

MILTON ABBOT GROUPED PARISH COUNCIL

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

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To all Members of the Council

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Parish Council to be held **at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting being held on Thursday 14th May 2015** at **Marystowe Church Hall at 7.30pm**, for the purpose of transacting the business set out below.

Howard Asbridge
Acting Clerk to the Council

7th May 2015

AGENDA

Part 1

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Declarations of Interest
3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the meeting held on 4th March 2015
4. Open Session – Members of the Public may speak regarding parish matters
5. Proposed development of 16 houses: rear of Marlow Crescent Chillaton

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

No application for planning permission has been submitted. Instead, the consultant wants to work with the MACKPlan team as they consider strategic issues, including possible housing sites. The consultant states that there is no intention to submit any planning application until MACKPlan is complete, or at least largely complete.

As part of the MACKPlan process, further consideration will 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 is suggested that** this site be included in that process.

6. Progress Reports

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

Proposed Wind Turbine at Beckwell Farm –Appeal granted.

Purchase of speed warning signs – These have been installed and have reduced traffic speeds in Chillaton. The TAP Fund grant has been claimed.

7. Urgent Action

To report that the Clerk has taken the following 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 issues concerned 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.

8. MACKPlan progress report

As is reported elsewhere, application has 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.

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

The team will have a stand at the Tractor Run and Fete being held at Marystowe on 14th June and are working on collecting the evidence base needed to support the plan and on the design of the main questionnaire to be sent to every household in the plan area, although both of these are at an early stage.

It is suggested that all councillors should subscribe to MACKPlan e-newsletters and should take part in the current on-line survey, if they have not already done so. If that is agreed, the Clerk will make the necessary arrangements.

Councillors wishing to carry out the survey as soon as possible should go to:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DZBGHXX>

9. Grants to Parochial Church Councils for the maintenance of burial grounds

At the last meeting, the Clerk reported that he was not convinced that the annual grants for the maintenance of churchyards had all been paid to the relevant PCCs. It was agreed that Cllr Brewer would examine the records concerned to establish whether this was the case. The Clerk has since contacted the PCCs to invite them to apply for a grant for the 2015/16 financial year.

In responding to that request, several PCCs have provided information regarding the payment of previous years' grants and the Clerk and Cllr Brewer are investigating further and will report at the meeting.

10. Kelly Village Hall

A request has been received from the Kelly Village Hall Committee for financial support towards the running costs of Kelly Hall for the 2015/16 financial year. £50 has been paid in previous years and **the Council is requested to determine its response.**

11. Adopt a kiosk

BT is offering to sell some traditional phones boxes to local authorities or recognised community groups for £1. They must remain in situ, but can be used for a variety of purposes. There is a red phone box in Chillaton and it is available for sale.

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

If the box is 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 new owner.

The Clerk is seeking advice from the Council's insurers as to any marginal cost involved and will report at the meeting.

The Clerk is not aware of other phone boxes in the Council's area, but if there are any, then the following principles would apply, if they are accepted by the Council.

The Council is requested to consider whether to agree in principle to acquiring the phone box at Chillaton, subject to:

1. The emergency of a community group with specific proposals for the use and maintenance of the phone box and
2. the acceptance by the Council of the marginal insurance costs, if any, arising from its acquisition.

12. Renewable Community Energy Fund

The Devon Association for Renewable Energy [DARE] has approached parish councils to raise awareness of a fund that may finance studies into the potential to create community projects that produce renewable energy. More information is attached at **Appendix A**

The MACKPlan team felt that it was more appropriate for the Council to consider this request and **the Council's instructions are requested.**

13. Payments due

In accordance with Standing Orders, the Parish Clerk will seek authorisation at the meeting for any outstanding payments to creditors, to be made by the Parish Council.

14. Consideration of planning applications

To report the outcome of the consideration of planning applications by the relevant Planning Committees of the Parish Council.

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.

15. 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.

16. Dates of future meetings

Based on the equivalent dates for 2014/15, adjusted because there are no elections in 2015/16, the equivalent calendar of meeting for the coming year would be:

Wednesday July 1st 2015 Milton Abbot Village Hall

Wednesday 2nd September 2015 Marystowe Church Hall

Wednesday 4th November 2015 Milton Abbot Village Hall

Wednesday 6th January 2016 Marystowe Church Hall

Wednesday 2nd March 2016 Milton Abbot Village Hall

Wednesday 4th May 2016 Parish Meeting for Chillaton Marystowe Church Hall

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

The Council is requested to agree a schedule of meetings for the coming municipal year.