

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MILTON ABBOT GROUPED PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2015 AT MARYSTOWE CHURCH HALL AT 8.00 PM**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs J Anderson (MA), H. Asbridge (C) (Acting Clerk), C. Beighton (C), R. Brewer (C), P.Hough (MA) (Chair), M Pahlsson (B), R. Tucker (MA), Mrs A Westcott (C)

Borough Cllrs: Bob Baldwin, Chris Edmonds

**26:15/16. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Cllr Brewer declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 10. Kelly Village Hall

**27:15/16 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2015**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2015 were signed by the Chair as a true and correct record.

**28:15/16 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF 16 HOUSES AT THE REAR OF MARLOW CRESCENT CHILLATON**

The Clerk reported that a consultant for the owner of land at the rear of Marlow Crescent had put forward proposals for the development of the area with 16 houses, of which 12 would be affordable homes. It was also proposed to set aside land for community use, such as a village hall or allotments.

No application for planning permission had been submitted. Instead, the consultant wanted to work with the MACKPlan team as they considered strategic issues, including possible housing sites. The consultant had stated that there was no intention to submit any planning application until MACKPlan was complete, or at least largely complete.

As part of the MACKPlan process, further consideration would be given to the sites previously reviewed by the Parish Council as part of West Devon Borough Council's [WDBC's] 'Call for land' exercise, carried out in 2014. **It was agreed** that this site be included in that process.

**29:15/16 PROGRESS REPORTS**

*Proposed Wind Turbine at Beckwell Farm* –It was noted that the Appeal had been granted and a legal challenge initiated by a local resident.

*Purchase of speed warning signs* – These had been installed and had reduced traffic speeds in Chillaton. The TAP Fund grant had now been paid.

**30:15/16 URGENT ACTION**

The Clerk had taken action in accordance with the Council's urgency procedure and with the concurrence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, because of the need to resolve the following issues as quickly as possible:

Submission of representations to WDBC, regarding the proposed wind turbine at Ridgecombe Farm.

Payment of annual subscription to DALC.

Application to Locality for a further grant towards MACKPlan costs.

**31:15/16 MACKPLAN PROGRESS REPORT**

An application had been made for a further grant to support both the day to day running of the team and the use of the external consultant to support to key elements of the team's work and this had now been approved.

An on-line survey about the scope of the main questionnaire, had been sent to subscribers to the MACKPlan and Chillaton newsletters. Articles on MACKPlan would shortly appear in local magazines and initial contact was being made with various statutory and non-statutory consultees.

The team would have a stand at the Tractor Run and Fete being held at Marystowe on 14<sup>th</sup> June.

**It was agreed** that all councillors should subscribe to MACKPlan e-newsletters and should take part in the current on-line survey, if they had not already done so. The Clerk would make the necessary arrangements.

### **32:15/16 GRANTS TO PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCILS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF BURIAL GROUNDS**

As agreed at the last meeting, the Clerk and Cllr Brewer had examined the records regarding the payment of the annual grants for the maintenance of churchyards to the relevant PCCs, in previous years. It had been agreed that this should be done to establish whether or not any payments were outstanding. The Clerk had also contacted the PCCs, to invite them to apply for a grant for the 2015/16 financial year.

Several PCCs had provided information regarding the payment of previous years' grants, but there was still a need for further research. **It was agreed** that:

1. The Clerk should seek similar information regarding previous payments from Marystowe PCC and report further, in conjunction with Cllr Brewer.
2. Grants be paid to PCCs in respect of the maintenance of church burial grounds for 2015/16, at the same rates as last year.

### **33:15/16 KELLY VILLAGE HALL**

**It was agreed** that a grant of £50 be paid to Kelly Village Hall Committee for financial support towards the running costs of Kelly Hall for 2015/16.

### **34:15/16 'ADOPT A KIOSK'**

BT was offering to sell some traditional phone boxes to local authorities or recognised community groups for £1. They must remain in situ, but could be used for a variety of purposes. There were red phone boxes in Chillaton and Milton Abbot.

This opportunity had been reported in a Chillaton email newsletter and there had been some interest in using their phone box as a lending library for second-hand books, a seasonal plant exchange and as a base for a defibrillator.

If the box was sold, BT would be willing to continue to supply electricity at no cost to the new owner. However, responsibility for the maintenance of the box and any liability arising from its use would transfer to the purchaser. The cost of insuring a phone box would be £10 -£20 a year.

Cllr Brewer raised concerns that the decommissioning of the phone box would remove a hard-won facility for Chillaton and considered that it should remain in use.

**It was agreed** that the Clerk should establish the level of use of the Chillaton phone box and report further.

### **35:15/16 RENEWABLE COMMUNITY ENERGY FUND**

The Devon Association for Renewable Energy [DARE] had approached parish councils to raise awareness of a fund that may finance studies into the potential to create community projects that produce renewable energy and **it was agreed** that a representative from DARE should be invited to attend a future meeting.

### **36:15/16 PAYMENTS DUE**

**It was agreed** that the following payments be authorised:

1. Transfer of their share of the TAP Fund grant for the vehicle activated signs, to Lifton Parish Council: £2,558.47
2. Payment of annual insurance premium to Community First Ltd : £190.13

### **37:15/16 CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The outcome of the consideration of planning applications by the relevant Planning Committees of the Parish Council was noted.

#### Milton Abbot Planning Committee

Application 00269/2015 3-4 The Green Milton Abbot

This application for a two storey extension was supported.

[Cllr Tucker declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item and did not take part in its consideration.]

#### Bradstone/Dunterton Planning Committee

Application 00231/2015 The Piggery Woodtown Farm, Dunterton

This application for the conversion of a redundant agricultural building to a residential unit was supported.

### **38:15/16 ADDITIONAL MEETING TO CONSIDER APPLICATION 00452/2015**

**It was agreed** that a meeting would be held at Milton Abbot village hall on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May to consider the above application for retrospective planning permission at Bennett's Barn, Edgecombe Lane, Milton Abbot.

### **39:15/16 ADDITIONAL MEETING TO CONSIDER APPLICATION 00484/2015**

**It was agreed** that a meeting would be held at Milton Abbot village hall on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June to consider the above application for planning permission for a wind turbine at Cardwell Farm, Long Cross.

### **40:15/16 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

**It was agreed** that the following calendar of meetings for 2015/16 be approved:

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015 Milton Abbot Village Hall

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2015 Marystowe Church Hall

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2015 Milton Abbot Village Hall

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2016 Marystowe Church Hall

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2016 Milton Abbot Village Hall

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2016 Parish Meeting for Chillaton at Marystowe Church Hall

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016 Parish Meeting for Milton Abbot, Dunterton and Bradstone at Milton Abbot Village Hall followed by the AGM and an ordinary Council Meeting.