

Abbotsham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Abbotsham Parish Council held on Tuesday 06 November at The Skittle Alley, Abbotsham

Present: Parish Councillors Wilson, Street, Mullins, Bone, White, Fuller and Mrs Tolley

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence - Cllr Boyle, Cllr Inch, Philip Marlow

2. To Register Members New Interests - None

- 3. Items raised by members of public** – Adrian updated on Yurt development, want fairly low impact for family use only, way it can grow business. Blanket height 4 metres, yurts 2.1 metres. Bund around so that it will be well screened. Will be back images from the village to show how it will be screened. Yurt will sleep 4 to 6. Eating area in middle and toilet block, car parking. Hoping planning to be submitted by end of November. He will take walk through when Russ is back in December. What is being planted on top of bund – Adrian not sure. Hugh what is main purpose – glamping market is huge, existing accommodation not suitable for families. Existing accommodation great for groups. Alterations to entrance not been progressed any further Roger asked what colour yurts will be. Adrian not sure at the moment. Time frame looking at starting in new year and ready for next season

4. Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda and Minutes

- 4.1 Declarations of interest by Councillors within agenda - none
4.2 Minutes of previous meeting held on 09 October 2018 - agreed
4.2.1 Matters arising not covered by Agenda - none

5. Report by Councillor Alison Boyle

Report submitted –

The first is the devastating news that despite Cllrs Geoffrey Cox and Peter Heanton-Jones securing a package of work worth £60 million from the MoD, Babcocks took the commercial decision to close Appledore Shipyard. I appreciate that this will be well known and I wish to record my utmost sympathies for all those affected by the closure. There may be those who have long family ties with the shipyard, or sadly those who had just started out on a job with the hope of security. I believe that efforts are being made to explore any options that may be available to offer alternative work.

The second item which is also extremely important to our region is the North Devon and Torridge Local Plan. After receiving the mail from Cllr Wilson I spoke with Alan Helliwell a Planning Policy Officer asking him to inform me of the next step following the adoption of the Plan by both the councils. Mr. Helliwell then sent me an email with

"In accordance with legal requirements an Adoption Statement has been published

and the Local Plan has been made available through the Councils websites (see www.torridge.gov.uk/local <<http://www.torridge.gov.uk/local>> plan) and at Council Offices and in local libraries. Any person aggrieved by the adoption of the Local Plan may make an application to the High Court on specific procedural grounds within six weeks of the adoption date.

In respect of decision making the Torridge District Local Plan is now superseded by the new Local Plan. Importantly, we are now able to state that we have a five year housing land supply on the basis of paragraph 74 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF - July 2018) and will maintain this position until 31st October 2019 unless successfully challenged. This means that the presumption in favour of sustainable development (under paragraph 11 of the NPPF) will not now be triggered by an inability to demonstrate a five year housing land supply."

The third item, which is hopefully one which will be met with relief and approval is that Jon Walter at TDC has confirmed that at the full council meeting on the 29th October changes to Abbotsham Parish Boundaries had been approved.

6. Report by Councillor T Inch

Not present – report not sent

7. Planning

8. Clerks Report

- 8.1 DCC councillor grant – Philip provided quote that needs to be sent to Cllr Inch
- 8.2 Highway officer/visit – No update from Cllr Inch. Email and suggest 14th or 28th November for both of them to visit.
- 8.3 Electoral Review – covered by Alison's report.

9. Chairs Report

- 9.1 VIPS/maintenance in the Village – Grass cutting Dean Sims, Ian Woollacott doing the high cut. Look at it next year to make sure that the cuts that we are quoted for are cut. Hedge cutting on Turner land left hedgecuttings on road/pavement. Chris to liaise with Debbie to invite Rick or representative. 17th November for VIPS to do some work in the village – autumn work, tackle the bit at the end of Old Road
- 9.2 Monitoring development activities in the parish – Big Sheep will be expanding as Atlantis closed so everything moving from there to Big Sheep
- 9.3 Rural Broadband – Adrian from Ultimate Adventure Centre – slow internet connection at centre so has started working on community fibre broadband for business and residents. Get all residents together and then BT cost it out and agree portion and community find rest. Chris been looking at it from TDC side. Gigabit Voucher scheme and Chris has been in communication with head of BT south west. Recruit businesses in area who are interested in signing up to scheme £3000 available for each business and £500 per household. Chris has registered the scheme. Next step is to list businesses and residents who would like to be involved. BT will cost it out and then give a quote. At that point the project applies for the Gigabit voucher scheme.

- 9.4 North Devon Records Meeting – Martin to attend. Meeting to talk about future funding. 19th November
- 9.5 AONB partnership – Hugh to be the parish representative. Plan circulated.

10. Finance

Payment for grass cutting – query dated 30 October, pay invoice dated 29 October

11. Correspondence

- 11.1 Round Robin Items – emails sent. Paul to attend Bideford, Northam and rural parishes advisory meeting

12. Any Other Business

Kenwith Valley flood prevention scheme – meeting with project manager next week.

Natural works

Mobile home by the bridge – what's it doing there if its still there in a week

Martin can't amend residents pack as hasn't got access. Chris to update permissions

13. Items raised by Councillors for inclusion on the next agenda