

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MILTON ABBOT GROUPED PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15th JULY 2020, 7.30PM BY VIRTUAL ONLINE

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PRESENT: Cllrs; M Ambrose (MA)(Chair), R Tucker (MA), A Westcott (C), G Vanstone (MA), J Holland (D), J Barkwill (C), S Seamons (MA)
(Cllr Representation: C – Chillaton, MA – Milton Abbot, D – Dunterton, B – Bradstone)

Ms S Honey (Clerk), Cllr C Edmonds (WDBC) and Mr R Allen

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.32pm

028:20/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr R Brewer (C). Apologies were accepted for personal reasons.

029:20/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

030:20/21 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3rd JUNE 2020

The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 3rd June were **agreed** as a true record and will be signed by the Chair at a later date.

031:20/21 PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

1622/20/HHO *Householder application for alterations and extension to decking area to form garden terrace, including cellar and store under*

Cllr A Westcott explained that the application related to a split-level bungalow within a field with no immediate neighbours. No objections had been noted.

The Council **resolved to Support** the application as it posed a general improvement to the building.

1869/20/LBC *Application for approval of details reserved by condition 3 of listed building consent 3169/19/LBC*

Cllr G Vanstone declared an interest in the application.

The council were informed that the application related to changes to a porch and door design. The Council **resolved to make No Objection** to the application.

Decisions for Information

0969/20/OPA *Adjacent Old School House for information*

Cllr G Vanstone had previously circulated the Planning Officer's report to all councillors as he felt it made a number of very relevant points of information, which would be important for future applications considered by the Planning Committees.

He explained that the application had been refused as it was considered the house didn't meet the needs of local people or the local area.

032:20/21 MACKPLAN REPORT

Mr R Allen (Chair of MACKPlan) gave the following short report.

Since our last report to the PC for the 11 May meeting, the following MACKPLAN activity has taken place:

- The draft Neighbourhood Plan has been passed to WDBC experts to ensure that it is along the right lines and not in conflict with any regional or national planning policies. It is also to check that the draft policies that it contains are likely to pass the scrutiny of the examiner in due course. Written feedback is expected on 17 July with a formal Zoom based feedback discussion planned for 23 July.
- Work is now ongoing on the draft design statement which is a distillation of the relevant sections of the wider plan to guide developers (parking provision, design, green technology etc). When completed, this will also be forwarded to WDBC for checking.
- In terms of potential development sites, 6 sites have been put forward in Milton Abbot, 4 of which are identified in the JLP and 2 are new, and 4 sites have been put forward in Chillaton with 2 replicated from the JLP and 2 new. All 10 are under review by WDBC prior to being subject to a formal independent external site assessment. Once this process is complete and the simple viability of each site is known along with the degree of compliance with the draft Neighbourhood Plan policies, it will be the right time for the PC to be briefed on the options that will be presented to the residents for their views. The choice of which are the favoured sites will then be based on the evidence gathered during the whole process and the final endorsement or otherwise will come in the form of the NP referendum at which each resident, MACKPlan committee member and councillor will have a vote. When the draft NP is ready to be shown to the PC, I suggest that this begins with a short Zoom presentation, followed by a period of 10 days or so reading for councillors and then a second Zoom meeting to discuss the draft policies with the MACKPlan team.
- The fact that, with one exception which preceded the Call for Sites, all other site respondents have chosen to progress their proposals under the auspices of the NP when they could have easily progressed in isolation to circumvent the NP, should I believe, be viewed as a considerable success.
- Section 106 agreements are negotiated between a developer and council to help make new housing schemes more attractive to communities. These agreements can be used to help fund affordable housing as well as roads, parks and youth services. They must however meet the following criteria:
 - Be necessary to make the development acceptable in planning terms
 - Be directly related to the development; and
 - Be fairly and reasonably related in scale and kind to the development.
- We believe that such agreements should be pursued in connection with development in our area and we are collating a list of potential items. I would be grateful if the PC would contribute suggestions to this document in due course with the aim that it can be included in the Design Statement and core Neighbourhood Plan.
- You will recall that the Joint Local Plan (JLP) identifies Milton Abbot as a Sustainable Village for which the indicative level of housing proposed is 20 dwellings. The Neighbourhood Plan Group (NPG) agree, given the nature of the settlements in the combined wards, that the emphasis should be on meeting these needs within and around Milton Abbot. Chillaton residents will need to decide formally whether Chillaton, which also has needs, wishes to be included.
- Finally our grant application has been approved for the current FY which we hope will see the NP completed.

End of Report

Mr R Allen left the meeting.

033:20/21 SPEEDING AND GRASS VERGE ISSUES IN MILTON ABBOT FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

After a short discussion in relation to a complaint received from a member of the public by email; the Council could not identify who had left behind all the debris from the cutting of the Grass verges although it was assumed Devon Highways would have arranged the work.

The Chairman suggested the council establish who actually owned the area.

The **Clerk was asked to contact Devon Highways** in the attempt to establish why the debris had not been cleared and ask when the work might be carried out again as when the hedge grew out visibility was very difficult for users of the path, having to walk part of the way along the actual road.

Regarding the complaint relating to Speeding through the village; the council could not identify any way in which they could help further. They were informed that the member of the public had already informed Devon Highways and had been advised to contact Devon and Cornwall Police in an attempt to set up a random speed check.

Cllr S Seamons suggested that MACKPlan could ask for speed restrictions and, or a mini roundabout to aid safety regarding any new development.

034:20/21 WEBSITE ACCESSIBILITY AND ACTION DUE SEPTEMBER 2020 FOR DISCUSSION AND AGREEMENT

Cllr J Barkwill joined the meeting.

The Clerk explained some of the options available to the council as the information received by Clerks regarding the new regulations had been complicated and help as to "How" parish councils would comply was not easy to obtain.

The Clerk had obtained 5 quotes altogether.

Two offered a new website only; costing from approximately £700.00 dependant on choice.

One offered to attempt to update the new website but felt the task may not be 100% correct; at a cost of approximately £400.00

Of the remaining two; one felt a new website would be better as the existing website built in "Concrete 5" would be very difficult to work with. Total cost was not clear.

The second also explained that Concrete 5 would be very difficult to work with but offered to build a new site for £469 plus VAT.

After some consideration the Council **agreed to accept** the quote from Parish Council Websites at £469.00 Plus VAT.

The Clerk informed the council that she had recently received an email from Cllr K Ball (DCC) asking if the council might require funding from his Locality Budget and had suggested the new website whereupon Cllr K Ball had forwarded an application form.

The **council authorised the Clerk** to complete the application requesting funding for the new website at £469.00 Plus VAT.

Cllr C Edmonds (WDBC) offered to help the council with funding from his own Locality Budget if the council required a small amount of funding should the full amount not be granted from the application.

035:20/21 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Bank Reconciliation

The bank reconciliation (App A) and budget monitor (App B), dated 30 June 2020 was reviewed and **approved** along with the following Payments;

- HMRC - £79.40

Clerks pay for June 2020 by BACS

036:20/21 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

No items were reported.

037:20/21 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The **council agreed** Wednesday 2nd September 2020 as the next meeting date; probably by Zoom.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.27pm

Signed:
Cllr M Ambrose, Chair

Date: