ABBAS AND TEMPLECOMBE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held on the
11th July 2017

PRESENT Councillors M Batchelor (Chairman), R Cave (Vice Chair), J Grierson, C James, G Wilson, Paula Batchelor, C Mintern, A Haskell

IN ATTENDANCE
4 Parishioners, Mr William Wallace District/County Councillor

Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and commenced the open session.

Eileen Bate, on behalf of the WI, introduced a forthcoming event they were hosting entitled "Get to know your Village". Various organisations would be invited and they would have a chance to show what they offer and promote a feeling of community. The event will be held on the 7th October from 2-5 pm in the Village Hall. An invitation would be given to the Parish Council.
Mr Badger referred to a letter and photos he had sent in to the Parish Council in connection with the verge outside of Rachel's Stables. He has maintained the verge for the last five months. The maintenance has greatly improved the visibility making it safer for motorists, pedestrians and horse riders. Also it has allowed the oak trees more daylight and growing space and avoided the build up of rubbish. He had experienced some opposition from the owner of the neighbouring property who did not want the maintenance to continue. The Chairman expressed the thanks of the Members who were happy for the upkeep of the verge to continue. Clerk to confirm in writing.

A Kerry enquired if there was an update on the proposed visit, by Somerset County Council (SCC), to discuss the issues with build out 4. Cameras had been positioned at build out 4. The police motorbike had now monitored the speed, from the Church Hill location, on two occasions and the sessions have demonstrated that speed is not being controlled. The police are unable to monitor the speed, within the 20 mph limit in the vicinity of build out 4, as there is not a suitable location from the Bridge. Chairman pointed out that the Parish Council had, in the past, put in a Freedom of Information (FOI) request to obtain speed reports from the Police. It is generally felt that the 20 mph speed limit has reduced the speed of vehicles. The issue of space at build out 4 has not been addressed.
William Wallace responded, he had met with Mr Alyn Jones at SCC. He reported that the recent installations of cameras at build out 4 were intended to monitor congestion and any property damage. They had avoided the School holidays and monitoring took place during 24hr periods. He also is going to meet with David Fothergill (SCC). What he did not want to happen was to get the same response from the Highways team that the traffic scheme appears to be working most of the time. It is evident that HGVs are using pedestrian areas to negotiate the High Street and walls are being damaged. He asked if parking was not allowed, on the side of the road by the Templars Place Flats, would it help. A Kerry commented that it would make the walls more visible. William Wallace would pursue with SCC to see if build out 4 could be reduced in size by say four or five feet. Alan Haskell suggested whether build out 4 could be moved around the bend or whether this would be too close to the traffic lights. He commented that the guidelines for the Small Improvement Scheme (SIS) indicate there should be 65 metres of visibility from traffic lights in a 30 mph speed limit. He felt that we could achieve this and SCC had gone against the written advice.
C James reported that motorbikes were being ridden at speed in Westcombe, especially at weekends and he felt speed should be monitored in this area. It was suggested that this matter be referred to the PCSO. It was noted that vehicles are parking on the white lines on the junction of Westcombe with Bowden Road.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
C Hukins, Sarah Webb, T Loader, Mr Hayward Burt (District Councillor), PCSO John Winfield

2 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 13TH JUNE 2017
It was proposed by R Cave and seconded by C James that the draft Minutes, as previously circulated, be agreed as correct and signed by the Chairman.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS
A Haskell declared an interest in Agenda item 7).

4 CORRESPONDENCE
Received since the last meeting as discussed:-

1) Wincanton Neighbourhood Plan Consultation – e mail dated 15.6.17. Chaiman read out the e mail. It was noted that what they had included in their plan is happening and it is what they want to take the Town forward.

2) SSDC – Gold Star Awards 2017 – e mail dated 7.7.17. Nominations are now open and we are being asked to put forward a young person who is doing something special in the Community or in an organisation. Alternatively, an adult can be nominated who gives up their time to support young people. It was suggested that the e mail be forwarded to the Scout Group.

3) Templecombe WI – Get to know your Village – e mail dated 7.7.17. Chairman read out the e mail from the WI inviting the Parish Council to the Village Hall on Saturday 7th October from 2 to 5 pm to take part in Get to know your Village. It is intended to give organisations a chance to show off what they do and possibly recruit more support and members. The Members were happy to attend and Clerk would respond accordingly.

5 PLANNING

1) Determination of Applications

Planning application no 17/00251/OUT – Outline application for subdivision of farmhouse and erection of four dwellings – 1 Vine Street Templecombe **(Granted).** It was reported that works were being undertaken outside of the stated times allowed for works to be carried out. Also bonfires were taking place on the site and it was considered different materials were being used not in accordance with the submitted plans that had been approved. Any referral to the Planning Officer would be passed to the Enforcement Officer. Clerk would convey comments to the Planning Officer.

Planning application no 17/02239/P3MPA – Prior approval for proposed change of use of agricultural barn to B1 use (Business Use) – New Leaze Farm Bowden Road Templecombe **(permitted development)**

2) Notification of Area East Committee Meeting to be held on the 12th July 2017 at 9.00 am at The Council Offices Churchfield Wincanton (R Cave)

R Cave informed Members there were no matters to report.

3) Application no 17/02551/FUL – The erection of 2 No dwellings – Land OS 4148 Part Lily Lane Templecombe

Members discussed the above application and raised no planning objections. Members would like reassurance that any damage caused to the access road to the site, during construction, is made good by the developers. Members would also like the Clerk to enquire whether the Parish Council could have a copy of the road report before and after works commence.

4) Slades Hill development/Slades Hill 106 Agreement – update

It was noted that a board had now gone up on the site and it was questioned whether it is intended that the site be sold on with planning permission.

5) Other

Clerk reported receipt of planning application no 17/02746/REM – Application for reserved matters following approval of 17/00251/OUT to include details of access, appearance, layout and scale – Land adjoining no 1 Vine Street Templecombe. Clerk had spoken to the Planning Office, Lee Walton, to request an extension of time and he confirmed this was in order. This would allow for the application to be discussed at the August meeting.

6 ACCOUNTING MATTERS

1) To approve accounts and sign cheques

It was proposed by C Mintern and seconded by A Haskell that the following cheques be paid:-

Kier Integrated Services Limited – Environmental – Contracted Waste Manangement Services Limited 1.7.17 to 30.9.17	116.14
J Pratt (Groundsman) – Salary/Expenses June 2017 – Recreation Ground/ Churchyard/Burial Ground	301.64
T Chapman (Clerk) – Salary/Expenses July 2017	453.63
Templecombe United Reformed Church – Hall Hire 2016/17	180.00

2) Donations 2017/18

Members discussed the following organisations in connection with donations to be made for 2017/18:-

South Somerset CAB (donation of £150.00 made in 2016/17) – It was agreed to repeat the donation for 2017/18

Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance (donation of £150.00 made in 2016/17) – It was agreed to repeat the donation for 2017/18

Village Christmas Trees – Members would like to see a form of budget for this year and would then consider making a donation

Poppy Appeal wreath (donation of £50.00 made in 2016) – It was proposed by G Wilson and seconded by R Cave that the donation should be increased to £100.00 for 2017, all Members present were in agreement.
A formal request had been received from the PTA of Abbas and Templecombe Primary School in connection with proposed project to carry out repair to the building on the playground, together with accompanying letters from the children. The letter was read out and it was proposed by Paula Batchelor and seconded by J Grierson that a donation of £300.00 should be made, all Members present were in agreement.
A request had also been received from St Margaret's Hospice. It was proposed by J Grierson and seconded by R Cave that a donation of £50.00 should be made, all Members present were in agreement.

3) Other

Clerk reported that the June Utility Warehouse electricity account, for the changing rooms, amounted to £14.40. The following interest has been received:-

Business Reserve Account – as at 30.6.17 (Statement no 181) 0.16

7 TEMPLECOMBE SCOUT GROUP REPORT/SCOUT HUT – C HUKINS

1) Scout Hut proposals – update

C Hukins reported that the Scout Group had helped out at the recent Pageant. Clerk had replied to C Rutter in relation to the issue of the rent. No reply had been received to date.

8 VILLAGE HALL – A HASKELL/T LOADER

1) Oil tank – update

Clerk reported that Darch Oil had been approached to meet on site to discuss the replacement of the oil tank. It was felt any work to the oil tank should be held off, if possible, as future rebuilding works by the Scout Group might have a bearing on where it should be positioned.

2) Proposed parking suggestion for Village Hall users

A Haskell reported that a committee meeting had taken place on the 19th June. The committee had suggested having a parking space for Village Hall users only, at the front of the Village Hall, as some hall users were having difficulties parking especially if they had equipment to take into the hall. Members had no objections to a sign being affixed to the wall but had doubts it would be adhered to.

3) Other

A Haskell reported the following additional matters that were discussed:-

- Rendering – Committee were pleased with the rendering and would now look into signage for the hall
- Water heater in the gents toilets would be replaced and the hall floor re-varnished
- Storage facilities at the rear of the hall
- Committee agreed not to hire the hall out for teenager parties

9 TEMPLECOMBE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN – UPDATE (J Grierson/R Cave)

J Grierson circulated an emergency plan flow chart and a draft of the Community Emergency Plan for Members consideration and discussion at the August meeting.

10 VILLAGE WEBSITE – UPDATE

Clerk reported that Tim Law had so far been unable to restart the Village website. Members discussed the option of the Parish Council having its own website. Chairman reported that he had looked into a few sites and an average set up fee is £600.00 with a further £300.00 payable yearly. Some sites offer a specific package for Parish Councils and allow a facility for village use. If we were to run it ourselves a minimum of two people would need to be trained. J Grierson proposed that further investigations be carried out to identify a company that would set up and run a website on behalf of the Parish Council. Further quotations would be obtained.

11 HIGHWAY MATTERS

1) Road Scheme – update

a) Questionnaire – update on finalising results

Chairman reported a breakdown of the results received from the recent survey. He thanked A Haskell for dealing with the summary of comments up to 100 and R Cave for completing 101-200. The results were discussed and a short report would be produced for the September edition of the newsletter. It was felt that if enough people are continuing to be concerned about the road scheme Somerset County Council should also be concerned.
Chairman read out a letter received from Mr A Cuss dated 11th July concerning an incident that his wife had experienced at build out one due to the speed of an approaching vehicle that may not have been aware of the poor visibility when approaching the build out.

2) Community Speed watch in Templecombe – update if applicable

No matters to report.

3) Speed Indicator Device (SID) reports Tower Hill A357/Manor House A357 May/June 2017

Results circulated to Members prior to the meeting. It was noted that 64% were over the speed limit.

4) SCC – Temporary Road Closure – Sherborne Road Yeovil - letter dated 25.6.17

Clerk reported that the closure was scheduled to run from the 25th July 2017. Work was expected to last for 8 days.

5) Other

Letter and photos from Mr S Badger in connection with verge adjacent to Rachel's Stables (dealt with during open session).

Clerk and J Grierson reported that a site visit had taken place with Mr Chris Holley SSDC, concerning the bramble growth along the hedge adjacent to Manor Close, the vegetation growth on the wall along the High Street and on the south side. J Grierson had provided photographic evidence prior to the visit. Mr Holley – SSDC considered this to be a matter for Somerset County Council (SCC) in view of the fact that it was becoming a health and safety issue as the growth was causing pedestrians to have to step off the pavement. Clerk reported that Somerset Highways had previously cut back the vegetation in 2008. If work is to be carried out to the south side of the road a road closure would be needed. Weed spraying would be carried out but this would only be to the pavement area. Mr Holley also mentioned the ranger scheme which is available at £17.00 per hour. You have to sign up for a certain period of time i.e. monthly/weekly. The cost to clean out a drain is approximately £12.00 per drain. Clerk would now contact SCC with regard to the vegetation growth.

12 FOOTPATHS

a) WN29/21 – Bowden Road – update

J Grierson reported that he had not heard anything further from Mr and Mrs Raymond. The application form would need to be submitted by them if a re-routing was requested. J Grierson had raised the question of having a dog bin located in the area of the proposed re-routed footpath with Mr Holley (SSDC). He said that this would be possible but the area would have to be monitored for a period to establish a need. If it was felt there would be a need for a bin it could then be included within the empting service provided by SSDC. Mr Holley did suggest that the dog bin on Bowden Road did not get a lot of use and could be relocated to the area in question.

b) Proposed diversion of public footpaths WN29/ 4,5,6 and 7 at (Slades Hill and Empire Farm Area)

J Grierson reported that he had walked the footpaths in connection with the proposed diversion at Slades Hill and Empire Farm. He had reported to David Shears (Senior Land Records and Research Officer – SSDC) that there is a need for signage to be put up. Thales had now purchased the fields adjacent to their site and the Empire Farm. It was also felt that a dog bin would be a good addition at the entrance to Hiscock's Lane.

13 TREE WARDEN'S REPORT

C James reported that he had started taking dead bits out of the tree in the play area. He noted that the Leylandii hedge had been cut along the path way from Yarnbarton and a tree had been cut down on the bank area at the entrance to the Recreation Ground. Clerk reported that there was a branch hanging down from one of the trees on the grass verge of School Lane car park.

14 BURIAL GROUND/CLOSED CHURCHYARD

1) Maintenance of closed Churchyard and Burial Ground – update

Clerk reported that Tom Trouton had indicated that he would be able to start work on the repair to the church wall adjacent to 2 Church Hill on the 24th July 2017.

2) Other

No other matters to report .

15 NEWSLETTER

Chairman reported that he would include articles on the following:-

- Proposed diversion of footpaths WN29/4,5,6 and 7 – Slades Hill and Empire Farm area
- Speed of motorbikes in the Village
- Results of Road Scheme questionnaire

16 RECREATION GROUND MATTERS/CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

A) Play Area

1) Weekly/Quarterly/Annual Play Area Inspection Reports

Noted.

Following matter in need of attention or updating:-

a) North East boundary fence/dumped rubble – update if applicable

G Wilson would have a look at the fence. The rubble had now been covered by nettles.

B) Social Club

1) Social Club Report (C James/C Mintern)

C James and C Mintern had attended the recent meeting and reported the following:-

- The Social Club were happy with the suggestion of a smoking canopy by the side door
- The floor had been re-laid in the function room and around the bar area
- New carpeting had been laid in the function room and bar.

- CCTV would be installed inside and outside of the Social Club
- They were keen to look into the proposal to build an extension to join the Social Club to the Changing rooms and were prepared to meet the costs

C Mintern circulated pictures he had taken of various works to the outside of the Social Club and Changing Rooms to Members. Some of the works were minor and he would obtain specifications and costs where applicable. It was felt that the Parish Council are obliged to help with issues at the Social Club as any profit made must be put back into the Social Club or Recreation Ground.

2) Disabled toilet – alteration to door opening/installation of alarm – update

Members of the Parish Council and Clerk had visited the Social Club and inspected some of the points raised. The Social Club intend to carry out works to the hall way and change the doors. At this stage the disabled toilet door could be turned around to allow access.

C) Disabled toilet – Changing rooms – update

An inspection was also carried out in the changing rooms. The disabled toilet is being used for storage. It was felt that the disused outside toilet could be better used for storage if the toilet and sink were removed. C Mintern would be happy to meet with the football club. Clerk would contact Matt Tucker to set up a meeting.

D) Other

None.

17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS/ITEMS FOR AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING ON THE 8TH AUGUST 2017

No matters to report.

Meeting closed at 10.20 pm Signed R Cave dated 8.8.17