

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MILTON ABBOT GROUPED PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1st NOVEMBER 2017, 7.30PM AT MILTON ABBOT CHURCH HALL
(also available at www.magpc.co.uk)

PRESENT: Cllrs, H Asbridge, (Chair), P Hough (MA), R Brewer (C), A Westcott (C), M Pahlsson (B), J Barkwill (C), Robert Tucker (MA), James Holland (D)

(Cllr Representation: C – Chillaton, MA – Milton Abbot, D – Dunterton, B – Bradstone)

Ms S Honey (Clerk), Cllr Edmonds (WDBC), Cllr Baldwin (WDBC), Mr J Sharples (SW Ambulance Service)

094:17/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

James Anderson (MA), Andrew Cox (MA)

095:17/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr H Asbridge – Parish Council Grants, Item 11.

096:17/18 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4th October 2017 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

097:17/18 PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

None.

098:17/18 PLANNING

Decisions to note:

3018/17/FUL
Hill Park Bradstone Milton Abbot
Conversion of existing garage into ancillary accommodation.

This application had previously been Withdrawn.

A new application, 3669/17/HHO, has been submitted, referring to a smaller area inside the actual house.

The Clerk was instructed to **request an extension** from WDBC Planning Department so the Council may consider the application at the next meeting on 6 December 2017.

099:17/18 PROGRESS REPORTS

Milton Abbot wall – TAP Fund application

At its last meeting, the Southern Link Group considered a request by the Council for grant aid from the TAP fund of £2,693 towards the cost of the repair to the wall adjacent to the churchyard in Milton Abbot. Although the application was successful Cllr Brewer pointed out that the whole cost of the works, estimated to cost £5,386 plus VAT, was not covered in total by the grant funding. There was shortfall of £750.

The Clerk was **instructed** to clarify the amount of funding obtained.

100:17/18 COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATORS

Mr J Sharples, the Defibrillator Officer from South Western Ambulance Service (SWAS), detailed the uses of and options available for the installation of defibrillators in Chillaton and Milton Abbot.

The average success rate of 8% can be increased to 75% if a defibrillator is available. However, CPR courses help to make the success rate more effective. Cllr Hough suggested CPR training would be good for everyone within their community.

The Council has the option of buying one direct from an independent provider but should be aware that replacement pads (parts), will be needed at some stage. The cheapest models start at around £1,000.

SW Ambulance Service can supply a defibrillator under a 4 year scheme costing £1,800 plus VAT. This included all parts and servicing. A heated cabinet to house the unit costs approximately £10-15 in electricity per year.

All defibrillators, regardless of where they have been purchased, should be registered with SWAS because when a 999 call is made they are able to advise where the nearest defibrillator is stationed.

Cllr Asbridge stated that "Heartswell" have offered a defibrillator for Chillaton but suggested that local awareness should be raised; and investigations made with other communities as to how they went about obtaining their defibrillator; before the Council commit to the project.

Action by the Clerk.

101:17/18 ASSESSMENT BY POLICE AND HIGHWAYS FOR THE B3362

Cllr Pahlsson explained that a concerned parishioner enquired whether an assessment of accidents that had occurred along the route could be made.

The Council wondered if the Road Safety Officer could make an inspection of any potentially hazardous places along the section of the road in question to see if some minor improvements could be made.

The Clerk was **instructed** to contact Road Safety and enquire if a Road Safety Officer would carry out such an inspection.

102:17/18 CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND OTHER MATTERS

There was a general discussion regarding Cllrs collective contribution towards making and recording the Council's decisions.

It was suggested that an intermediate stage be introduced (after the Chair has seen the minutes) where minutes are issued to councillors for inspection before becoming the published draft. If any amendment or correction should be required, then an email should be sent to the Clerk.

The council **agreed** to implement the change.

103:17/18 DATA PROTECTION REGISTRATION

There is a requirement for every Council that meets the relevant criteria, to register annually with the Information Commissioners Office (ICO). The Council are legally required to renew their registration each year. It will expire on 08/11/2017 and renewal costs £35. There is an allocation for this amount in the budget.

The Clerk was **authorised** to renew the Council's registration.

104:17/18 PARISH COUNCIL GRANTS

Cllr Asbridge declared an interest. The discussion was handed over to Cllr Hough.

The Council **resolved** that the item be deferred until January 2018 when the actual cost of rebuilding of retaining wall in Milton Abbot should be known.

105:17/18 BRENTOR COMPASSIONATE NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

The Council was asked if there was a process whereby the scheme could obtain funds from the Parish Council in order to support its setting up and maintenance.

The Council did not consider it was able to grant any requests for funding from organisations not based within its area, at the moment.

106:17/18 GRASS CUTTING

Grass cutting quotations for Milton Abbot Churchyard, for the forthcoming financial year, need to be obtained for consideration at the January 2018 Parish Council meeting. At least three quotes should be sought; to include the current contractor.

The Clerk was **authorised** to obtain quotations for the work, for consideration at the January meeting.

107:17/18 GRANT AID FROM TAP FUND

The TAP fund still has unallocated money this financial year. It was suggested that a general programme of clearing weeds, footpaths, minor works tarmac and hardcore use could request from the remaining fund.

Applications needed to be received by the 16th November. Cllr Asbridge offered to put together an application but would not be able to attend the actual meeting. Cllrs were requested to identify any areas within their parish that need repair and inform the Chair by Monday 6th November 2017.

IT Equipment Hire

Cllr Brewer informed the Council that IT equipment, financed by the TAP fund, such as a projector, was available for hire.

108:17/18 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Bank Reconciliation and Budget Monitor

The bank reconciliation and budget monitor, dated 15 October 2017, were reviewed and **approved**.

Payments

Clerk's pay for October 2017, paid by BACS, was noted.

- Ms S Honey - £141.97

109:17/18 COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Cllr Asbridge suggested Cllrs website email addresses should be updated by the Clerk. **Agreed**.

110:17/18 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

6th December 2017 Marystowe Church Hall

3rd January 2018 Milton Abbot Village Hall

7th February 2018 Marystowe Church Hall

7th March 2018 Milton Abbot Village Hall

4th April 2018 Marystowe Church Hall

2nd May 2018 (7pm) Annual Parish Meeting for Milton Abbot Dunterton and Bradstone in Milton Abbot Village Hall

3rd May 2018 (Thu) (7pm) Annual Parish Meeting for Chillaton - Marystowe Church Hall followed by the Parish Council Annual and Ordinary meetings

Note: All meetings are on Wednesdays at 7.30pm unless otherwise specified

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Signed:

Date:

Cllr Asbridge, Chair