

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MILTON ABBOT GROUPED PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> MAY 2018, 7.30PM AT MARYSTOWE CHURCH HALL**

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**PRESENT:** Cllrs, (C) A Westcott (C) (Chair), H Asbridge, J Barkwill (C), M Pahlsson (B), R Tucker (MA), R Brewer (C), P Hough (MA)

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

Ms S Honey (Clerk), Cllr C Edmonds (WDBC), B Baldwin (WDBC) J Hiscock

**164:17/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

J Anderson (MA), J Holland (D)

**165:17/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**166:17/18 APPOINTMENT OF A PARISH COUNCILLOR**

Under Rule 8 of the Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) Rule 1986, the Council was now able to fill the casual vacancy for a Milton Abbot councillor by co-option, but no interest had been shown to date.

**167:17/18 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2018 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

**168:17/18 PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

It was noted that Cyril Blatchford, a Milton Abbot Councillor for several years, passed away recently.

The Clerk was asked to send a letter of condolence.

**169:17/18 PLANNING**

4232/17/LBC

Building Consent

Mrs S E Hambley Listed Building Consent for knocking down a stud wall dividing the kitchen from the pantry

7 Venn Hill Milton Abbot Devon PL19 0NY

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

4233/17/LBC

Listed Building Consent

Mrs S E Hambley

Listed Building Consent for creation of a hole through building wall for an LPG gas boiler flue outlet

7 Venn Hill Milton Abbot Devon PL19 0NY

The Council **resolved** to **note** that Building Regulations would be adhered to.

1280/18/LBC

Listed Building Consent for provision of WC facility to first floor of existing cottage

7 Venn Hill Milton Abbot Devon PL19 0NY

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

1055/18/OPA

Proposal Outline application (with some matters reserved) for construction of a dwelling

Site Address:

Land at SX 432817

Chillaton, PL16 0HR

The Council resolved to **object** to the proposal on the grounds that:

- I. The site is outside of the current settlement boundary and would represent an intrusive extension of the village into exposed open countryside.
- II. Its exposed, elevated, location would have a serious adverse impact on properties below, in terms of overlooking and noise disturbance.
- III. The extension of the village in this manner would create a precedent for the development of the adjoining parcels of land, resulting in a number of dwellings without access to mains drainage or an adequate highway.
- IV. Sewage disposal on-site is very likely to result in eventual seepage into the land occupied by properties below the proposed development.

## **170:17/18 PROGRESS REPORTS**

### Milton Abbot Wall

The Council was asked to consider payment of an invoice received from AC Worth Builders for the rebuilding of the wall. It included extra time incurred due to re-arrangement and resubmission of the original plans to Highways. The original cost had increased by another £750.00 plus VAT to a total of £7363.20.

The Council **agreed** to pay the original amount quoted but withhold the extra £750 until a detailed breakdown of the extra costs is provided. Due to TSB online banking problems, paid with Cheque No. 000517

The Clerk was authorised to make arrangements to monitor the wall at regular intervals and add the Wall to the Risk assessment.

#### **171: 17/18 VILLAGES IN ACTION**

Villages in Action (VIA) is a Devon charity running a rural touring performing arts scheme that supports communities in hosting live creative performances in their village and community halls. VIA enquired whether the parish council would like to support the scheme.

The Council **noted** the scheme but declined to join.

#### **172:17/18 APPOINTMENT OF A DATA PROTECTION OFFICER (DPO)**

The General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) will take effect in the UK on 25 May 2018. However, an update was received by the Clerk to advise that these regulations will not now affect Parish Councils.

#### **173:17/18 MILTON ABBOT VILLAGE HALL INVOICE**

Payment of an invoice for £32.00 for the hire of Milton Abbot Village Hall, for four parish meetings during 2017/18 was considered.

The Council **agreed** to pay the invoice. Due to TSB online banking problems, paid with Cheque No. 000516

#### **174:17/18 PERMISSION IN PRINCIPLE**

On 1 June 2018, an alternative way of obtaining Planning Permission: '*Permission in Principle*' will be introduced. Permission in Principle separates the consideration of matters of principle for a proposed development from the technical detail of the development and will be a different form of application to be determined within a quicker timescale and will have to be treated differently to planning applications.

Cllr Asbridge raised some concerns, especially with regard to the shorter timescales introduced by the system.

The Council **noted** the new system and **agreed** that Cllr Asbridge should send detail of the concerns to both Borough Councillors.

#### **175:17/18 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE CHURCH**

The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) has considered the issue of whether a parish council can provide financial assistance to the church (or other religious bodies). The Council was asked to consider whether it should still award the annual Grants in relation to the information contained in the NALC [legal briefing \(L01-18\)](#).

After consideration of the legal briefing note; the Council **resolved** to write to the four bodies, that had requested grant funding, and explain why the Council cannot award any grants until further clarification is received from NALC.

### **176:17/18 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

#### Bank Reconciliation and Budget Monitor

The bank reconciliation and budget monitor, dated 12 April 2018, was reviewed and **approved**.

#### Payments

DALC and NALC Affiliation fees and Service charge - £178.15 Due to TSB online banking problems, paid with Cheque No. 000515

- Clerk's pay for April 2018, paid by BACS, was noted.

### **177:17/18 COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**

None.

### **178:17/18 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

#### 2018

6 <sup>th</sup> June	Marystowe Church Hall
4 <sup>th</sup> July	Milton Abbot Village Hall
1 <sup>st</sup> August	Marystowe Church Hall
5 <sup>th</sup> September	Milton Abbot Village Hall
3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Marystowe Church Hall
7 <sup>th</sup> November	Milton Abbot Village Hall
5 <sup>th</sup> December	Marystowe Church Hall

#### 2019

2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Milton Abbot Village Hall
6 <sup>th</sup> February	Marystowe Church Hall
6 <sup>th</sup> March	Milton Abbot Village Hall
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Marystowe Church Hall

Annual Meetings (7.00pm)  
May 2018. To be confirmed.

*Note: All meetings are on Wednesdays at 7.30pm unless otherwise specified*

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed: .....

Date: .....

Cllr Westcott, Chair