

ABBOTSKERSWELL PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held Monday 30th March 2015 at
Parish Rooms, Abbotskerswell
Meeting commenced at 7.30pm**

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

In Attendance 2 members of the Public, Mr John Lewis (Tree Warden).

Apologies for Absence – none received.

Declarations of interest

- 1) Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – Monday 23rd February 2015.
Minutes of the Planning Meeting – Wednesday 11th March 2015.

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

2) Public Time (Limited to 15 Minutes)

- a) Police Report – received by e-mail -
Update for Abbotskerswell – 22/02/15 – 22/03/15
Wilton Way – Hit and Run – Log 611/15/03/15
On the 15/03/15 on Wilton Way at some point up until 1800 hours a vehicle has been driven into causing damage to a headlight and bonnet. Details and £30 were left by the presumed offending party but it appears these details may not be correct. If anyone has information that can assist police please call 101 and quote the above log number.
There are no other logs or crimes in the public interest for the dates above.

3) Planning Applications & Decisions

Applications received from Teignbridge District Council –

- a) **Application no 15/00709/FUL – Mr & Mrs A & D Hoare – Manor Farm – Change of use of agricultural land to domestic curtilage, erection of garage, variation to barn and provision of wood burning flue. No objections from the Parish Council – all in agreement.**

Decisions Received from Teignbridge District Council

- a) Grant of Conditional Planning Permission – Application no 15/00165/FUL – Mr & Mrs J Paton – The Old Orchard – Single storey side extension.
- b) Grant of Conditional Planning Permission – Application no 14/03060/MAJ – Mr & Mrs C Down – Ruby Farm, Two Mile Oak – Provision of new building consisting of 2 industrial units (use classes B1, B2 & B8) with associated parking, provision of parking for existing unit 1, provision of extension to existing unit 2 with provision of associated parking and use of existing concrete yard for outdoor storage in association with units 1 to 4.

4) Matters Arising

- a) Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr R Whiffin confirmed that the questionnaires have now been circulated and approx.110 have been returned so far, the deadline has been extended and a prompt to ask people to return them will be on the front page of this month's Abbtalk. An easier questionnaire has been circulated to the primary school children. Over the coming weeks the returned forms will be collated and analysed. Next group meeting 29th April 2015.
- b) TDC Local Plan Challenge – Chairman – Cllr K Eales reported that information has been exchanged regards ongoing discussions about a protection of costs order which has been challenged by TDC who are saying that the Parish Council should raise the precept to pay for the challenge. It's now in the hands of the legal representatives who advised progress is likely to be slow.
- c) Teign Housing – Possible site for Affordable Homes. Nothing further to report.
- d) Broken Dog Bin – Junction of Grange Road & Wilton Way – TDC have confirmed that this bin will not be replaced as dog waste can go into normal rubbish bins, a note will be placed into Abbtalk to advertise this.
- e) Broadband Speeds in the Village – Chairman – Cllr K Eales confirmed lots of BT activity in the Village, the school is also getting ready to receive broadband.

5) Correspondence

- a) E-mail from Kay Yendall – Newton Abbot Community Transport – request for donation. £25 proposed by Cllr R Whiffin and seconded by Cllr B Chambers with all in agreement.
- b) E-mail from Abbfest 2015 – request for donation - £100 from the Parish Council and £50 from the ARA. All in agreement.
- c) Letter from Alex Lessware – TDC – Providing Self Build Housing Plots for Local People. Parish Council to reply to this letter as follows - self build is one of the questions in our neighbourhood plan and we will not have any further details until this is complete which will unfortunately be outside of your deadline.

Matters not requiring discussion placed in the folder to be circulated

6) Main Agenda

- a) Report from County Cllr A Dewhirst – see written report attached to the minutes.
- b) Report from District Cllr M Colclough & District Cllr D Smith – Cllr Mrs M Colclough reported the overview and scrutiny committee called in the National Planning Guidance about the amount of affordable housing needed on new developments. This matter has been deferred until the new council in May. Building at Conitor – building consent was granted for this building, changing a pitched roof to a flat roof. Change of use permission will also now need to be applied if the property is to be used as residential apartments.
- c) Emergency Planning Committee report – next meeting in April, new green leaflet will be distributed in Abbtalk in April's edition.
- d) Abbotskerswell Recreation Association report – Cllr B Chambers reported the draw is currently being collected. Quotes for surfacing around the play equipment are being sought and also for a new slide. ROSPA report now being done. Fireworks being ordered for the 5th November 2015. Pavilion – Kath has made a complaint about the state of the changing rooms and Buckland FC have accepted responsibility for this.
- e) Allotments Report - E-mail from John Lewis regards the water meter – this has been noted by Cllrs. John reported that a drive is now being made to tidy up the allotments for the open day. The old tyres, shed and a metal frame is being removed. AGM 14th April 2015.

- f) P3 Report – nothing to report.
- g) Village Hall Report – Chairman – Cllr K Eales reported that the hall will be out of use from the 3rd August for 2 weeks to allow replacement of the hall floor. An application has been made to Viridor for funding and the Parish Council will write a letter to support this application.
- 4th May – Mayday celebrations again this year is being run by the PTFA.
- h) Tree Warden Report – John Lewis reported that the Tree on the bank behind Wilton Way, where there is a woodland preservation order, has now been pruned by new owners of the property opposite so that the leaves do not fall into their garden. Mark Waddams has been informed and has made a note of this, the Parish Council will request that Mark Waddams writes to the owners to inform them that they are not allowed to do this.
- i) Reports from Parish Councillors of any external meetings or Committees.
- 1) TALC – The roles of PCSO`s were discussed and their attendance at meetings.
 - 2) Parish Cluster meeting.
 - 3) Stoneycombe Liaison – Cllr B Chambers attended meeting last Wednesday. The Manager has left and a new one will be appointed soon. Minerals consultation paper to shortly be open for a 16 week period.
- j) DCC, Highways, Potholes, Roads & Hedges.
- 1) **Actions for Spring 2015**
 - Railings need painting by school and top of the village.
 - Seat at the top of the village needs painting.
 - Weed spraying – Paul Carey the grass cutter to be asked for a quotation for these works.
 - Clearance of Parish Council land adjacent to the Quaker burial ground.
 - 2) Denbury Diesels Ditch in Court Grange Lane – PC to ask Nick Davies at TDC if we can get this done under the untidy land act, not only is this untidy next to a highway it is also highly dangerous. Phil Shears and Nicola Bulbeck at TDC to be copied in to letter.
 - 3) Kerbstone opposite vicarage road entrance has come loose, also loose kerbstone outside the shop.
 - 4) Entrance to the Cider Works by the vets, the potholes are now getting larger.
- k) Primary School Report – nothing to report.
- l) Volunteer Action Group – nothing to report.
- m) Abbtalk – next edition now to be distributed, enough sponsors have been accrued to take it to the end of the year.
- n) Consultations – Newton Abbot Neighbourhood Plan by the 17th April 2015.
- o) Parish Meeting Speaker – Peter Burgess from Devon Wildlife Trust will be in attendance.

7) Cheques for Signature/Finances

A copy of March 2015 financial report (Minute reference 119) has been distributed – Proposed by Cllr D McNee and seconded by Cllr B Chambers with all in agreement.

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

9) ARA Draw March 2015

£50 – 490 - Brian Brench – 49 Wilton Way
£20 – 465 –Mr & Mrs Dyke – 4 Grange Park, Grange Lane
£5 – 122 – Mrs M Collins – Gable Cottage, Odle Hill
£5 – 799 – R Dunkley – Woodside, Court Grange
£5 – 537 – Mr Wade – 9 Corn Park Road
£5 – 176 – Mrs K Painter – 3 Mallands Meadow

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm

**Next Parish Council Meeting Abbotskerswell Village Hall – Annual Parish Meeting Monday
27th April 2015 @ 7.30pm.**

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