

# Abbotsham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Abbotsham Parish Council held on Tuesday 04 May 2021 on Zoom

Present: Councillors Wilson, Mullins, Lilly, Marlow, White, Bone and Davey-Potts

- 1. Apologies – Jenna Tolley**
- 2. To Register Members New Interests - none**
- 3. Items raised by members of public - none**
- 4. Election of Chairperson – Hugh proposed Martin, seconded by Philip all agreed**
- 5. Election of Vicechair – Martin proposed Graham, seconded by Sharon, all agreed**
- 6. Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda and Minutes**
  - 6.1 Declarations of interest by Councillors within agenda - none
  - 6.2 Minutes of previous meeting held on 23 March 2021 – all agreed
    - 6.2.1 Matters arising not covered by Agenda – broken footbridge – Philip still to report
- 7. Report by Councillor Philip Pennington**

Car still in Godborough  
Still trying to get bin for Frank Starkey (community wheelie bin)  
Virtual meetings to come to end on 7 May – difficult to find venues that can fit all councillors and staff  
Westward Ho! Dog restrictions on north side of Sandymere bridge  
Only pool open at the moment is Torridge, issues with 1610. Should get easier as restrictions ease  
Election on Thursday – covid procedures to take place  
Hugh what is budget cost of new building at Northam Burrows – will get the answer as soon as he can. Hugh feels that it is huge budgets being spent  
Bin issue – Cllr Pennington will check with Richard Haste why TDC have now stopped emptying it. Who's supposed to empty it and how? Cllr Pennington will copy clerk in on any emails
- Report by Councillor T Inch**

Not present – no report sent

## **8. Planning**

- 8.1 1/0253/2021/FUL - Change of use annexe to self-contained holiday accommodation unit Location: Rixlade Barns Annexe, Abbotsham, Bideford, Devon – Approved
- 8.2 1/1096/2020/FUL - Alterations to Farmhouse and erection of garden pod to be used for domestic purposes, Greycliff, Abbotsham - Approved
- 8.3 Licensing application for The Big Sheep – 10 am – 10 pm what is the application for – is it for music/boxing and licencing. Martin can't see anything to object to. Sharon said people at Rickards Down enjoyed 28 days from full variations (any use without consent)
- 8.4 Prior notification applications for poles by Airband – who's land is it on – looks like they are on DCC land

## **9. Clerks Report**

- 9.1 Emptying of public bins – covered under councillor section
- 9.2 Highway issues – hedges – needs to get back another 3ft, siding order with contractor (Notts Yard) will do it when they are available.
- 9.3 Dog bins – Cllr Pennington not followed up on this. Feels that there will be overuse with more visitors to the area.
- 9.4 Virtual meetings – ending on 7 May, meeting on 22 June will be held in hall, risk assessment nearer the time depending on government guidance. Accounts to be audited and AGAR to be agreed at that meeting

## **10. Chairs Report**

- 10.1 Rural broadband – Hugh has contacted BT who don't have any intention to bring fibre to Abbotsham. Philip did get through to someone in BT broadband and they don't have option to do anything at present
- 10.2 Abbotsham Volunteers – maintenance around the village – going well, session tomorrow, will be working in and around the churchyard. The next Saturday will be based around Rocky Lane – reopen the ditch that was put in 15 years ago
- 10.3 Village Grass cutting 2021/2022 – two cuts, Northam Town council are up to the task. Didn't cut the triangle at Pump Lane – St Helens

## **11. Finance**

- 11.1.1 Information Commissioners Office
- 11.1.2 DALC

## **12. Correspondence**

- 12.1 Round Robin Items – emails sent – Hugh low crime report but residents in Kenwith worry, Cllr Pennington – there is a low crime statistics, but perception is important

**13. Any Other Business**

Philip – water leak after Kenwith Castle towards T junction – how do you get hold of  
SWW – he will try to report

**14. Items raised by Councillors for inclusion on the next agenda – Meeting on 22  
June (changed to 29 June)**