

ABBOTSKERSWELL PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held Monday 30th September 2013 at
Parish Rooms, Abbotskerswell Meeting commenced at 7.30pm**

Present Cllr K Eales (Chair), Cllr Mrs J Kniveton (Vice-Chair), Cllr B Chambers, Cllr R Whiffin, Cllr Mrs M Turner, C Cllr A Dewhirst, Cllr D McNee (from item 4b).

In Attendance 6 members of the public, Margaret Compton (Allotments Chair), John Lewis (Tree Warden),

Apologies for Absence – Cllr Mrs M Colclough, D Cllr D Smith, Cllr Mrs W Grierson.

- 1) Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – Monday 29th July 2013.
Minutes of the Planning Meeting – Wed 14th August 2013.
Minutes of the Planning Meeting – Wed 11th September 2013.

The above minutes have been distributed and read - proposed by Cllr R Whiffin & 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 – PCSO – Chris Hurden reported by e-mail as follows. Having checked the logs and crime systems for Abbotskerswell between the 1st to 29th of September I can thankfully say there has only been highway disruptions involving cows on the road. We have not received any calls regarding anti-social behaviour.
- b) Congestion at Watermota seems to be getting worse, an ambulance was needed which could not get through. Chairman – Cllr K Eales confirmed that the businesses on site have been spoken to regards this but it seems that lorries and vans are the worst offenders when delivering to the units, visual evidence of this is required and then the photos will be sent to the PCSO and Police but this must be done at the time of the obstruction with registration numbers so that offenders can be traced and spoken to.
- c) Ogwell Parish Council members were present – the Council would like to work together with Abbotskerswell on issues such as the Community Fund to maybe tackle the weed problem and to review the consequences of Public Toilets closure. Abbotskerswell Parish Council is still waiting for formal consultation on this matter.

3) **Planning Applications & Decisions**

Applications received from Teignbridge District Council

- a) Application no 13/02444/FUL – Mrs L Banks – 24 Wilton Way – Erection of summerhouse in front garden. Site visit to be arranged before a decision is made.
- b) Application no 13/02502/FUL – Mr & Mrs Horstead – Willow Cottage – Construction of conservatory/garden room to side elevation. No objections from the Parish Council - proposed by Cllr B Chambers & seconded by Cllr Mrs M Turner with all in agreement.

Decisions Received from Teignbridge District Council

- a) Grant of Conditional Planning Permission – Application no 13/02161/FUL – Mr I Arrow – Crystalwood, Stonemans Hill – Erection of timber garden store.
- b) Refusal of Consent – Application no 13/02335/TPO – Mrs A Nichols – 6 The Paddocks – Felling of one pine tree.

- c) Grant if Conditional Consent – 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 west elevations of garden room.

4) Matters Arising

- a) Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr R Whiffin confirmed that a plan is needed for the Village and should be started fairly quickly with a representative team engaged to develop the plan. Suggested a meeting with Torbay Council who have started their plan and are quite a way along so their advice would be helpful. Write again to TDC and ask if they can confirm in writing whether the application to developed neighbourhood plan has been approved, noting it is well past the closure date of the public notice for comments to be made to TDC.
- b) TDC Local Plan – Chairman – Cllr K Eales reported, offering many thanks to all the people involved in this: Parish Councillors, Parishioners and Wolborough Residents. The Planning Inspector asked for further submissions for the Examination in Public. Parish Council representatives attended days 1, 3, 5, 9 & 10 and good representation of our case against developing 1500 houses in Wolborough was made. The Planning Inspector has now asked TDC to reappraise the plan with his recommendations, which will be given to them in writing this week. A lot of work was done by Professor Altringham and the PC contributed £400 towards his excellent report on biodiversity, but more input from him may be needed for the next consultation. A figure of £1,100 has been suggested for these further works which if needed will be shared between PC and WRA. Cllr R Whiffin suggested to see what the inspector says in his letter to TDC later in the week and then decide whether a budget for the extra work is needed. Parish Council agreed this in principle, but will be confirmed by e-mail exchange after the content of the letter is known.
- c) Land at Manor Road – Chairman – Cllr K Eales confirmed that Linden Homes have expressed a desire to meet with the PC. Linden Homes are proceeding with their plans to present to TDC a development proposal. Cllr R Whiffin confirmed that the developers have also been in contact with the School, but that the Parish Council should give the developers a hearing to review what is being proposed on the site which is outside the Village envelope. A statement is to be made by the PC to inform parishioners that the site is being looked at by a developer and that the PC will be meeting with Linden homes to ascertain what they are proposing. This public notice will go into Abbtalk.
- d) Allotments/Pavillion Water Use – Cllr B Chambers reported that a discussion was had by the ARA and that a decision was made for a flow meter to be installed. Standing orders were suspended to allow Mr J Lewis to speak - suggested that the Allotment Society will pay £40 towards the large bill. Chairman – Cllr K Eales suggested that the current high bill for £294 is split 3 ways between the allotments, football and the Parish Council, this matter will be referred back to the Allotment Society. The Council recommended an Allotment Society representative should on the ARA committee. The Allotment Society will manage the installation of a flow meter to measure the amount of water use and will inform the Parish Council when it is installed. Standing orders reinstated.

5) Correspondence

- a) DALC AGM – 12th October 2013.
- b) Letter from Parish Church, Abbotskerswell – a copy of this letter to be sent around to Cllrs and the matter of a grant to be considered at the next Parish Council meeting.

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.
- b) Report from District Cllr M Colclough & District Cllr D Smith – E-mail report from D Cllr D Smith as follows:- Following the decision by two members of the Council to leave the Liberal Democrat Group and become Independent, the Council is now made up as follows: Conservative Group, 24 Seats; Independent Group, 11 Seats; Liberal Democrat Group, 10 Seats. This may result in some movement within committees to maintain political balance. There is one vacancy due to the retirement of Cllr. Fernley Holmes who represented the Bovey Ward for many years. A by-election is being held on 24th October to fill that seat. There has been much discussion – premature, I believe - relating to closure of public toilets in some of our towns and villages. What the Executive has resolved is that: discussions have started with community organisations and others with a view to disposing of 17 public toilet sites around the district and withdrawing the manning of the market toilet in Newton Abbot. This should generate around £152,000 in savings, once the costs of disposal are covered. The matter forms part of the Agenda for the next Overview and Scrutiny meeting to be held 8th October, as does a 'call in' of the Executive resolution that Teignbridge DC cease to provide a CCTV service from 31st March 2014.
- c) Emergency Planning Committee report - no meeting held.
- d) Abbotskerswell Recreation Association report.
 - 1) Use of Field by Buckland FC and recent events regards keys - An unfortunate incident has occurred with an allotment holder and a visitor to the field, apologies have been received from Buckland, but they do not seem to have all the keys to the gates which are needed. Next ARA Agenda - keys to the field. Code of conduct - Suggestion of a notice on the pavilion with a code of conduct that all visitors to the field should adhere to and possibly that a set of keys could be held at the shop, if the key holder is not present.
- e) Allotments Report - nothing to report.
- f) P3 Report - nothing to report.
- g) Village Hall Report – Chairman – Cllr K Eales reported that the garden show was very successful, the school entries were very good, and financial outturn profitable due to Sponsorship received. The Trustees have invited Ipplepen Film Club to hold an inaugural film evening at the Village Hall. The inaugural screening will be held on the 29th November 2013.
- h) Tree Warden Report - John Lewis - concerns have been shown over an Ash Tree by the Church but he has looked at it and cannot see a problem. Dave Mcnee confirmed he has also looked at the tree and cannot see a problem. Contact Mark Waddams TDC Tree Warden and give him Guy Rogers contact details.
- i) Reports from Parish Councillors of any external meetings or Committees.
 - 1) TALC - nothing to report.
 - 2) Parish Cluster meeting.
 - 3) Stoneycombe Liasion - Agenda for Octobers meeting has been e-mailed to Cllr R Whiffin.
 - 4) Chairman – Cllr K Eales reported that he had attended a meeting of Abbpast, they are doing great work advancing their Heritage Lottery project aiming to renovate the memorial stones in the churchyard of those who fell and to produce a booklet documenting this period of our history.
- j) DCC, Highways, Potholes, Roads & Hedges - Gulley by the side of Manor Road and Firestone Lane and Stonemans Hill and rubbish all along, including an old tyre, to be removed. Odle Hill Grove – it was questioned why a road area is marked out and this is to be raised with DCC. Court Grange Lane - potholes and the sight line turning out onto the main road needs cutting back. Manor Road – Potholes to be reviewed. Mr Perryman’s drainage work has started on site. C Cllr A Dewhirst reported that DCC consider the drainage works done is to the required standard of DCC, but it is understood that an application to TDC will be forthcoming.

- k) Primary School Report – Cllr R Whiffin reported new head started in September and all is progressing quite well.
- m) Volunteer Action Group - top of the Village tidied up and looked great, many thanks letter to Celia Rose.
- r) Abbtalk – PR - No AbbTalk has appeared for a while, Cllr Mrs J Kniveton and Cllr K Eales will meet with Derek Bellotti to discuss this.
- s) Consultations - TDC Leisure facilities, DALC - filming at local council meetings. It was felt that this would not be appropriate.

7) Cheques for Signature/Finances – A copy of August/September 2013 financial report (Minute reference 102) has been distributed – Proposed by Cllr R Whiffin 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 2013**

- £50 - 461 - Mr P Farr – 18a Odle Hill Grove
- £20 - 542 - Mrs Brimblcombe – 14 St Marys Close
- £5 - 543 - Mrs M Chisholm – 3 Lakeland
- £5 - 920 - Colin Bovey – 3 Abbotswell Cottages
- £5 - 126 -Mrs W Wickens - 6 Laburnham Terrace
- £5 - 486 - Mrs Hagggar – c/o 1 Court Road

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- £50 - 342 - Mr Adderley – Heathcot, Priory Road
- £20 - 777 - Mr M Down – Ruby Farm, Totnes Road
- £5 - 688 - Mrs E Davis – 1 Buchele, Vicarage Road
- £5 - 607 - Mrs Crompton – Olde School House, Slade Lane
- £5 - 2 - Mr Foston – Croft Tors, Totnes Road
- £5 - 1 - Mr J Pilkington - 24 Grange Road

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.37pm.

Next Parish Council Meeting Abbotskerswell Parish Rooms – Monday 28th October 2013 @ 7.30pm.

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