ABBAS AND TEMPLECOMBE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held on the
12th February 2019

PRESENT Councillors R Cave (Chairman), Sarah Webb (Vice Chair), C James, G Wilson, Paula Batchelor, C Hukins, Rachel Badger, A Haskell, A Kerry, S Badger

IN ATTENDANCE
3 Parishioners, Mr Hayward Burt (District Councillor)

It was noted that an election page had been created on the Village website and the Parish Councillors are welcome to include a message.
D Seares, on behalf of the Templecombe In Bloom Group, gave a report on recent works carried out and future plans. Some of the main points reported are as follows:-

- Local schools have been contacted to see if they may wish to incorporate the In Bloom as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme Programs
- Further work has been carried out to the recreation ground pathways. There appears to be some frost damage under where the over spill of soil and weed had built up over the years.
- The flower bed by the Sports and Social Club has also been tidied, weeded, shrubs pruned and some plants added that have been salvaged from the Templers Retreat
- The routes of the existing drains and mains water/electric supply lines have been checked initially and will be checked again before any planting of the Italian Cypress trees. The Sports and Social Club have offered to pay for the trees
- The group intend to paint the two metal benches by the two trees and attempt to clean and revitalise the upvc ones at the top of the football pitch
- It is hoped to grow plants at the back of the grass area at Templars Barton and carry out some sowing of wild flowers and install some insect friendly habitats along the Vine Street hedge
- Judging route yet to be agreed but it is felt what is achieved for the Village and community is more important that the day of judging and its awards. They will receive advice from the judges in the spring
- Parish Council are welcome to make suggestions of areas that could be enhanced
- The In Bloom group are looking to the Parish Council for financial assistance and it has been suggested that a request is made for a contribution of £800

Chairman thanks Mr Seares for the report and the Members would discuss a contribution to the group within the meeting.
A volunteer from the Friends of Templecombe Station (FOTS) reported that the station yards are in a dangerous state. There are extensive lawn areas and the group have been informed that no mechanical equipment/anything with a motor can be used. The land is owned by Network Rail and the actual boundary is half way through the lawn area. Currently there are 27 members of FOTS who give their time voluntarily. The Parish Council were asked to write to South West Railway expressing their support of the work carried out by the FOTS.
Mr Hayward Burt reported that the SSDC new website is up and running. The planning portal is still not working correctly and there are still a number of planning applications outstanding. During the snow the waste collections were picked up as when the crews had completed their usual routes. There was some confusion as to when the catch up collections would be made and it was felt Somerset Waste Partnership may need to come up with a better plan for bad weather conditions. Problems were still being experienced with the trains and it was felt Templecombe were coming off badly as opposed to Castle Cary.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Mr William Wallace (District/County Councillor)

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS
A Kerry declared an interest in Agenda item 15) Highway Matters – 1) Road Scheme – update. A Haskell declared an interest in Agenda item 8) Templecombe Scout Group.

3 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 8TH JANUARY 2019
It was proposed by Rachel Badger and seconded by C Hukins that the draft Minutes, as previously circulated, be agreed as correct and signed by the Chairman.

4 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8.1.19 (IF ANY, THAT ARE NOT GOING TO BE DEALT WITH IN THE MEETING)
None

5 CORRESPONDENCE

Received since the last meeting as discussed:-

1) Somerset Waste Partnership – January 2019 Briefing - Noted.

2) NALC – Open letter to Councillors – Noted.

3) NALC –Media release – Inquiry by Prime Minister's Independent Advisory Body backs NALC call to strengthen standards regime for 100,00 Councillors – Noted.

4) Chief Inspector Sharon Baker Avon and Somerset Police – e mail dated 9.1.19. Chairman read out the e mail indicating that the local policing team will try to attend Parish Council meetings when they can, if their shift pattern allows. Clerk reported that she had recently spoken to PSCO John Winfield and Sara Stephenson – Neighbourhood Beat Manager and they indicated that they would attend meetings when possible.

5) G Kerry – Cardboard recycling – e mail dated 28.1.19. Chairman read out an e mail dated 12.1.19 from Emma-Sophie Gerrish – Somerset Waste Partnership. She stated that they no longer provide community recycling facilities. This service was withdrawn for both economic and environmental considerations.

6) Update provided by Mr Hayward Burt 8.2.19 – Latest Statement on the future of Local Government in South Somerset. Noted.

6 PLANNING

1) Determination of Applications

Application no 18/02571/FUL – Newleaze Farm Bowden Road Templecombe – The use of existing building as B2 General Industrial use (retrospective) and the erection of two extensions to commercial building **(Granted)**

Application no 18/03815/COU – Change of use from retail (Use Class A1) to mixed use retail and cafe (Use Class A1 and A3) – Post Office Building 2 High Street Templecombe **(Granted)**

2) Notification of Area East Committee Meeting to be held on the 13th February 2019 at 9.00 am at The Council Offices Churchfield Wincanton (R Cave)

No matters to report.

3) Planning application no 19/00025/OUT – Outline application for the erection of a two storey detached dwelling with all matters reserved except for access – Land adjoining 26 Throop Road Templecombe

Sarah Webb reported the following points on the above application:-

- Application had now been amended indicating that the sewage disposal would be dealt with by a separate sewage treatment unit
- The outline application indicated 4plus bedrooms. It is felt that a cottage style property 2/3 bedrooms, would be more in proportion and scale to the former cottage that was originally on the proposed plot.
- It is felt that the scale does not meet the need, going forward, within the Village and is contrary to Policy SS2

Members objected to the application as it is felt there is no need for 4plus bedroom properties as there are presently plenty available on the current market. It is also considered that the application is contrary to Policy SS2.

4) Planning application no 19/00184/S73A – Section 73A application to vary condition 1 (approved plans) of planning application 17/04047/S73A to amend Plot 1 from a single storey bungalow to a 2 storey dwelling – Land rear of 18 to 24 Westcombe Templecombe

Members discussed the above applications and made the following comments:-

- Although this is considered as a paper exercise the Members strongly object to the replacement of a single storey bungalow with a two storey dwelling as it is felt this is out of proportion
- Members are also discontented with the way the planning has been dealt with by the Developers

7 ACCOUNTING MATTERS

Members were in agreement to the Clerk submitting the necessary paperwork to NatWest Bank to remove the signatures of J Grierson, M Batchelor and C Mintern.

1) To approve accounts and sign cheques

It was proposed by C Hukins and seconded by C James that the following cheques be paid:-

Mr C Batchelor – Refund for purchase of Mitox 270UX Premium Strimmer	229.00
Glasdon UK Limited – Purchase of Dog Waste Bin for Throop Road	152.03
J Pratt (Groundsman) – Salary/Expenses January 2019	190.00
T Chapman – Salary/Expenses February 2019-02-12	370.16

2) Henstridge Youth Club – Acknowledgement of Donation

Chairman reported the thanks of Henstridge Youth Club for the donation made of £200.00. They would supply a summary of the accounts in due course.

3) Golden Age – request for donation for equipment

Chairman referred to an e mail received from Trish Foers on behalf of the Golden Age Group asking for a donation towards equipment for group craft activities. It was proposed by A Kerry and seconded by G Wilson that a donation of £50.00 be made. All Members were in agreement.

4) Templecombe Village Hall – Purchase of lightweight tables

Chairman reported that for health and safety reasons the Village Hall Committee have indicated to the Parish Council that they are looking to replace the old very heavy tables currently used in the Village Hall with new stronger lightweight tables. The Village Hall Committee has agreed to fund the majority of the cost and a buyer has been identified for the old tables. The cost of replacing the tables will be in the region of £1,547 to £1,031 depending on how many are purchased. It is thought 12 would be sufficient.

5) Yeovil Shopmobility – request for donation

The request for a donation would be considered when agreeing donations to be made in 2019/20.

6) Review of Groundsman's salary

Chairman read out an e mail received from the Goundsman. Members reviewed his current salary and it was agreed it should be increased to £10.00 per hour as from 1st April 2019.

7) Other

Clerk reported that the Utility Warehouse electricity account, for January 2019, amounted to £24.65. The following monies have also been received:-

Templecombe Sports and Social Club – water refund £1,081.76
Templecombe Rovers Football Club – water/electricity refund 289.11

8 TEMPLECOMBE SCOUT GROUP REPORT/SCOUT HUT – C HUKINS

1) Scout Hut proposals – update

The engrossed copy of the Lease, with the agreed amendments, had now been received. It was proposed by Sarah Webb and Rachel Badger that the document should be signed. The Lease was duly executed by the Chairman and Vice-Chair and witnessed by the Clerk. Clerk would return signed Lease to Rutter and Rutter.

9 VILLAGE HALL – A HASKELL/C HUKINS

A Haskell reported on the Committee meeting held on the 21st January 2019 as follows:-

- Mr B Chaplin had resigned from the Committee after many years of service
- End of year accounts were in the process of being finalised. The hall had made a profit of £2,082.42
- The insurance was up for renewal in March and Came and Co had been asked to provide a quote
- Storage room had been completed for a cost of £140.00. Water leak had been repaired.
- Eileen Bate is obtaining a quotation for the refurbishment of the kitchen. The toilets would also be considered for refurbishment. It is felt the kitchen should be of a good standard as the facilities at the Village Hall would be used in the event of an emergency and cooking facilities would be a high priority. Grants will be investigated.
- Next meeting scheduled for the 18th March.

10 TEMPLECOMBE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY/RECOVERY PLAN – UPDATE (R CAVE)

Chairman had circulated copies of a document he had produced "Preparing for Emergencies" what you need to know prior to the meeting. Members were happy with the content and it was suggested that the document be copied to all households, put on the website and have copies available in the shops.

11 TEMPLECOMBE IN BLOOM – REPORT ON MEETING HELD ON 16.1.19

A copy of the report on the meeting held on the 16th January 2019 had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting. Following on from the update given by D Seares in the open session Members discussed how the Parish Council could assist financially. It was proposed by C Hukins and seconded by A Kerry that a donation of £400.00 is made to the group now and at a later stage consideration be given to making a further donation of £400.00. All Members were in agreement. The Parish Council would need to see a breakdown of how the monies are spent in due course. It was also suggested the Co-op could be approached for sponsorship.

12 PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE – UPDATE

A Kerry had nothing to report. Information continues to be uploaded.

13 PARISH PLAN/NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – TEMPLECOMBE ACT TOGETHER – PROPOSAL (G KERRY) – UPDATE

A Kerry reported that a meeting was held to discuss the project. There was little feedback on the proposed flyer content. A further meeting would take place on Tuesday 19th February at 7 pm in the Village Hall to finalise the proposed flyer, printing and delivery. The project is possibly now going to clash with the period of Purdah associated with the forthcoming elections.

14 CONSULTATIONS – FOR ANY COMMENTS THE MEMBERS MAY HAVE ON THE FOLLOWING:-

a) NALC – Governments Clean Air Strategy

It was noted there was no reference to the effects of aircraft.

15 HIGHWAY MATTERS

1) Road Scheme – update

A Kerry reported that SCC has offered to make some changes to Build Out 3 to improve visibility and Build Out 4. Whilst onsite the Contractors will paint in the hatched area between Build Out 4 and the adjacent properties. Mr William Wallace's SIS scheme had the sum of £60,000 ring fenced. It was noted that it cost £40,000 to put in the four build outs.

A response had been sent to SCC indicating supporting the proposals to make the modifications as suggested but it was emphasised that they should not impact the Traffic Calming Review in terms of the scope or timing.

a) Meeting with SCC for Traffic Calming Review – update

A Kerry reported that the consultation meeting to discuss the scope of the review of the traffic calming installation had fallen through. SCC had been awaiting confirmation of dates from WSP but they had sighted "conflict of interest" as a reason for potentially making themselves unavailable for the task of reviewing the traffic calming scheme. A Kerry had found two other firms, who could potentially carry out the review during March. One of them would provide a price by tomorrow and the other charged per hour. Definitive guidelines will be useful for future works in the Village.

b) Communication with Thales inviting them to support our position on the Traffic Calming situation

It was felt that the Parish Council would welcome their support and any information on issues they may have in relation to traffic concerns and the traffic scheme.

2) Speed Indicator Devices – e mail from Henstridge Parish Council dated 23.1.19

Chairman referred to the e mail and the offer of joining a speed indicator device scheme. It was felt the Parish Council should hold off making any decision on speed indicator devices until after the review of the road scheme has been carried out.

3) The Dorset Lengthsman – details of available services to Parish Councils

Chairman referred to the letter and the services offered were noted for future reference.

4) Other

No matters to report.

Councillor C Hukins and Mr Hayward Burt (District Councillor) left the meeting at 8.43 pm

16 FOOTPATHS

a) Footpath WN 29/20 – Broken Stile (adjacent to Newleaze Farm)

S Badger reported that he had met with Mr J Grierson and had collected the paperwork and equipment. He would have a look at the broken stile at Newleae Farm.

17 TREE WARDEN'S REPORT

C James reported that he was continuing to monitor the trees in the Recreation Ground and School Lane.

An e mail had been received from a resident of Yarmbarton in connection with the overhanging tree situated by the Doctor's Surgery and the Knapp. It was unsure who it actually belonged to and it was felt it was probably on no man's land. C James would investigate the matter.

18 BURIAL GROUND/CLOSED CHURCHYARD

1) Maintenance of closed Churchyard and Burial Ground – update

No matters to report.

2) Other

No matters to report.

19 RECREATION GROUND MATTERS/CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

A) Play Area

1) Weekly/Quarterly/Annual Play Inspection Reports/Maintenance Action Plan – update

Paula Batchelor referred to the quarterly inspection report:-

- Round up would be put around posts
- A new buffer had been purchased for the zip wire

- The hedge and brambles had been cut back by the basket ball/goal end
- C Batchelor would remove the grind rail

Chairman thanked Paula Batchelor for her report and for obtaining the various quotations which would be held on file. He felt that the Parish Council were now looking towards the end of the 2019 summer season to carry out the work to the BMX Track and MUGA.

a) Update on Quotations (if applicable)

i) Playdate Trim Trail

ii) Play UK (Playgrounds) Ltd/Trax S N Jenks – MUGA area/BMX Track

iii) Just Markings – lines for MUGA

All quotations to be held on file for future reference

b) Other matters needing action – if applicable

None.

B) Social Club

1) Social Club Report (C James/S Badger)

No matters to report.

2) Proposed extension to buildings at Recreation Ground – update if applicable

Chairman reported that the Sports and Social Club had received a quotation of £21,000 for the building of the extension. They estimated a further £6,000 would be needed to fit it out. They currently had confirmation of £9,500 from Virador. No funds would be forthcoming from SSDC due to 106 Agreement on Slades Hill. Also no funds would be available from the Big Lottery. The Sports and Social Club had set aside £10,000 and they had a deficit of £7,500. It was proposed by Sarah Webb and seconded by A Haskell that the sum of £5,000 set aside in the budget towards the proposed extension should now be paid to the Sports and Social Club towards the costs of the building works.

C) Review of Groundsman's mowing equipment for annual servicing

Groundsman had supplied Paula Batchelor and Clerk with a list of the machinery. C Batchelor would be willing to liaise with the Groundsman to transport the machinery to Wincanton for servicing.

D) Summer Fete insurance claim

Chairman referred to the advice received from the insurance company. The Parish Council would accept responsibility and steps had been taken to make the post more secure. A cap could be made to fit in the tray when the post had to be removed in the future. A letter would be sent to the Sports and Social Club requesting them to ensure that the post is replaced and not left out.

E) Other

No other matters to report.

20 ANY OTHER BUSINESS/ITEMS FOR AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING ON THE 12th MARCH 2019

A Kerry pointed out that if the quotes for the Road Scheme review are received prior to the March meeting a decision may have to be made. The sum of £5,000 had been included in the Budget and it was agreed that if the quotes came in below £4,000 the decision to proceed would be left with Sarah Webb, R Cave and A Kerry.

With the Elections approaching R Cave suggested placing information posters in Westcombe Stores, Sports and Social Club and Bridge Fish and Chip Shop.

G Wilson felt that thought should now be given to the 75th Anniversary of D-Day in June.