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Minutes of the meeting of the Abbotsham Parish Council held on Tuesday 03 November 2020 on Zoom

Present: Councillors Wilson, Mullins, Lilly, Marlow, White, Mrs Tolley, Bone

Cllr T Inch (DCC)

Apologies: Councillor Pennington (TDC)

1. Apologies – Cllr Pennington

2. To Register Members New Interests - none

3. Items raised by members of public - none

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 15 September 2020 – all agreed

4.2.1 Matters arising not covered by Agenda – Philip mentioned highway issues on the viaduct

4.3 Minutes of previous meeting held on 13 October 2020 – all agreed

4.3.1 Matters arising not covered by Agenda – all agreed

5. Report by Councillor Philip Pennington or Robert Hicks

Report sent

FREE PARKING: The council finally agreed to have some free parking in our town centres. This was to enable local shops to recover from the effects of the first lockdown. With the run up to Xmas there is a feeling that further innovative ways of supporting town centre businesses in this important trading time.

PLANNING WHITE PAPER: Torridge has made a collective response which had to be completed by Oct 29th. There are many unanswered questions on how proposals will impact on the district. A copy of the response should be available on TDC's website.

STRATEGIC PLAN UPTO 2023: Full Council agreed a final draft and will be available shortly.

KIVELLS AGRI-CENTRE; TDC invested in a new market at Holsworthy and is leased by Kivells. A dispute arose over the dirty water system. After a Court judgement TDC were left with some considerable costs. Under a question, asked at Full Council, the total costs against TDC was £1,281,695.20 A sad outcome to what still is a flagship development.

LEISURE FACILITIES: Due to the way central government support worked it has been difficult to come an agreement 1610, the provider of services at the Northam,

Torrington and Holsworthy sites. Due to difficulties at Torrington and Holsworthy it is not possible to open up in the near future. It was planned the Northam facility be opened as soon as possible. However, on the announcement of the second lockdown this has now been put on hold

DUCKHAVEN, KAVE PLANNING APPLICATION; This has now been called in to be looked at by the Planning Committee. Abbotsham PC can request to make representation.

Philip advised that the building cannot be seen from the coastpath. Development will set a precedent for the AONB area.

6. Report by Councillor T Inch

First gitters going out tonight as first frost of winter.

Hoping that the winter won't be too harsh.

Reports being sent through, today's interesting funding opportunities for parish council.

Flooding outside Big Sheep caused accident. Not just a blocked drain, may need more work.

Viaduct – Contacted Linda Hellyer who may have contacted the highway officer, feels that it just needs a good clean up

He will get onto the AONB team regarding Duckhaven, referred to developments in Hartland that go for one thing and then change in a few years.

Hugh advised that AONB are sometimes over ridden by the planning department.

Cllr Inch still has some cash available if we have any community projects.

Government has given TDC extra money for businesses/self employed

Roger asked Cllr Inch re drain in village and hedge by Notts yard, had raised them with Kieran. Sent contact details to Cllr Inch who forwarded it to Kieran. Roger asked him to meet. We haven't had an update since he visited. Communication would be good.

Philip raised the puddle by bottom of Pig on the Hill Road, water across the road for at least the last 7 days. Philip will report it on DCC website tomorrow. Cllr Inch will report it as well.

Hugh advised that Kenwith one has been better since the drains have been cleared.

Hugh asked why its taken so long to do the railings on the new bridge and the hiring of the concrete blocks. Cllr Inch will ask Cllr Hellyer

7. Planning

1/0763/2020/REM - Application for reserved matters (access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) pursuant to permission 1/1293/2018/OUT (Variation of condition 1 of planning permission 1/0831/2019/REM), Garden of 10 Rickards Green, Abbotsham – Approved

8. Clerks Report

Nothing to report

9. Chairs Report

- 9.1 Bus stop swap shop – responses generally in favour of shelving/cabinets. Doors could encourage other uses, rough sleeper. Philip asked the question if it should be metal or wood cabinets or shelving. Question of weather impact.

Don't seem to be any issues. Have shelves on left hand side and see how it goes. Philip will speak to Mickey Shapland for shelving ideas/costs. All agreed that shelving should be put in. Cllr Inch happy to fund.

- 9.2 Rural broadband – Airband been circulating leaflets about bringing broadband to the parish. Hugh says that residents at Kenwith can't host zoom meetings. Feels that we should be getting more from BT. Philip thought fibre had been taken to Kenwith but this is not the case. New cable put in but nothing else happened. Hugh thought Chris would be best person to ask but unfortunately he has now resigned.
- 9.3 VIPS – maintenance around the village – unable to do anything now we are back in lockdown. Can go out individually. Sharon asked could we get a rota of jobs and then individual could do. Email items to Martin. Allowed to be in groups of two.

10. Finance

- 10.1 Grant to local business – defer, Jenna advised that the village hall committee would be writing asking for grant towards the running costs when running post office

11. Correspondence

- 11.1 Round Robin Items – emails sent -

12. Any Other Business

Chris Fuller resignation, inform elections office. Vice chair? Philip proposed Graham, Jenna seconded all agreed

Philip – batteries in speed cameras lasting only 4 weeks. Roger asked the question could they be converted to solar.

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