

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Milton Abbot Village Hall on Wednesday
7th July 2021 at 7.30 pm.**

Present: M Ambrose (MA) Chairman, R Tucker (MA), S Seamons (MA), A Westcott (C), G Vanstone(MA).

Plus One member of the Public was present.

The Minutes of the meeting were taken by Amanda Westcott in the absence of the Clerk.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30 pm.

023:21/22. Apologies for Absence

R Brewer (C), Cllr C Edmonds (WDBC)

024:21/22 Declarations of Interest

These had been received from A Westcott and R Brewer in respect of the Planning Applications for Beckwell, Meadwell, Kelly

025:21/22 Confirmation of the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5 th May 2021.

These were signed as a true and correct record.

026:21/22 Emergency plan

The Chairman welcomed Martin Rich from Devon Communities Together, part of the Devon Resilience Forum. Martin gave a talk on the County Council initiative to pool resources in the local community and all the Emergency Services together. Councillors were given a template to look at of a draft plan to cover all aspects that would be required to complete a plan for the Community. Funding to the value of £300.00 would be available to help with resources such as photocopying and leaflets. Membership of the Devon Communities Together would be £25.00 paid annually. Councillors resolved to look at the Plan Template and consider at a later meeting.

027:21/22. Correspondence.

A letter was received from Lorna Garrod regarding the grass outside her property at the entrance to Higher Edgcombe Lane.

The Chairman agreed to follow this up.

028:21/22 Planning.

The Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 2nd June at Milton Abbot Hall were signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

The Meeting was in respect of the Applications for **Beckwell. This covered six applications by the same Applicant.**

1550/21/Ful - Application for proposed steel ringed slurry tower

1551/21/Ful - Application for proposed 1st Cut Silage Clamp

1552/21/Ful - Application for proposed 2nd Cut Silage Clamp

1577/21/Ful - Application for proposed cubicle and covered feed building

1578/21/Ful - Application for proposed cubicle, covered feed and handling building

1676/21/Ful - Application for proposed cubicle, covered feed and parlour building.

The Council resolved to **Support** the application but with the following recommendations as noted below;

1. There is no mention of what controls will be put in place to control slurry and silage effluent over the concrete areas, and risk to ground water, (Clean water was to be kept separate with a cover over slurry store and effective guttering for the building), there will be dirty water produced.
2. No firm outline was drawn in the plans for screening by trees against the highway hedge. The drawings show new trees but not a lot of detail of where they will be placed.
3. A new access onto the highway was proposed by the owner. We couldn't see an existing gateway from the field. I would suggest we ask them to use the existing farm entrance.
4. This is a very big development against a parish road, I feel we should ensure all relevant legislation is adhered to by applicant.
5. No environmental impact assessment has been carried out.

1385/21/HHO. Householder application for erection of summerhouse 22 The Parade, Milton Abbot.

The Council resolved to **support** the application.

1834/21/HHO. Erection of Art Studio. 3 Chillaton Court. PL16 0JG.

Councillors resolved to **support** this application at the meeting.

029:21/22 Financial Matters.

The Bank Reconciliation and Budget Monitor were approved by Councillors present. Payment of the Clerk Salary for May and June 2021 and Hodgsons payroll were noted.

030:21/22. Progress reports.

Allotment Association. A request was received to pay 1760.00 + vat for soil testing. It was resolved the Council find out if a soil test was mandatory and if so what the soil was being tested for.

Councillor R Tucker left the meeting at 20.21

031:21/22. Milton Abbot Road Safety Update.

Sonia Callaway had asked the Chairman to put a copy of a letter received from Geoffrey Cox on the website. A Scarf review has been undertaken and Highways were happy to share the data.

032:21/22. Mackplan.

Gary Vanstone provided an update on the current progress following their meeting of 7th July 2021. Since the last MAGPC meeting we have been working on the Regulation 15 plan - which is the version that will go to WDBC for their official review.

This has involved the following:

- * Producing a draft Regulation 15 Plan incorporating our responses to the inputs received at the Regulation 14 consultation.
- * Receiving a Strategic Environmental Assessment by an independent body called AECOM.
- * Receiving a Habitat Regulation Assessment by AECOM.
- * A critique of the Regulation 15 Plan by Duncan Smith the NP advisor at WDBC.
- * A health-check of the Regulation 15 Plan by Locality.

These independent and required assessments of the Regulation 15 Plan provided inputs which are leading to changes in the Plan. We hope to have his work finished soon ready for the Plan to be submitted to WDBC.

033:21/22. Code of Conduct.

Councillors agreed to adopt the new Councillor Code of Conduct.

034:21/22. SLCC Membership fees.

Councillors agreed to pay the shortfall in the SLCC membership fees incurred by the Clerk for the years 2020 and 2021. Horrabridge Parish Council pay the bulk of the fees being £130.00 and £175.00. The full fees were £195.00 and £199.00 making a shortfall of £89.00.

035:21/22. Councillors report and items for Future Agenda.

Community Emergency Plan and Allotment Association.

036:21/22. Next Meeting.

To be held on Wednesday 1st September 2021 at Marystowe Hall at 7.30 pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.35 pm.

Signed:.....(Chairman)

Date:.....