

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MILTON ABBOT GROUPED PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 03rd MARCH 2021, 7.30PM BY VIRTUAL ONLINE
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PRESENT: Cllrs; R Tucker (MA) (Vice Chairman) A Westcott (C), S Seamons (MA), R Brewer (C)
(Cllr Representation: C – Chillaton, MA – Milton Abbot, D – Dunterton, B – Bradstone)

Ms S Honey (Clerk), Cllr C Edmonds (WDBC), Mr R Allen

The Vice Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30pm

Open Session -none

066:20/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

M Ambrose (MA), J Barkwill (C), no equipment to join Zoom meetings

067:20/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

068:20/21 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2nd DECEMBER 2020

The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 2nd December 2020 were **agreed** as a true record and will be signed by the Chair at a later date.

069:20/21 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk informed the council that the Precept request for 2021/22 had been submitted.

070:20/21 PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

0359/21/HHO *Householder application for installation of greenhouse and summerhouse in garden Quither Barn, Milton Abbot. PL19 0PZ*

After a short discussion the Council **resolved to Support** the application as an improvement to living conditions.

Cllr R Brewer mentioned the new communications installation planned for Chillaton and asked the Clerk to request the communications cupboards all be placed to the north of the pole to aid grass cutting.

071:20/21 MACKPLAN REPORT

Mr R Allen (Chair of MACKPlan) gave the following report:

The MACK Plan Regulation 14 consultation period is now complete, having run from 23 December 2020 until 20 February 2021. We are now in the process of examining each comment whether from residents or the many statutory consultees who were engaged.

We are drafting responses and if appropriate amending the MACK Plan itself to reflect this input. All comments, our responses and subsequent changes to the MACK Plan are recorded in a document known as the Consultation Statement which must be presented to WDBC when the Regulation 15 version of the MACK Plan is submitted. The Consultation Statement then becomes a public document. Of the residents and local organisations, the comments have been positive in 86% of cases. Unsurprisingly agents are arguing in favour

of the sites that they represent, and the broader statutory consultee responses have been constructive and helpful in nature.

Two other pieces of work are being undertaken by AECOM, both funded as technical support so not being paid for from our grant. They are the Strategic Environmental Assessment and the Habitats Regulations Assessment.

When we have prepared the Regulation 15 document package for submission, probably in April, it will first go through a Locality health check before being formally submitted to WDBC - by you as the qualifying body. WDBC then run a second 6 week consultation period known as Regulation 16 before the MACK Plan is given to a formal Examiner where it is rigorously scrutinised for legal and planning coherence. If it passes this check then WDBC will arrange for a referendum for residents to vote on whether they wish to support the MACK Plan or otherwise.

One final point, we met with members of Devon County Council Highways department to discuss their response to the Regulation 14 consultation and to explore ways in which parking and speeding could be alleviated.

This was a constructive meeting which resulted in some sensible proposals and the ruling out of others. Most significantly was the revelation that removing the white line down the centre of the road through villages and adding white lines to edges results in a perception that the road is narrower which results in traffic slowing subconsciously. This is a recognised technique that would be applicable to both Chillaton and Milton Abbot and could be done in connection with the next road maintenance. A much more conspicuous Milton Abbot primary school sign, in terms of size and visibility from the road before reaching the school, was also suggested. It is our intention to include these proposals as community actions.

Finally, a gateway feature was suggested at the eastern entrance to Milton Abbot as part of the proposed development. Highways evidence suggests that such a feature makes a clear delineation of the point of entering the village and again has the effect of slowing traffic.

Mr R Allen left the meeting.

072:20/21 FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Bank Reconciliation

The bank reconciliation (App A) and budget monitor (App B), for December 2020 to 28 February 2021 was reviewed and **approved** along with the following payments (paid using SO 17. (h) Emergency business):

2. Payments

- Dartprint Ltd - £1256.28
- Mr G Vanstone - £877.59

Clerks pay for December 2020 to February 2021 by BACS

073:20/21 MACKPLAN SPEND AGAINST GRANT FOR INFORMATION

The Clerk explained that the final invoice for the MACKPlan grant, amounting to £144.00 (£120.00 EX VAT), had been submitted after the agenda was issued.

The Clerk asked the council if they were happy with the final **updated** unspent figure of £3,739.51 which included the invoice for £120.00 ex VAT, (not noted on the published Appendix C which showed an unspent total of £3,859.51), as any unspent grant money had to be returned by 31 March 2021.

The grant money did not include VAT as the council could reclaim this.

The council **resolved to agree** to return £3,739.51 to Groundwork.

074:20/21 ANNUAL MEETING AND PARISH MEETING DATES FOR MAY 2021 FOR DISCUSSION AND AGREEMENT

After the Clerk explained the latest updates and advice from DALC in relation to covid-19 and the possible return to face to face meetings after 7th May, the council **agreed to NOT hold a *Parish*** meeting in 2021.

The **council agreed** Wednesday 5th MAY 2021 as the date of the next council meeting, which will also be the ***Annual meeting***, held by Zoom.

075:20/21 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Cllr S Seamons explained that there was a hope that land behind Lutyens Fold, owned by WDBC, would be re-opened as allotments.

076:20/21 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The **council agreed** Wednesday 5th MAY 2021 as the date of the next meeting, which will also be the Annual meeting, held by Zoom.

The Vice Chairman closed the meeting at 8.00pm

Signed:

Cllr M Ambrose, Chair

Date: