

MILTON ABBOT GROUPEd PARISH COUNCIL

(Parishes of Milton Abbot (MA), Chillaton (C), Dunterton (D) and Bradstone (B))

To all Members of the Council

You are hereby summoned to attend a Meeting of the Milton Abbot Grouped Parish Council to be held **following AGM on Thursday 8th May 2014 at Milton Abbot Village Hall, Milton Abbot** for the purpose of transacting the following business:

Mrs Sue Fox, Clerk to the Council

Thursday 1st May 2014

A G E N D A

- 1. Open Session – Members of the Public may speak regarding parish matters**
- 2. Apologies for Absence**
- 3. Declarations of Interest**
- 4. Confirmation of Minutes - Meeting held on 5th March 2014**
- 5. Milton Abbot Playgroup Report**
- 6. Progress Reports**

To review any developments since the last meeting regarding the following matters:

Planning Applications:

Land adj April Cottage, Chillaton

Land adj 4 Albert Cottages, Bradstone

Durnaford, Edgecumbe Road, Milton Abbot

Proposed Wind Turbine at Beckwell Farm – appeal re planning application decision.

Neighbourhood Plan:

No news from Cllr Moore. Would PCs prefer him to attend a normal meeting or a special meeting.

7. Lifton Feed Mill HGV Traffic

In his role as Chair of the Chillaton Traffic Group, Cllr Asbridge has been in touch with Cllr Chris Edmonds, Chair of Lifton Parish Council, regarding the impact of HGVs coming through Chillaton and Lifton on their way to and from the feed mill. Cllr Edmonds has been informed by Mole Avon's Transport Manager that lorries destined for north and west Devon are instructed to use the Sourton/Holsworthy route, rather than using the route via the

Southern Bridge. Their drivers are also instructed to turn right on leaving the Lifton Mill to access the A30 at Stowford, in order to avoid travelling through the village of Lifton.

Casual observation since receiving that information, has shown that feed lorries go through Chillaton several times a day, five days a week, with occasional traffic on Saturdays. It is likely that the actual traffic is greater than has been noticed. Some of those vehicles are articulated lorries that appear to be over 40 feet long and, when travelling towards Tavistock, have breached the Traffic Regulation Order on the Southern Bridge, if they have come over it.

Obviously, not all animal feed lorries in the area have necessarily come from the Lifton Mill and there will also be some occasions when local deliveries have to be made. However, the frequency and pattern of activity suggests that some drivers do not appear to be following the instructions to avoid nearby villages, when they should indeed do so.

There are steadily increasing numbers of HGVs traversing Chillaton using roads that are not suitable for such traffic on a regular and frequent basis. Cllr Asbridge therefore requests that the Clerk be authorised to contact Mole Avon's Transport Manager, seek clarification as to the Company's instructions to drivers re Chillaton and ask for greater rigour in their enforcement.

8. Clerk's report on Urgent Decisions since the last meeting.

None Taken

9. Councillors' reports and items for future agenda

Each Councillor is requested to use this opportunity to report minor matters of information not included elsewhere on the agenda and to raise items for future agendas. Councillors are respectfully reminded that this is not an opportunity for debate or decision making.

10. Dates for Future Meetings