

Abbotsham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Abbotsham Parish Council held on Tuesday 07 November 2017 at The Vicarage, Shepherds Meadow, Abbotsham

1. Apologies and Items raised by members of public

- 1.1 Apologies for absence – Jenna Tolley
- 1.2 Items raised by members of public - none

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 03 October 2017 – all agreed
 - 2.2.1 Matters arising – Russ Johns to give update as available. Road junction – secondary sweep not yet happened.

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3. Report by Councillor Alison Boyle

Not present/no report sent

4. Report by Councillor T Inch

Has met with Chris Reed at Pump Lane, re money for grant for village hall roof, has donated £1000 of budget. Has directed him to new homes bonus from Torridge maybe likely to get £10000.

Buckleigh Junction – Julie Pepworth visited, sometimes accidents not being reported to police so difficult to justify highway works.

DCC put bid in for first stage on link road improvements. Turning to Buckleigh Road from link road likely to be traffic lights.

Potholes can be reported on line. White lines worn away or signage can be reported online.

Philip asked if Pump Lane/Old Road junction spring – can highways do anything if it is reported.

5. Planning

- 5.1 Planning Appeal – 1/0067/2017 – Construction of 3 bed holiday unit at The White House, Abbotsham – Supporting comments still stand

6. Clerks Report

- 6.1 VAT registration – Agreed by all to request Maynard Johns to proceed with paperwork. Can we pay eg village hall bill if they request a grant and then we pay the invoice.

- 6.2 TAP funding – Alwington not yet decided. Martin has heard from Buckland Brewer who are looking to purchase a speed sign (battery), £1900 battery last 30 days. Philip proposed that we proceed with all agreed. Martin to speak to Buckland Brewer chair to see how to action. Cllr Inch agreed to contribute £500
- 6.3 Highway Maintenance Enhancement fund – Julie Pepworth advised that community payback may be appropriate. All agreed that not worth pursuing as that is where we started a year ago.
- 6.4 Data Protection Act 2018 – if we hold any data about anyone then we need their consent to hold their details.

7. Chairs Report

- 7.1 VIPS/maintenance in the Village – Works done on Saturday, clearing self sown saplings, overgrown trees by bus shelter and hedgebank upto village hall, lifted crown of ash tree and cleaned sign. Leaves still need clearing up. Will organise another session near end of the month.
- 7.2 Monitoring development activities in the parish - none
- 7.3 Noise from Roller Coaster – Janet from environmental protection not visited as far as we are aware. Cllr Inch will speak to Janet and planning enforcement officer
- 7.4 Post box – installation agreed but the department has a backlog, Cllr Inch will email post office contact.
- 7.5 Village Welcome Pack – split it into sections and then update google docs
- 7.6 Highways conference – next week is at High Bickington. Its mainly aimed at those signed up to road warden scheme. No one going to attend

8. Finance

- 8.1 Additional grass cutting costs – quote from Ian Woollacott, asked two others (Canns and K J Theborn) to quote but they declined. Paul explained which areas to be covered by the works. Martin proposed, and Roger seconded, all agreed. Paul to advise Ian Woollacott to proceed.
- 8.2 Payment to Grant Thornton
- 8.3 Payment to ISS

9. Correspondence

- 9.1 Round Robin Items – emails sent

10. Any Other Business

- Grant request for Village Hall works
- Memorial plaque request for grant to be submitted
- Community website – speak to Martin Reader

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