

# **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 Milton Abbot Grouped Parish Council to be held at **7.30pm on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at Marystow Church Hall** for the purpose of transacting the following business:

**H.J. Asbridge, Acting Clerk to the Council**

Wednesday 26th February 2014

## **A G E N D A**

### **Part 1**

- 1. Open Session – Members of the Public may speak regarding parish matters**
- 2. Apologies for Absence**
- 3. Declarations of Interest**
- 4. Confirmation of Minutes - Additional Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2014**
- 5. Progress Reports**

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

Proposed Wind Turbine at Beckwell Farm – determination of planning application by WDBC.  
Proposed Wind Turbine at Ramsdown, Milton Abbot  
Liaison with Lifton PC.  
Affordable Housing in Milton Abbot  
Housing Needs Survey  
Extension of waste transfer station – Hayedown. The application for planning permission has been withdrawn.

### **6. Kelly Village Hall Grant Aid**

The Hon. Secretary to the Kelly Village Hall Committee has asked the Parish Council to provide financial support towards the running costs of Kelly Hall for 2014. Since 2012, when Bradstone joined MAGPC, a grant of £50 has been made to Kelly Hall. Before that, Bradstone had paid £100 p.a. and in return held parish meetings at the hall free of charge. Estimates for 2014 show a surplus of income over expenditure of £30 on a turnover of £875, prior to any grant from MAGPC.

Bearing in mind that those estimates make no provision for any necessary repairs and maintenance during 2014, it is recommended that a grant of £50 be made to the Kelly Village Hall Committee.

## **7. Grass Cutting 2014/15**

At the last meeting, it was agreed that tenders for grass cutting in 2014/15 would be invited from the three contractors who had previously expressed an interest. Because the paperwork held by the previous Parish Clerk has only been obtained very recently, it has not been possible to prepare invitations to tender, as no specifications for the work were available. Tenders will be invited as soon as possible, but will have a closing date after 5<sup>th</sup> March. If all are returned before then, the Parish Council will be asked to accept the most suitable at this meeting. If not, then the Parish Clerk will take urgent action, in conjunction with the Chair and Vice-Chair, to accept the most suitable tender immediately after the closing date.

## **8. Neighbourhood Plan**

We deferred further consideration of this matter until March/April this year. The increasing number of major planning applications before us makes the creation of a Neighbourhood Plan even more relevant, whilst at the same time our capacity to prepare one is reduced by the amount of other Parish Council work.

Nevertheless, we should review the current position and decide how to make further progress in 2014.

## **9. Influencing Services**

At our November meeting, we agreed that we would look at our local areas and identify any that were not covered by a regular eight-weekly cycle of street sweeping. WDBC has now been informed, as agreed, that the section of road without pavement, from the end of Marlow Crescent to the centre of Chillaton should be included in the high priority areas for autumn leaf clearance.

We also agreed to circulate the original paper on influencing local services and review street sweeping standards at a future meeting. **That paper was attached to the Agenda for the 20<sup>th</sup> February as Appendix C and, for convenience, is re-sent with this Agenda as Appendix A.**

The Parish Council is requested to consider what further action to take.

## **10. Community Alarm Monitoring Service – ‘Call24’**

A request has been received from Call24 to advertise their services in Parish Council publications, such as parish magazines, websites. The Company provides portable pendants that allow you to raise an alarm from anywhere within your home or garden. You would then be able to speak to someone who will call for assistance at any time of the day or night.

Does the Council consider that this product should be endorsed or should it be left to the Company simply to make its own arrangements with the relevant magazines and websites?

## **11. TAP Fund Applications**

**A schedule of applications for TAP funding has been circulated with this agenda, as Appendix B.** The Schedule will be considered by the Southern Link Committee at its meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> March and the Parish Council is requested to determine whether or not it wishes its nominees to support any of these requests for grant aid.

## **12. Frequency of meetings**

Having reviewed the current cycle of meetings and decided not to make any changes at present, we did agree to consider the need for an additional meeting, before the next one on 5<sup>th</sup> May.

## **13. Clerk's report on Urgent Decisions since the last meeting.**

If any.

## **14. 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.

## **15. To consider the exclusion of the public and press, in the public interest, for the consideration of the following item:**

Recruitment of Parish Clerk