

Abbotsham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Abbotsham Parish Council held on Tuesday 05 October 2021

Present: Councillors Wilson, Lilly, Marlow, Bone. Davey-Potts, Mullins, White and Tolley
Councillor Pennington (TDC)

1. Apologies - None

2. To Register Members New Interests - none

3. Items raised by members of public

Sue and Sam at Greycliff Farm have carried out works to property including replaced windows with timber. Wanting to convert barns in the yard and retaining as much stonework as possible. Barns are in disrepair with scaffold. 3 barns to holiday let create 4 holiday lets. Create a yoga studio in a former milking parlour. Take down the more modern barns. Maximum of 8 bedrooms – 14 people, keep it low key and probably not all year. Keep farm machinery in one of the modern barns. Access into the yard. Yoga studio will be for 10 people – couple classes a week. AONB team response – positive with the biodiversity gain. Farming will be less than original.

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 31 August 2021 – deferred – not circulated

4.2.1 Matters arising not covered by Agenda

5. Report by Councillor Philip Pennington or Robert Hicks

Complaints from Westward Ho! About the helicopters. Nothing the TDC can do.

Planning application for Duckhaven stud on plans committee on Thursday.

Restricted conditions on the recommendation. Martin has registered to speak with a presentation for parish council

Planning becoming a major problem, joint meeting with ND planning to make changes. Majority of land eastward to Londonderry earmarked for housing. Needs more socially driven than economic drive. Many rentals have gone to air bnb. Cllr Pennington – social housing/local needs/affordable to get key workers into the area. Philip Marlow – how much land has outline but nothing been done with regard to building.

Will bring statistics of housing breakdown for next meeting. Lots 2nd homes in Appledore and Westward Ho!

Green waste- Cllr Pennington to collect

General waste and recycling – open day to recruit lorry drivers, may impact on collections

6. Report by County Councillor Jeffery Wilton-Love

Not present – no report sent

7. Planning

- 7.1 1/0860/2021/FUL and 1/0861/2021/LBC – Single storey extension, Greycliff, Abbotsham – Approved
- 7.2 1/0984/2021/FUL and 1/0985/2021/LBC - Conversion of Redundant Agricultural Barns No.4 holidays lets including creation of entertainment space and yoga studio with new car parking and associated development., Greycliff Farm (Affecting a public right of way) – reduction in number from campsite. No objections
- 7.3 Polytunnel at Rixlade Barns – no objections

8. Clerks Report

- 8.1 School traffic and TTRO – email sent to the school but not responded and school not aware. Rick is trying to charge school for parents parking. Philip sending planning permission regarding the footway that was to be provided by The Big Sheep
- 8.2 Noise from Big Sheep – monitored by TDC and that they are aware of the issue

9. Chairs Report

- 9.1 Rural broadband – nothing more from Airband
- 9.2 Abbotsham Volunteers – maintenance around the village – works done on the bank, building a stone facing up, earth has been removed, top has been seeded. Trees to be planted between Glebefield and School. Rocky Lane to be done at later date.
- 9.3 Village Grass cutting 2021/2022 – Philip emailed Northam Town Council asking about doing works on high banks during winter. If they are able to do it they will come back with a quote.

10. Finance

- 10.1 Second half of precept
- 10.2 Payment of Clerks Expenses -£45

11. Correspondence

- 11.1 Round Robin Items – emails sent

12. Any Other Business

Village fete – bank account moving to Lloyds – date for it next year – 25 June, school will no longer be one of the partners, they had done all the admin
Philip – discussion about what sort of show to put on at Christmas in pub next Monday

Roger - Cutting Keene Lane hedgebank, Pump Lane from Shepherds Meadow to Pump Lane – three garden owners are they responsible?
Speed cameras batteries need replacing every 10 days, solar panels?

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