – Mr R Hooper – 2 Grange View

£5 – 629 – Mr S Turner – 4 Manor Close

£5 – 512 – Mr P Barber – Coombe Cottage, Priory Road

£5 – 159 – Ursula Hunt – 6 The Priory

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.17pm

**Next Parish Council Meeting Abbotskerswell Parish Rooms – Monday 27th July 2015 @ 7.30pm.
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