

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MILTON ABBOT GROUPED PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JANUARY 2018, 7.30PM AT MILTON ABBOT CHURCH HALL**  
(also available at [www.magpc.co.uk](http://www.magpc.co.uk))

**PRESENT:** Cllrs, P Hough (MA) (Chair), J Barkwill (C), James Anderson (MA), R Brewer (C)

(Cllr Representation: C – Chillaton, MA – Milton Abbot, D – Dunterton, B – Bradstone)

Ms S Honey (Clerk), Cllr Edmonds (WDBC), Cllr Baldwin (WDBC)

Members of the Public: Mr N Jasper, Mrs Jasper

**124:17/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

H Asbridge (C), A Westcott (C), Robert Tucker (MA), Andrew Cox (MA),

**125:17/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Barkwill declared a personal, non pecuniary interest in planning application 3363/17/FUL.

**126:17/18 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

**127:17/18 PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

Cllr Brewer wished to inform the council that a former councillor, Mr L Bennett had recently passed away.

**128:17/18 PLANNING**

3363/17/FUL

Homeleigh Chillaton

Construction of new dwelling in grounds of existing house

The Council **resolved** to support the application on condition that the drainage of the area that impacts on properties that share access and are adjacent to the proposed development are properly protected during construction and following the completion of this development.

1. The applicant being required to ensure that any remedial works to the adjacent shared driveway, necessary as a result of extra traffic during construction work, are undertaken on completion of the development.
2. That any temporary measures needed to prevent debris on the access way to the development site being washed onto the shared driveway, are in place before work commences.

3. That the re-instatement of permanent measures to prevent debris from being washed onto the shared driveway is carried out on completion of the development.

4152/17/HHO

Cardwell Farm Milton Abbot

Demolition of existing lean-to structure and replacement with new two storey extension

The Council **resolved** to make no comment.

4256/17/FUL

Land At Sherrill Cross Dunterton

Agricultural building

The Council **resolved** to make no comment.

### **129:17/18 PROGRESS REPORTS**

#### Milton Abbot wall – TAP Fund application

AC Worth, Builders, had informed the Clerk that they await permission for the road closure by Devon Highways; which they hope will be confirmed in January 2018.

#### Community Defibrillators

At the last meeting it was agreed that Cllrs Asbridge and Barkwill should look in more detail at the financial and practical implications of the provision of community defibrillators and report back.

Having considered their report, the benefits of efforts to improve the survival rate of residents suffering a heart attack at home, in which the provision of community defibrillators would be a key element, were acknowledged by the Council.

Cllr Anderson's proposal that funding for two such machines, ancillary equipment and training should be sought through the TAP fund was therefore **agreed**.

### **130:17/18 GRASS CUTTING**

Quotes from two out of the three contractors approached were received for cutting the grass in Milton Abbot between April and October 2018 on a fortnightly basis.

The cheapest quotation from the current contractor, JS Murrain (£628) was **accepted**.

### **131:17/18 GRANTS**

The Council was requested to determine whether the requests for additional grant aid made by Milton Abbot and Dunterton PCC and by Kelly Village Hall Committee should be approved and whether there should be any variation in the level of grant aid to these organisations. In addition, that the Clerk be authorised to pay the grants already approved for the current financial year, 2017/18.

It was **agreed** to defer making any decision until the repairs to the retaining wall in Milton Abbot were complete and any potential unidentified extra costs were known.

### **132:17/18 MEETING DATES**

Currently the Council meets on the first Wednesday of each month. The Council **agreed** to continue with this schedule through 2018/19, alternating between meeting in Milton Abbot Village Hall and Marystowe Church Hall.

### **133:17/18 DONATIONS TO CITIZENS ADVICE**

The Council considered making a donation to this service but due to other pressures **agreed** not to make a donation at this time.

### **134:17/18 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

#### Bank Reconciliation and Budget Monitor

The bank reconciliation and budget monitor, dated 07 December 2017, was reviewed and **approved**.

#### Payments

Ms S Honey - £1.50

Ms S Honey - £30.00

Ms S Honey - £22.97

Groundwork UK unused portion of Grant - £240.10 The Council requested more information of the amount of the original funding before consenting to payment.

Clerk's pay for December 2017, paid by BACS, was noted.

- Ms S Honey - £141.97

#### Authorised signatories

The Council's bank has decided that it will no longer allow the Clerk to view statements on-line; access being limited to those who are signatories authorised to initiate expenditure. It was recommended that the Clerk is made an extra signatory with the proviso that they do not authorise any transactions on behalf of the Council; such action being carried out only by two authorised parish councillors.

It was **agreed** that the Clerk can become a signatory.

#### 2018/19 Draft Budget and Precept

The Council considered the draft budget for 2018/19, in the light of its deferment of a decision on the level of grant aid for 2018/19. In order that it might have sufficient revenue to either continue grant aid as previously or meet other pressures in the next financial year, the Council approved the estimates as set out in Appendix E to the agenda, which would require a 2.9% increase in the budget, resulting in a 1.06% increase in the precept on a Band D property, equivalent to an additional £0.13 per year.

The Council **approved** the draft budget and precept.

**135:17/18 COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**

**136:17/18 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

7<sup>th</sup> February 2018 Marystowe Church Hall

7<sup>th</sup> March 2018 Milton Abbot Village Hall

4<sup>th</sup> April 2018 Marystowe Church Hall

2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018 (7pm) Annual Parish Meeting for Milton Abbot Dunterton and Bradstone in Milton Abbot Village Hall

3<sup>rd</sup> 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 8.20pm

Signed: .....

Date: .....

Cllr Asbridge, Chair