

ABBOTSKERSWELL PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held Monday 31st March 2014 at
Parish Rooms, Abbotskerswell Meeting commenced at 7.30pm**

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

In Attendance 3 members of the public, John Lewis (Tree Warden).

Apologies for Absence – D Cllr D Smith

Declarations of interest

1) Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – Monday 24th February 2014.

Minutes of the Planning Meeting – Wednesday 12th March 2014.

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

2) Public Time (Limited to 15 Minutes)

- a) Police Report - none received.
- b) Brian Turner from WDD spoke with regard to land at the Butchers Arms. Heavitree Brewery is the owner of the site. At the Enquiry in Public into the TDC Local Plan, a formal representation was made that a small low scale development might be possible in the village on the Butchers Arms land. WDD on behalf of Heavitree Brewery would like to engage in negotiations regards the site and try and work with the Parish Council and its community to see what could be develop that is appropriate for the village. Chairman – Cllr K Eales confirmed that the community communication process required for the Abbotskerswell Neighbourhood Plan is just being undertaken but this will be a long engagement process. All Cllrs were in agreement that some informal talks could be undertaken and the developer will produce some sketches to bring back to the Parish Council for perusal.
- c) Court Grange Lane - Potholes have returned, and the ditch where drainage work has had earth washed into it, impeding natural drainage. Also reparation work by DCC has been washed from the road over the period of the winter into the ditch. This will be taken up with DCC - Alastair Dewhirst.
- d) Parking at the top of the village, this has been a problem for at least 5 years and needs reappraising.
- e) Denbury Diesels - the whole site in Court Grange Lane is unsightly, planning permission for parking but not for storage was granted, but storage is still occurring on site, also the agricultural land has building waste and materials on it, can a letter go from TDC to ask Denbury Diesels to remove this and tidy up the site.

3) Planning Applications & Decisions

Applications received from Teignbridge District Council –

- a) Application no 14/00556/FUL – Mr J Peterson – Land at Broomhill Farm, Two Mile Oak – Erection of Stable Block and associated hay/tack store. No objections - Proposed by Cllr R Whiffin and seconded by Cllr D McNee with all in agreement.

Decisions Received from Teignbridge District Council - none

4) Matters Arising

- a) Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr R Whiffin confirmed that reports of 3 steering group meetings held have been circulated to Cllrs, a meeting was held at TDC with Alex Lessware who confirmed that £1,300 will be available to the PC to help towards developing the plan and TDC will do printing at cost. An initial newsletter is being drafted which will go to every household in the village. It will advertise a date for a community workshop to be held where people can give their ideas and thoughts. This will aid the development of a questionnaire to be circulated to the whole community. Chairman – Cllr K Eales confirmed that a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) has been circulated to Cllrs, this states that TDC, Newton Abbot Town Council and Abbotskerswell PC will work together with regards to NA3 Wolborough development proposed in the TDC Local Plan, should the Local Plan eventually be adopted by TDC. The Parish Council supported maintaining a 3 way dialogue with the respective Councils - all Cllrs in agreement that the MoA should be signed.
- b) TDC Local Plan – Chairman – Cllr K Eales confirmed that the expected schedule is April 2014 for the Inspector's Report on the plan, in May 2014 he will report on the CIL outcome, and the Local Plan then being adopted by TDC Full Council in June/July 2014.
- c) Land at Manor Road & the Butchers Arms. Chairman – Cllr K Eales reported that Linden Homes has had the results of the analysis from the drop in sessions they held at the village hall and would like to present these to the Parish Council. The Land at the Butchers Arms (see public time item 2b above). Invite Linden homes for feedback to the next Planning meeting on Wednesday 16th April.
- d) Public Toilet – Cllr Mrs W Grierson confirmed that Kath Roscoe the cleaner will take extra duties on, the extra hours she does will be added to her monthly timesheet for payment. The Clerk confirmed the toilets will be covered under PC's insurance policy and also under the 0% business rates for the Parish Council. Also the Clerk is to ask Kath if she can clean the Parish Rooms once a fortnight at present due to it being used a lot at the moment.
- e) Local Housing needs survey - these are now being circulated by Councillors.
- f) Rural Aid - Flood lighting for the new sports court, this will be applied for.
- g) Vacancy for Parish Councillor - Cllr Mrs M Turner has sadly resigned and this has been accepted by the Parish Council. Notices now to be drawn up for the vacancy to be advertised.

5) Correspondence

- a) Ogwell PC – Beating the Bounds 17th May 2014. Chairman - Cllr K Eales & Cllr Mrs J Kniveton will attend.

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.
- b) Report from District Cllr M Colclough & District Cllr D Smith – D Cllr Mrs M Colclough reported that the recycling collection services will be altered, specifically there will be an annual charge for garden waste, if you want this collected and card will go into a separate bag with another new smaller bin being provided for food waste.
- c) Emergency Planning Committee report – nothing to report.

- d) Abbotskerswell Recreation Association report – Cllr B Chambers reported that a start date of the 1st week in May for the new Courts has been confirmed, the finance has all now been agreed with the various funders. Play Area Annual Inspection report – a quote is needed for the repair of the skateboard ramps.
 - e) Allotments Report – Mr J Lewis reported that work has now started to get plots ready and 2 plots are still available. The plot rental has increased this year to £23 per plot. Water meter to be installed shortly. 2014 AGM is 7.30pm on 8th April 2014.
 - f) P3 Report - Post missing on style at the Court Grange end of the footpath.
 - g) Village Hall Report – Chairman – Cllr K Eales reported bingo sessions currently being organised.
 - h) Tree Warden Report – Mr J Lewis reported - 6 The Paddocks tree work has been refused, 1 Manor Road – tree works have been granted.
 - i) Reports from Parish Councillors of any external meetings or Committees.
 - 1) TALC – Cllr Mrs J Kniveton attended the meeting which included a broadband presentation and highways presentation.
 - 2) Parish Cluster meeting. No report.
 - 3) Stoneycombe Liason. No report.
 - j) DCC, Highways, Potholes, Roads & Hedges.
 - 1) Suggestion of moving the Bus Stop - noted by the Parish Council.
 - 2) Heap of vegetation in First Lane – Cllr R Whiffin has raised this with DCC.
 - 3) Debris falling from Barn in First Lane, this is connected to Higher Langford House and will be reported to TDC.
 - k) Primary School Report - no report given.
 - l) Volunteer Action Group – Cllr B Chambers and Cllr D McNee confirmed that they have looked at the stream and there is a small amount of litter which needs removing but nothing else.
 - m) Abbtalk - noted that the infrequency of the magazines is affecting the content as some is already out of date before it is circulated.
 - n) Consultations. No report.
 - o) Grass Cutting Contract for 2014 - inform Paul Cary to go ahead and carry on as soon as possible. Paul's price for this year remains the same as last year.
 - p) Section 137 Grants
 - 1) Teignbridge Neighbourhood Watch – No sorry.
 - 2) Abbfest - £150 - proposed by Cllr Mrs W Grierson and seconded by Mr R Whiffin. Next year the Parish Council to ask the ARA to fund the full amount, as they usually pay £100 but as they need all funds this year for the Tennis Courts the Parish Council has agreed to pay.
 - 3) Victim Support – No sorry.
 - 4) Teenage Cancer Trust – No sorry.
- 7) Cheques for Signature/Finances – A copy of March 2014 financial report (Minute reference 108) has been distributed – Proposed by Cllr R Whiffin and seconded by Cllr D McNee with all in agreement.
- 8) Any Items to go onto next Parish Council meeting Agenda.

9) **ARA Draw March 2014**

- £50 – 679 – Mrs Read – Kestor, Priory Road
- £20 – 608 – Mrs L Foston – Croft Tors, Totnes Road
- £5 – 274 – Miss Judd – Carse Mill, Slade Lane
- £5 - 536 - Mrs C Buckle – Model Stores
- £5 – 625 – Mr C Down, Ruby Farm, Totnes Road
- £5 – 602 – Mr Hawkes – The Thatches, Priory Road.

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40pm. Followed by a Part 2.
Next Parish Council Meeting Abbotskerswell Parish Rooms – Monday 28th April 2014 @
7.30pm.**

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