

Abbotsham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Abbotsham Parish Council held on Tuesday 11 December 2018 at The Skittle Alley, Abbotsham

Present: Parish Councillors Wilson, Mullins, Bone, Fuller and Mrs Tolley
Cllr A Inch (DCC)

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence – Cllr A Boyle, Philip Marlow and Graham White

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 06 November 2018 – agreed

4.3 Matters arising not covered by Agenda - mobile home by Big Sheep reported to planning. Chris has emailed Rick inviting to a meeting, Rick replied – Debbie to circulate reply.

5. Report by Councillor Alison Boyle

No report sent

6. Report by Councillor T Inch

Torridge Bridge is now complete and now resurfacing

Government given £18 ¾ million to DCC for pot hole and road repairs, hopefully see money appear in the North Devon area

Nationwide shortage for people to work in care so DCC running scheme

Foster carer scheme reviewed

Martin asked about the meeting in the village with Julie and councillors. Cllr Inch to speak to Julie and come back with dates.

7. Planning

1/1232/2018/FUL – Proposed two bed Hobbit House for use as holiday let, The White House, Abbotsham – Parish council support the application

1/0634/2016/FULM – 27 units of close care accommodation in association with existing care and nursing facility, Kenwith Castle, Abbotsham – Approved

8. Clerks Report

8.1 DCC councillor grant – clerk to fill in alternative form

8.2 Speed camera(s) – Agreed that they can be installed, no further info. Chris to speak at Buckland Brewer Parish council meeting and will discuss if we apply for funding.

8.3 Electoral Roll – new one issued

8.4 Communities together grant see 8.2

9. Chairs Report

- 9.1** VIPS/maintenance in the Village – clearance day went well, now more leaves on the ground but overall looks better. Silt near bridge needs to be dug back – try to organise for January. Flooding areas on the roads around village
- 9.2** Monitoring development activities in the parish - none
- 9.3** Rural Broadband – Chris submitted 118 people including 26 businesses to Openreach. He had meeting with Airband last week and because we are included in Phase 4 of broadband and therefore not eligible to use vouchers. Phase 4 may be started end of 2019. Going to check with BT if this is correct. Airband have realised their technology is limited so are expanding into fibre. Chris wants to look into fibre scheme, more remote areas maynot still be viable so maybe radio mast option. Both options not going to be instant, openreach quote will be around 3 weeks. School needs to be involved but to date Chris has not had form back from them
- 9.4** North Devon Records Meeting – Martin attended meeting, they are looking for funding from April next year. They are going to circulate to all parishes advising how much funding is needed
- 9.5** AONB partnership – Hugh volunteered and needs to make an application. Will contribute and ask questions. Management plan – difficult to make constructive comments until you fully understand it.
- 9.6** Wildflower verges – Philip sent email which was positive.

10. Finance

- Payment for grass cutting August invoice – invoice village hall and school for field cutting.
- Payment for verge cutting (Ian Woollacott)

11. Correspondence

- 11.1** Round Robin Items – emails sent

12. Any Other Business

- Website needs updating to take off reference to post office/shop.

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