

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MILTON ABBOT GROUPED PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2ND AUGUST 2017, 7.30PM AT MARYSTOWE VILLAGE HALL

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

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

Mrs E James (Clerk), Ms S Honey (Clerk), Cllr Edmonds (WDBC), Cllr Baldwin (WDBC)

054:17/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr J Anderson (MA)

055:17/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

056:17/18 APPOINTMENT OF PARISH CLERK

The Appointments Panel set up at the last Council meeting was to have been Cllrs Asbridge, Hough and Westcott. Due to unforeseen work commitments, Cllr Westcott was unable to take part in the interview process and at short notice Cllr Brewer took her place. The Panel therefore did not consist of all the members originally appointed and so the Council formally **ratified** the appointment of Ms Shane Honey as Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer.

057:17/18 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Draft Minute 046: 17/18 had not contained a reference to the Council's decision that the Appointments Panel should consist of Cllrs Asbridge, Hough and Westcott and it was **agreed** that it should be amended accordingly.

A complaint had been received from a Chillaton resident stating that the minutes did not give sufficient reasons for the decision of the Council not to provide financial support to the Chillaton Pub Steering Group. The Chair reminded the Council that Standing Orders did not permit any amendment to draft minutes unless it was considered that they were inaccurate and that no complaint had been made on that basis. The minute concerned also fully complied with the requirements contained in Standing Orders regarding the recording of Council decisions.

Accordingly, the Minutes of the meeting held on 5th July 2017 were **agreed** as a true record and signed by the Chair, subject to the amendment re the Appointments Panel referred to above.

058:17/18 PLANNING

Decision noted:

0957/17/HHO - Conditional Approval

Elderberry Cottage, The Parade, Milton Abbot - Extension to side of dwelling

Applications for Consideration:

2323/17/LBC - Listed Building Consent - Re-roofing works to existing farmhouse: Beera, Tavistock

The Council **resolved** to make no comment on this application.

2417/17/HHO - Erection of glazed sun room to rear: Higher Westcott Road past Higher Westcott, Brentor

The Council **resolved** to make no comment on this application.

059:17/18 PROGRESS REPORTS

Milton Abbot Retaining Wall

As authorised at the last meeting, the preferred contractor, AC Worth, had been contacted by the Clerk and had agreed to hold their quotation, subject to a review should the need for any additional work arise during the contract. A tentative start date of 23rd October had also been agreed.

The contractor had been informed that should additional work to that quoted for be required, it should not begin unless the Parish Council had agreed the extra cost involved. It was therefore necessary to put arrangements in place so that urgent consideration could be given to any estimate for such work, should the need arise and the Council agreed to authorise the Clerk to do so, subject to the concurrence of the Chair and Vice-Chair.

MACKPlan

Cllr Asbridge reported that so far only about 15% of the questionnaires had been returned, but there was still a month to go before the deadline for submission. He asked councillors to encourage residents to complete the survey and said that a publicity campaign based on the slogan 'Your voice – Your Choice' would start shortly. Cllr Edmunds said they had received about 30% of such questionnaires sent out when the Lifton neighbourhood plan was being produced. Cllr Asbridge said that this was regarded as a good response and it was the aim of the MACKPlan team to achieve this if possible.

Chillaton Community Pub Steering Group

Several complaints had been made about the Council's decision at its last meeting, *not to support this project financially at this time*. It was the complainants' opinion that this decision did not reflect the level of public support for the restoration of the Chichester Arms that had previously been expressed.

Cllr Asbridge, who had not been present when that decision was taken, having declared a financial interest, suggested that, as the Council had not ruled out further consideration of this request the Pub Group should be invited to put their case again, once more progress had been made. Cllr Westcott suggested that seeing a business plan and any other supporting information would assist the Council should it be asked to give further consideration to this request.

Accordingly, it was **agreed** that, in view of the concerns expressed by some local residents, the Chair of the Community Pub Steering Group be invited to attend the meeting of the Parish Council to be held on 4th October, to inform the Council of progress to date, so that it may determine whether or not it would then be appropriate to support the project in the way previously requested

Car Parking Chillaton

Following concerns raised by Cllr Westcott at the last meeting, Cllr Asbridge had met with the resident and discussed the safety issues, but the car in question was still regularly parked on the hatched safety markings near the bridge in the Square. Cllr Brewer said that he had received a complaint that the car had been there when the school bus had arrived in the afternoon, causing road safety concerns. It was therefore **agreed** that Cllr Westcott would also speak to the resident concerned and if that was unsuccessful, would contact the PCSO and ask him to take the matter further.

060:17/18 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Bank Reconciliation and Budget Monitor

The bank reconciliation and budget monitor, dated 19th July 2017, were reviewed and **approved** subject to the cost of the Chillaton noticeboard being met from the general budget, as was the Milton Abbot noticeboard.

Payments

Cllr Asbridge - MACKPlan expenses £974.80 [Funded by MACKPlan grant]
[Cllr Asbridge declared a financial interest in this item.]

John S Murrain - grass cutting = £288.00

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

Mrs E James - £152.06

HMRC – £38.20

Clerk - extra postage charge re MACKPlan = £3.00 [Funded by MACKPlan grant]

061:17/18 COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Cllrs Edmonds and Baldwin hoped to attend the next Council meeting to discuss the proposed amalgamation of West Devon and South Hams Councils.

Cllr Asbridge said that a report would be presented on the latest position regarding the draft Joint Local Plan.

062:17/18 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

6th September 2017 Milton Abbot Village Hall

4th October 2017 Marystowe Church Hall

1st November 2017 Milton Abbot Village Hall

6th December 2017 Marystowe Church Hall

3rd January 2018 Milton Abbot Village Hall

7th February 2018 Marystowe Church Hall

7th March 2018 Milton Abbot Village Hall

4th April 2018 Marystowe Church Hall

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

3rd 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 8.16pm

Signed:

Date:

Cllr Asbridge, Chair