

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MILTON ABBOT GROUPED PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7TH JUNE 2017, 7.30PM AT MARYSTOWE CHURCH HALL
(also available at www.magpc.co.uk)

PRESENT: Cllr's H Asbridge (C) (Chair), C Beighton (C), J Anderson (MA), R Brewer (C), A Westcott (C), M Pahlsson (B), Cllr P Hough (MA)
(Cllr Representation: C – Chillaton, MA – Milton Abbot, D – Dunterton, B – Bradstone)

Mrs E James (Clerk), Cllr K Ball (DCC) and Cllr Edmonds (WDBC)

Cllr Asbridge, Chair, took the opportunity to thank Cllr Hough, who had been absent from the previous meeting, for his work as the previous Chair of the Council. He also informed the Council that Cllr Beighton had tendered his resignation with effect from the end of this meeting, as he would shortly be moving out of the parish. Cllr Asbridge thanked Cllr Beighton for his work as a parish councillor and on various community projects in Chillaton.

031:17/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr's A Cox (MA), R Tucker (MA), J Holland (D) and Cllr B Baldwin (WDBC)

032:17/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

033:17/18 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Ordinary and Annual Council meetings held on 4th May 2017 were **agreed** as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

034:17/18 PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

None.

035:17/18 COUNCILLOR KEVIN BALL, COUNTY COUNCILLOR FOR OKEHAMPTON RURAL DIVISION

Cllr Ball was welcomed to the meeting and gave a general overview of his role, which covered more than twenty parishes. His focus was therefore on issues in parishes which required his attention, rather than attempting to attend all parish council meetings, and, with prior notice of the issue concerned, would happily attend meetings if he could be of assistance in any way.

Cllr Ball went on to outline the financial challenges facing the County Council, the budget having been reduced substantially over the last four years, and highlighted the effect on Adult Social Care and Children's Services.

(Cllr Anderson arrived)

Cllr Ball also stated that:

The new highways contract had been let to Skanska, replacing South West Highways, from 1st April 2017, and the budget had been reduced slightly to 56m.

Funding per pupil in Devon following the Government's Fair Funding consultation was still substantially less than in other areas of the Country and had been challenged by DCC.

Questions were raised by Cllr's regarding the Highways contract and the Council Tax Support Grant.

036:17/18 PLANNING

Application for Consideration:

0875/17/LBC The Round House, Milton Abbot – Listed Building Consent for the installation of a through floor lift

Following consideration, the Council **agreed** to support the application.

Decisions for Noting: The Council noted the below decisions and that although conditional approval had been granted to 0254/17/FUL, the conditions set reflected the objections submitted by the Council.

0729/17/ARC Land Adjacent to Braemar House, Chillaton - Discharge of condition Approved

1550/17/TCA Elderberry Cottage, The Parade, Milton Abbot – Exemption Granted,

0254/17/FUL Land at Edgecumbe Road, Milton Abbot - Conditional Approval

1065/17/ARC Middle Edgcumbe Barn Edgcumbe, Road Milton Abbot - Conditional Approval

037:17/18 PROGRESS REPORTS

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Confirmation of approval of the grant request had been received, including the competition prize fund, the six month timescale for use of the fund commencing on 1st June. A date for the consultation survey to be set and undertaken in the coming weeks.

Milton Abbot Retaining Wall

Two grant funding bids, each for 50% of the cost, had been submitted to the Community Fund and TAP Funding. The result of the Community Fund bid should be received in early July. However the TAP funding application would not be considered until the October Link meeting. Neither of the applications would be considered retrospectively, therefore any appointed contractor would not be able to commence work until after the TAP Funding bid result was known, if the Council wished to postpone the work until that time.

It had been established that a Road Closure order would be required to be made, the cost of which was £800, and would take approximately two months to obtain.

Quote No.	Road Closure Cost (£800) Included	£ +VAT	£ Including Road Closure Cost (+VAT)	Quote Expiry Date
1.	No	£ 5,440	£ 6,240	22 nd August 2017
2.	Yes	£ 5,386	£ 5,386	24 th July 2017

It was resolved to establish:

- i) If the Contractors would be prepared to hold their quotation until after the TAP Fund decision had been received,
- ii) If the work could be undertaken satisfactorily over the winter months

Further consideration to the timing of the work and any consequential effect on funding to be given, at the next meeting.

Action: Clerk

038:17/18 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Bank Reconciliation and Budget Monitor

The bank reconciliation and budget monitor, dated 19th May 2017, were reviewed and **approved**.

Payments

The Council **approved** the below listed payments, to be paid by BACS/cheque:

- a) Milton Abbot Village Hall Committee, hall hire for Council meetings July 2016 to March 2017 - £56.00 (Chq No 513)
An additional date for hire of the hall on 1st June 2016 had been included on the invoice, however the Council did not meeting during the month of June, and the cost had therefore been deducted from the total invoice of £64.
- b) Hodgsons Accounts, payroll service for the period of six months to 5th April 2017 - £78 (Inc £13 VAT) (BACS)

BACS payment above, and Clerk's pay for June, once the details were known, to be set up by Cllr Westcott and authorised by Cllr Pahlsson.

Clerk's pay for May 2017, paid by BACS, was noted:

- Mrs E James - £123.58
- HMRC – £31.00

039:17/18 CHICHESTER ARMS, CHILLATON

Cllr Beighton reported on the progress Chillaton Community Enterprise Ltd and their bid to purchase the Chichester Arms. The Steering Group had not been able to complete the registration of a valid community organisation in time to trigger the second stage of the moratorium on the sale of the property. As a result, the pub could now be offered for sale on the open market, if the owners so wished.

Pledges of financial support totalling about £70,000 had been received and another public meeting was to be held on 13th June.

040:17/18 COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Cllr Asbridge requested that an item be included on the next agenda for consideration to be given to covering the cost of the hire of Marystowe Church Hall for public meetings in connection with the proposed acquisition of the Chichester Arms as a community pub.

Management of the Council's website, following the resignation of Cllr Beighton. Cllr Pahlsson to contact Jonathan Kelly to establish if he would be willing to undertake this and the potential cost, for discussion at the next meeting.

Action: Cllr Pahlsson

041:17/18 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

5 th July 2017	Milton Abbot Village Hall
2 nd August 2017	Marystowe Church Hall
6 th September 2017	Milton Abbot Village Hall
4 th October 2017	Marystowe Church Hall

1 st November 2017	Milton Abbot Village Hall
6 th December 2017	Marystowe Church Hall
3 rd January 2018	Milton Abbot Village Hall
7 th February 2018	Marystowe Church Hall
7 th March 2018	Milton Abbot Village Hall
4 th April 2018	Marystowe Church Hall
2 nd May 2018 (7pm)	Annual Parish Meeting for Milton Abbot Dunterton and Bradstone in Milton Abbot Village Hall
3 rd 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 8.30pm

Signed: Date:
Cllr Asbridge, Chairman

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