

ABBOTSKERSWELL PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held Monday 29th September 2014 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 K Farrelly, D Cllr D Smith, C Cllr A Dewhirst (from item 4).

In Attendance 2 Members of the Public, Margaret Crompton (Allotments).

Apologies for Absence Cllr Mrs M Colclough, Cllr R Whiffin, Cllr D McNee

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 28th July 2014.
Minutes of the Planning Meeting – Thursday 14th August 2014.
Minutes of the Planning Meeting – Wednesday 17th September 2014.

The above minutes have been distributed and read - proposed by Cllr B Chambers & seconded by Cllr Mrs W Grierson with all in agreement and duly signed by the Chairman – Cllr K Eales.

2) Public Time (Limited to 15 Minutes)

- a) Police Report - 28/08/14 Slade Lane - Dogs on the loose, 2 husky breed dogs in the Slade Lane area killed a rabbit while on the loose from a local property. The dogs had escaped from their residence but were later returned unharmed. Police would like to remind all dog owners to be wary of the issues their pets can cause if they escape from gardens and enclosed spaces, under/over fences and to be mindful of the impact this can have on other residents. These incidents are not uncommon but can often end in rabbits, chickens and dogs being killed or worse yet children and adults to be bitten. 19/09/14 – Stonemans Hill area - Shotguns heard, several shots were heard at approximately midnight, police attended and commenced searches with no trace of who was responsible. PCSO Hurden previously investigated this after calls several months ago from several residents. He visited a local address that may have used 'crow scarers' in the early hours. Words of advice were given to stop this at such anti-social hours. There is essentially no evidence this is the case but PCSO Hurden more than happy to receive any information that may prove anything to the contrary. Anyone who can help police with this can call the non-emergency number on 101 for the attention of 30604 PCSO Chris Hurden.
- b) Cllr Mrs J Kniveton also confirmed that Manor Gardens was also experiencing problems with dogs, the Dog Warden has been informed and also the Police are to be informed of the ongoing problems.

3) Planning Applications & Decisions

Applications received from Teignbridge District Council –

- a) Application no 14/02540/CLDE – Mr T Denning – 1 Court Farm Barns – Certificate of lawfulness for existing access and hard standing. No objections from the Parish Council.

Decisions Received from Teignbridge District Council –

- a) Refusal of planning permission – Application no 14/01940/FUL – Mr A Black – The Beacon, Priory Road – Replacement single storey garage, single storey extension to the rear of the property and a new ramp system in the garden.

4) Matters Arising

- a) Neighbourhood Plan – no grant money has been received yet from TDC.
 - 1) Letter from John Williams Re: Conitor Land (circulated to Cllrs). This asked for the Land to be considered within the Plan but due to the environmental issues this cannot be considered by the Parish Council. Clerk to reply accordingly.
- b) TDC Local Plan – item to be discussed in Part 2 of the meeting.
- c) Public Toilet – nothing further to be discussed, it has now been taken over by the PC.
- d) Local Housing needs survey – Sue Southwell or Janice Alexander to be asked to the next PC meeting. Linden Homes are shortly to be submitting an application for 53 homes in the Village and they have questioned the validity of the housing needs survey conducted by DCC.
- e) Village Broadband Speeds – Karen Bridgford at DCC to be contacted regards this to see if she can help further and direct the PC in the right direction to a contact at BT.

5) Correspondence

- a) TDC Elector fund - £1.84 per elector – This would be a possible for the Village Composting Scheme which Cllr Mrs J Kniveton is currently looking into.
- b) DALC – AGM 11th October 2014.

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. PC expressed concern that the meals on wheels service was being discontinued.
- b) Report from District Cllr Mrs M Colclough & District Cllr D Smith – Copy of report from D Cllr D Smith attached to the minutes.
- c) Emergency Planning Committee report. Next meeting is in October.
- d) Abbotskerswell Recreation Association report.
 - 1) Tennis Court update – The courts are now up and running, the opening event was very well attended and a great day was had by all. Sophie Tolchard, Gold Medal winner in Lawn Bowls at the 2014 Commonwealth Games formally opened the new multi-user games area (MUGA).
- e) Allotments Report – Water meter still not fitted, Cllr B Chambers confirmed this should shortly be done, some investigations are underway to find the route of the pipe.
- f) P3 Report – nothing to report.

- g) Village Hall Report – after a delayed start the new toilets are almost complete.
- h) Tree Warden Report. No report
- i) Reports from Parish Councillors of any external meetings or Committees.
 - 1) TALC. No report
 - 2) Parish Cluster meeting. No report
 - 3) Stoneycombe Liaison. No report
- j) DCC, Highways, Potholes, Roads & Hedges.
 - 1) Letter from Mrs Watts. Court Grange Lane hedge trimming. Defer to next meeting to see if landowner completes work, otherwise PC to write to the landowner after next meeting.
 - 2) Letter from Mr & Mrs Wake – Road conditions in the Village. Emma Nicks, Devon Highways, advised the Court Grange Lane resurfacing had been planned for 16th/17th October 2014.
 - 3) Letter from Helen Holgate, Corn Park Road. Ownership of this path was discussed. PC believe it to be the responsibility of DCC. Cllr A Dewhirst to pursue with DCC.
- k) Primary School Report. No report
- m) Volunteer Action Group. No report
- r) Abbtalk. Cllr Eales reported a content management volunteer had been found.
- s) Consultations. None received

7) **Cheques for Signature/Finances** A copy of September 2014 financial report (Minute reference 113) 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 August 2014**

£50 – 844 – Mr D Jones – 4 Court Road
 £20 – 701 – Mrs Bushby – Southpoint Cottage, Slade Lane
 £5 – 21 – Mrs P Gaites – Penmar, Slade Lane
 £5 – 644 – Mr Chris Kenny – Church Thatch, Orchard Close
 £5 – 574 – Mr Calcutt – 41 Wilton Way
 £5 – 106 – Mr S Kniveton – 5 Manor Gardens

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£50 – 217 – Miss E Goodman – Stawne, Vicarage Road
 £20 – 768 – Mrs P Adair – 14 Wilton Way
 £5 – 532 – Mr Tucker – 6 Grange Park, Grange Lane
 £5 – 414 – H Cock – c/o Ruby Farm, Totnes Road
 £5 -457 – Mrs I M Henwood – 16 Odle Hill Grove.
 £5 – 365 – Mrs Collingsworth – 2 Lakeland

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25pm. To be followed by a Part 2.

Next Parish Council Meeting Abbotskerswell Parish Rooms – Monday 27th October 2014 @ 7.30pm.

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