

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MILTON ABBOT GROUPED PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2017, 8PM AT MILTON ABBOT VILLAGE HALL**

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**PRESENT:** Cllr's H Asbridge (C) (Chair), C Beighton (C), J Anderson (MA), R Brewer (C), A Westcott (C), A Cox (MA), R Tucker (MA), J Holland (D), M Pahlsson (B)  
(Cllr Representation: C – Chillaton, MA – Milton Abbot, D – Dunterton, B – Bradstone)

Mrs E James (Clerk), Cllr's Baldwin and Edmonds (WDBC) and three members of the public

**018:17/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr P Hough (MA)

**019:17/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr's Asbridge and Beighton declared an interest in Min Ref 026:17/18 regarding their involvement in the potential bid for the purchase of the Chichester Arms, Chillaton.

**020:17/18 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Cllr Pahlsson proposed an amendment to Min Ref 147:16/17, and following consideration it was agreed to amend the item to the following wording:

*Cllr Pahlsson reported that he had visited the applicant to discuss two specific issues, including the possibility of the provision of screening, following concerns raised by a member of the public and as agreed at Min Ref 125:16/17. Cllr Pahlsson's opinion was that screening was not necessary by the applicant due to the distance and layout of the land between the applicant and member of the public complaining.*

The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017, incorporating the above amendment, were **agreed** as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**021:17/18 PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

The members of the public present wished to speak regarding planning applications listed on the agenda. It was **agreed** that they would be permitted to speak when the relevant items were under consideration by the Council.

**022:17/18 URGENT ACTION**

A report regarding actions taken under the Council's urgency procedure as set out in the Council's Standing Orders was given by the Clerk and noted by the Council. Both of the actions related to the Chichester Arms in Chillaton and had been approved by the Chair and Vice-Chair.

- i) Payment of funds into the Council's bank account by members of the Steering Group to enable a feasibility survey and valuation of the premises to be undertaken within the given short time-scale.
- ii) The release of a press statement, in response to a request from the Tavistock Times, regarding the sale of the Chichester Arms.

## 023:17/18 PLANNING

### Applications for Consideration:

- **0887/17/FUL Land Adjacent to April Cottage, Chillaton** – Proposed erection of two bedroomed dwelling:

Following consideration of the application, and taking into account the views put forward by members of the public, the Council **agreed** to submit the following response:

The Council,

- i) understands the concerns of adjoining residents and trusts that the Planning Department will pay full regard to those that are determined to be valid objections on planning grounds, and
  - ii) considers that if this site is regarded by the Planning Department as being capable of any form of housing development, then the current proposal appears to be the most feasible design so far put forward by the applicant.
- **0957/17/FUL Elderberry Cottage, The Parade, Milton Abbot** – Householder application for an extension to side of dwelling:

The Council **agreed** to support the application

- **0770/17/FUL Enfield Barn, The Village, Milton Abbot** – Application for the erection of a three bedroomed house:

Following consideration of the application, and taking into account the views put forward by members of the public present, the Council **agreed** to OBJECT on the following grounds:

- i) That the site is situated close to the border of the Milton Abbot Conservation Area and would have an adverse impact on nearby properties therein.
- ii) That the site is situated outside the existing and proposed settlement boundary for Milton Abbot village and the proposal does not meet the criteria for development outside that boundary.
- iii) Vehicular access to the proposed development would be inadequate, given its narrow width and the poor sightlines at the point of exit from the site.
- iv) That the size and scale of the proposed development is inappropriate.

Applications for Information Only: The below listed planning applications were noted:

- 0729/17/ARC Land Adjacent to Braemar House, Chillaton
- 1065/17/ARC Middle Edgumbe Barn, Milton Abbot

### Footpath Diversion Order – Footpath No 2, Milton Abbot

The approval of the above diversion which incorporated a condition that a 2.4m field gate, compliant with British Standard 5709:2006 must be provided was noted.

## **024:17/18 PROGRESS REPORTS**

### Noticeboard - Chillaton

Delivery of the new Chillaton noticeboard, purchased from Notice Me, had been taken by Cllr Asbridge.

AC Worth Builders had provided verbal quotations for the fitting of the noticeboard;

- i) £75 +VAT if two visits were required; the first to remove the existing noticeboard and a visit return to fit the new one once the wall behind had been decorated, or
- ii) £40 +VAT for a single visit to fit the new noticeboard and dispose of the old one.

Following Cllr Beighton's offer to remove the existing noticeboard it was **agreed** that the quotation of £40 +VAT for the fitting of the noticeboard and disposal of the old one be accepted.

**Action: Cllr Beighton/Clerk**

### Milton Abbot Retaining Wall

In total six companies had been invited to submit quotations for repair work to the retaining wall in Milton Abbot, but only two had been returned, the main difference being that one anticipated the full closure of the road whilst the other did not.

The Council authorised the Clerk to take the following action:

- i) Establish how long the quotes were valid,
- ii) Liaise with Highways to establish if a road closure is required for the duration of the proposed work,
- iii) Submit grant applications to both WDBC Community Project Grants and TAP funding

**Action: Clerk**

## **025:17/18 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

### Bank Reconciliation and Budget Monitor

The bank reconciliation and budget monitor, dated 16<sup>th</sup> April 2017, were reviewed and **approved** following information from the Clerk that the note at the bottom of the Budget document was incorrect and should read *'the total earmarked funds is showing more than the.....'* rather than 'less' as stated.

### Payments

The Council approved the below listed payment, to be paid by BACS:

- a) Notice Me for the purchase of the new Chillaton noticeboard - £263.94 (Inc £43.99 VAT)

BACS payment above, and Clerk's pay for May, once the details were known, to be set up by Cllr Westcott and authorised by Cllr Beighton.

Clerk's pay for April 2017, paid by BACS, including the reduction in payment of £8.20 to HMRC as advised by Hodgsons Accountants was noted:

- Mrs E James - £123.78
- HMRC – £22.60

## **026:17/18 CHICHESTER ARMS, CHILLATON**

Cllr Beighton reported on the progress of Chillaton parishioners in their quest to establish the feasibility of the submission of a bid to purchase the Chichester Arms with the assistance of

the Plunkett Foundation. Chillaton Community Enterprise Ltd had been set up and a condition/valuation survey of the premises had been undertaken by a surveyor, although internal access had not been possible on the date of the inspection. The content of the report would be the deciding factor as to whether or not a bid would be submitted.

As reported at Min Ref 022:17/18, due to the restrictive time constraints permission had been granted for the holding of funds for the initial stages to be held by the Council. The Clerk confirmed that £960 had been paid into the account for this purpose. Cllr Beighton requested that an invoice from MJD Hughes in the sum of £900 Inc VAT, for the survey be authorised and paid, and that a further invoice yet to be received for the setting up of Chillaton Community Enterprise Ltd be authorised for payment on receipt. Both payments were **authorised** providing that their totals, including VAT, did not exceed the sum of £960 received. Cllr Westcott to set up the payments, to be authorised by Cllr Pahlsson.

#### **027:17/18 TREDOWN WASTE FACILITY PERMIT EPR/JB3038AU**

Confirmation had been received from the Environment Agency, following an enquiry made by the Clerk, that no changes to the operation of the facility had been, or were about to take place.

#### **028:17/18 FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS**

Cllr Brewer proposed that the Council revert back to its previous bi-monthly meeting structure.

Consideration was given to Cllr Brewer's report and to the benefits of the existing system of holding monthly meetings; that the shorter meetings meant that more time could be spent giving full and proper consideration to all items of business and that discussions about all planning applications were dealt with openly, fairly and with uniformity.

It was unanimously **agreed** that the Council would continue to meet monthly unless there was no business requiring attention by the Council that could not wait until the following month, but that the length between meetings would not exceed two calendar months.

#### **029:17/18 COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**

Cllr Cox requested that planning permission for the temporary use of a barn, for the duration of building work, situated near to Milton Abbot School be checked to ensure that it was still valid.

**Action: Cllr Cox to provide information**

#### **030:17/18 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

7 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	Marystowe Church Hall
5 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	Milton Abbot Village Hall
2 <sup>nd</sup> August 2017	Marystowe Church Hall
6 <sup>th</sup> September 2017	Milton Abbot Village Hall
4 <sup>th</sup> October 2017	Marystowe Church Hall
1 <sup>st</sup> November 2017	Milton Abbot Village Hall
6 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Marystowe Church Hall
3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2018	Milton Abbot Village Hall
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 9.34pm

Signed: .....  
Cllr Asbridge, Chairman

Date: .....