

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MILTON ABBOT GROUPED PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6TH APRIL 2016, 7.30PM AT MILTON ABBOT VILLAGE HALL

(also available at www.magpc.co.uk)

PRESENT: Cllrs P Hough (MA) (Chair), A Westcott (C), H Asbridge (C), C Beighton (C), M Pahlsson (C), Cllrs R Brewer (C), A Cox (MA), R Tucker (MA) (*arrived at 8.05pm*)

Cllr C Edmonds (WDBC), Dilys Lord (Locality Engagement Officer) and Mrs E James (Clerk)

129:15/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

J Anderson (MA), Cllr B Baldwin (WDBC) had also tendered his apologies (*email picked up following the meeting*)

130:15/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Westcott declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application 0540/16/OPA, Beeches Barn.

131:15/16 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd March 2016 were **agreed** as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

132:15/16 PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

There were no issues raised.

133:15/16 LOCALITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICER

Dil Lord was welcomed by the Chairman and asked to outline her role as a Locality Engagement Officer and that of the new service.

The Locality Service was a new role which started in June 2015. The idea was to merge some roles enabling both West Devon and South Hams Borough Councils, who are working together, to save money whilst still continuing to fulfil statutory duties.

The team consists of a Manager, 2 Engagement Officers and 4 Mobile Officers covering West Devon, Martin Sands being the Mobile Officer covering the parish.

Dil advised that her role was to act as the 'go to' person for Ward Cllrs, to support and assist Parish Council's, to engage with and be the link between the Community and WDBC. Members of the public can contact her directly through services@westdevon.gov.uk or by phone through WDBC. An on-line account system has been set up for use by members of the public who can use this to see all WDBC services relevant to them, including Council Tax etc. Issues such as pot holes and dog fouling can be passed on through Dil.

Mobile Officers are constantly travelling around their areas and deal with many issues including waste, fly tipping, street cleaning etc and also put up planning notices.

Cllr Asbridge commented that the road sweeping service was very good and thorough. Dil was asked to pass on issues with regards mud and gravel on the road in 2 locations; Chillaton and lanes to and from Marystowe following recent heavy rain, roadworks and subsequent diversion along the Marystowe road.

134:15/16 PLANNING

Appeal

Stables, Edgecumbe Road, Milton Abbot: The appeal had been held but no decision had yet been made.

(Cllr Tucker arrived at 8.05pm)

Applications

Cllr Tucker advised a non-pecuniary interest in planning application 0634/16/FUL. *(Cllr Westcott had previously advised a non-pecuniary interest in planning application 0540/16/OPA.)*

The Clerk was asked to add to future agendas links to the planning applications on WDBC's website.

The below planning applications were considered by the Parish Council who **resolved** to make the following responses;

- a) 0480/16/HHO: Youngcott, Road from Leigh Cross to Derri, Milton Abbot
Neutral
- b) 0634/16/FUL: Youngcott Barn, Sydenham Damerel, Milton Abbot
Support
- c) 0540/16/OPA: Beeches Barn, Lane to Down House Farm, Milton Abbot
Support

Action: Clerk to add planning application links to the agendas and to submit the responses

Decisions

Decisions of Conditional Consent to applications 3110/15/HHO and 3111/15/LBC were noted.

Lamber Hey House, Milton Abbot

Members of the public had been in touch with Cllrs and the Clerk regarding concerns they had about the work being carried out to this property and damage being caused to the roads by heavy vehicles accessing the site. These concerns had been forwarded to the Planning Department and Highways by the Clerk.

135:15/16 RETAINING WALL, MILTON ABBOT

Prior to the meeting a site visit was undertaken by the Cllrs to view the section of wall which was causing concern.

Cllrs discussed the condition of the wall and the need to ensure that it was safe, given the Parish Council's responsibilities under the lease from the Bedford Estate. After discussion, it was felt that employing a suitable contractor with experience of stone walling to carry out any necessary works to ensure that the wall was in a safe condition, would be the most cost-effective way forward.

It was therefore **resolved** that at least three local companies with specific experience of stone wall construction and maintenance, be asked to quote for any works deemed necessary in the opinion of those contractors to ensure that the wall was in a safe condition.

Action: Clerk to obtain quotations from local companies on the basis described above.

136:15/16 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Parish Council approved the following payments for which cheques were signed;

- a) Mrs James, Clerk's expenses in the sum of £12.96 as reimbursement for the purchase of stamps. (Chq No 502).
- b) DALC in the sum of £166.03 for 2016/17 Membership Fees (Inc. VAT of £21.17) (Chq No 503).

Clerk's pay for March, £119.41 and HMRC £29.80 (Chq No's 500 and 501), was noted.

137:15/16 PROMOTION OF THE NEW PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

Cllr Hough requested that the Parish Council consider ways in which the new website (magpc.co.uk) could be advertised. It was **resolved** that it would be flagged up in local newsletters and on noticeboards.

138:15/16 TIMING OF AGENDA/SUMMONS TO MEETINGS

The Clerk outlined the statutory requirement relating to timings of the issuing of Summons/Agendas to meetings. She requested that the Parish Council reconsider its previous agreement that the agenda be issued a week before meetings to the statutory 3 clear days in order that as many planning applications could be included in agenda's as possible. The Parish Council **agreed** to this request.

139:15/16 SOUTHERN LINK MEETINGS

Cllrs noted that the Clerk had requested Bere Feres Parish Council to consider funding her CiLCA training through their TAP grant.

140:15/16 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Cllr Pahlsson provided information regarding the latest traffic count data on Felldownhead Road, undertaken in March, which was now exceeding 500 vehicles per day during the week, and regarding unmaintained road signs and markings. The Clerk was asked to forward this information on to Simon Phillips at Highways.

Action: Clerk to write to Highways

Cllr Edmonds requested the Clerk forward him the response from Highways following the initial email sent regarding issues on Felldownhead Road.

Action: Clerk to forward information to Cllr Edmonds

Cllr Beighton advised that Cllr Pahlsson was now using his Parish Council email address and that he had reviewed the benefits of joining the PSMA/Parish Online solution versus alternatives for Mapping services as requested.

Action: Clerk to add to the next agenda

Cllr Brewer requested that the meeting dates for 2017/18 be set and that the Annual Meeting on 3rd May 2017 should be held at Marystowe rather than Milton Abbot. It was agreed that these dates would be reviewed in September in conjunction with the review of the trial of the additional meetings and procedure for reviewing planning applications.

Action: Clerk to add to the September agenda

Cllr Tucker requested that Rural Broadband be added to a future agenda for discussion.

Action: Clerk to add to a future agenda

141:15/16 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Wednesday 4th May 2016 Parish Meeting for Chillaton at 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.

1 st June 2016*	Milton Abbot Village Hall
Wednesday 6 th July 2016	Milton Abbot Village Hall
3 rd August 2016*	Marystowe Church Hall
Wednesday 7 th September 2016	Marystowe Church Hall
5 th October 2016*	Milton Abbot Village Hall
Wednesday 2 nd November 2016	Milton Abbot Village Hall
7 th December 2016*	Marystowe Church Hall
4 th January 2017	Marystowe Church Hall
1 st February 2017*	Milton Abbot Village Hall
1 st March 2017	Milton Abbot Village Hall
5 th April 2017*	Marystowe Church Hall
3 rd May 2017	Annual Parish Meeting for Chillaton - Marystowe Church Hall
4 th May 2017 (Thursday)	Annual Parish Meeting for Milton Abbot, Dunterton and Bradstone in Milton Abbot Village Hall followed by the Parish Council Annual and Ordinary meetings

*Note: Meetings dates followed by * are additional meetings which may be cancelled if not required. All meetings are on Wednesdays at 7.30pm unless otherwise specified*

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed:
Cllr Hough, Chairman

Date: