

# Abbotsham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Abbotsham Parish Council held on Tuesday 03 October 2017  
at The Vicarage, Shepherds Meadow, Abbotsham

## **1. Apologies**

- 1.1 Apologies for absence – Cllr Boyle, Jenna Tolley
- 1.2 Items raised by members of public – Russ Johns (See 5.2 below)

## **2. Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda and Minutes**

- 2.1 Declarations of interest by Councillors - none
- 2.2 Minutes of previous meeting held on 05 September 2017 - agreed
  - 2.2.1 Matters arising – signs put up from Arthurs Lea to village, now been taken down. TAP funding – chase up Alwington. Contact Cllr Inch about Give Way signs at Buckleigh junction and advise that there has been another bad accident there last week.

## **3. Report by Councillor Alison Boyle**

Not present but report sent:

The main issue at the beginning of September, was the prospect of an application being submitted for St. Helen Ref. 1/0622/2017 OUTM. As you will know this was refused and I made sure that I sent an email to all those whom had emailed regarding concerns, and I wanted to make sure that I did this on an individual basis rather than responding to people en masse.

The New Homes Bonus Pot has been effectively used within Torridge and it is now a question of waiting for the next date of funding to be announced. I would encourage Abbotsham to consider which projects would benefit from my pot as a district councillor. Please would you come back to me with any ideas.

One of the main criteria which will affect our area is the North Devon Link Road Improvements I am thinking specifically of Heywood Road; Gladman Site off Cornborough; Buckleigh Road; Winsford and Clovelly Road.

A meeting has been called for the 3rd October which I will unfortunately miss but this will, I think, be one of many. I have asked for a full report and will be speaking with Cll Whittaker.

I did attend a meeting at Riverbank House which had been called by David Green to hear th S106 payments which TDC are requesting from developers. The meeting was also attended by Cllrs Tony and Simon Inch. Thank you to those off you who were able to get back to me. I was able to demand that Highways in particular needed support - which Cllr Mullins had suggested - and I also requested money for hospital services such as surgeries.

#### **4. Report by Councillor T Inch**

Not present – no report received

#### **5. Planning Applications**

- 5.1** 1/0622/2017/OUTM – Outline application (with all matters reserved) for the erection of up to 28 dwellings (including affordable) and provision of public open space and surface water attenuation together with associated access, parking and landscaping | Land Off St Helens Abbotsham – Refused
- 5.2** Future proposals at The Ultimate High, Abbotsham – Russ Johns to discuss – High Ropes course to be removed on 29 October, poles not having longevity, diversification and now no longer the only reason to go to site and not meeting needs of customers. Something more team building activity related. Will come back to us with any future proposals.

#### **6. Clerks Report**

- 6.1** VAT registration – check with Edward Johns
- 6.2** Code of Conduct – agreed the code of conducted circulated to all parish councillors
- 6.3** Highway Maintenance Enhancement fund – email [steven.wheeler@devon.gov.uk](mailto:steven.wheeler@devon.gov.uk)

#### **7. Chairs Report**

- 7.1** VIPS/maintenance in the Village – Philip sent list to Martin, arrange a Saturday morning – potentially 28 October for tree trimming and then parish councillors to contact residents. Paul had two meetings regarding flailing back grass. Ian Woolacott to meet with Paul this week. Thulborns meeting was cancelled and advised that it not worth them doing. Canns too busy with maize cutting.
- 7.2** Monitoring development activities in the parish - None
- 7.3** Noise from Roller Coaster – contact environment protection again to ask for visit during half term
- 7.4** Post box – still no reply to advise of date. Should have been by the end of September, Martin has emailed her again and not received a response. Martin will contact Cllrs Boyle and Inch
- 7.5** Village Welcome Pack – Chris circulated google doc so that anyone can change.

#### **8. Finance**

- 8.1** Grant Thornton Audit Response – noted and conclusion of audit to be published on website on 04 October
- 8.2** Payment to ISS
- 8.3** Payment of Grants for 2017/18
  - PCC requested £2000 – Proposed by Paul, seconded by Graham and all agreed (cheque 563)
  - Pre school requested £1350 – Proposed by Martin, seconded by Chris, all agreed (cheque 564)
  - Village hall (use by Post office) – agreed £100 per year (cheque 565)

North Devon Records office – agreed £100 per year

## **9. Correspondence**

### **9.1 Round Robin Items – emails sent**

## **10. Any Other Business**

Email from Rick Turner asking about Glebe land – Hugh to advise him that the Glebe site is in the proposed development boundary. All the sites we looked at were considered under exception sites.

Data Protection Act changing and will be significant fines if you don't comply with it from next May – Chris will advise if he finds out critical information.

Martin to email disclaimer to be included in all emails.

Roger – informed that the field in St Helens, Post broken and metal gates leaning out into road, he has contacted Big Sheep today.

Hugh attended district/rural council meeting – well attended, by councillors, council officers, DCC and police. DCC advised that broadband still not happening. Hugh advised rural parish still hard done by.

Paul – surface dressing – had meeting with Charles at DCC, have taken into account the design in future but damage done on junction nothing can be done, only way would be to start again and resurface but that won't be happening. Someone should be coming to do a secondary sweep.

Paul suggested to include local businesses in village welcome pack, plumbers, electricians etc

Martin reported a lot of thefts from the allotments.

## **11. Items raised by Councillors for inclusion on the next agenda**