

Abbotsham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Abbotsham Parish Council held on Tuesday 12 December 2017 at The Vicarage, Shepherds Meadow, Abbotsham

Present: Parish Councillors Wilson, Bone, Mullins, Street, Mrs Tolley, Fuller

1. Apologies and Items raised by members of public

1.1 Apologies for absence – Councillors White and Marlow

1.2 Items raised by members of public –

Two parents – Ask for help regarding bus service from Bideford College after school. No safe way to walk home and Devon CC deemed the routes unsuitable, no footpaths or verges. Feel isolated in the village and families are leaving the village because of it. Working parents are unable to pick up. Advice given was that route was not profitable by Stagecoach run the coaches. Area between Lower Winsford and Londonderry is the area that is most dangerous. Currently 6 children going to Bideford College and another 3 likely next year. Contact Cllr Inch regarding the issue.

Residents from Abbotsham Court – Mrs Collins spoke on behalf of the residents regarding application for new stable building. Concern regarding the impact on the AONB. Not in kilter with the area. Applicant does not have right of way through the access shown on the location plan provided (National Trust land). The application refers to the existing stables for The Old Stables However the residents advised that these are mobile field shelters and have no fixed base. Any applications for new stables in the area have been refused. The environmental report advises that manure will be stored at least 50 metres from any residential property. Ditch will carry the surface water run off and manure, this will be nearer than 50m to The Coach House. All materials would need to be transported along the track shown which is currently agricultural, (application advises reinforced grass track). Covering a large green area with concrete for the hardstanding Applicant only has right of way for agricultural purposes, equine use would create a lot more traffic. Mrs Collins provided a number of documents at the meeting and then submitted further information now attached as appendix 1.

On behalf of Developer- Andrew Tregay from Boom Bey – land north of Clovelly Road in emerging local plan, permission granted on bulk of BID 1 area. Phase 1 and 2 ecology reports carried out, attenuation tanks included. Access from the south, some trees to be removed, will be mitigated and some new ones planted. Site linked to wider developments, work with other developers to have one master plan. The other two sites are currently going through Section 106. Roger asked was there going to be a mini roundabout. This site cannot show mini roundabout until the site opposite is redeveloped. Highways have no vehicular access concerns. Education have objected as

there are no primary capacity. At this stage wanting to gain principle, access is the only item to be fixed at this application. Trees along the boundary have TPO's. Affordable (39% - 24 houses)

2. Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda and Minutes

2.1 Declarations of interest by Councillors – Martin 8.1

2.2 Minutes of previous meeting held on 07 November 2017 - agreed

2.2.1 Matters arising – High Ropes, no further update, road sweep not happened yet. Email Cllr Inch to ask follow up on items.

3. Report by Councillor Alison Boyle

Not present but report sent:

My sincere apologies for not being able to attend the parish council meeting on Tuesday. As some of you may be aware I have suffered from an illness since 2009 - something which I have not permitted to inhibit my commitment to the area which I am the elected member, but something which does flare up if I get struck down by any virus. Unfortunately this was the case a few weeks ago! I laid low for 2 weeks, attended TDC full council on Monday, and obviously not allowed sufficient time for the lurgi to leave my system.

However I have been working specifically on Planning Application number 1/1058/2017/FUL - a proposed stable block at Abbotsham Court. I have been able to speak with several people who have given various views. I think that the next Planning Meeting is on 16th January 2018. If it will be on the Agenda for the 16th notifications will be sent out to all parties a couple of weeks beforehand.? Lewis Andrews accepted my call in on the 24th November.

I remember going to a meeting at TDC with David Green at the end of October, which was also attended by Cllrs Simon and Tony Inch with regard to the planning application regarding the housing at Clovelly Road and I expressed concerns regarding the pressure it would place on the infrastructure and effective delivery of services.

4. Report by Councillor T Inch

Not present – no report sent

5. Planning

5.1 1/1058/2017/FUL – Stable block, new access to field and creation of muck storage, Land at Tower House, Abbotsham – Roger and Martin have visited site, concerns over the size of the concrete apron, and the quality of the access track and how it will stand up to the extra traffic on it. Wouldn't be accessible in wet weather. Gorse would screen site, objectors advised that it would be visible from their properties. Martin has been advised by applicant that he has spoken to National Trust. Ask council consulted with National Trust or were they notified as owner by the applicant. No objections but reservations based on concrete apron and the use of the access track with the additional traffic on it. All agreed

- 5.2 1/1156/2017/FUL – Erection of boundary wall, 8 St Helens, Abbotsham – no objections
- 5.3 1/1086/2017/OUTM – Outline application with all matters reserved except for access for the development of up to 61 dwellings with associated works, Land north of Clovelly Road, Bideford – Main concern is over all the developments and local infrastructure and traffic. Marginal effect of each development will cause major concern. Is anyone looking at cumulative effect of all the sites. Impact on doctors, schools that isn't there. As a development on its own then there aren't issues from the parish council but there is a cumulative effect. All agreed no objections, pedestrian access is hazardous, concerns over cumulative effect on local infrastructure/facilities.

6. Clerks Report

- 6.1 VAT registration – meeting with Maynard Johns
- 6.2 TAP funding – Speed sign, Julie Pepworth email with location plan

7. Chairs Report

- 7.1 VIPS/maintenance in the Village – pruning of oak tree, on bank between St Helens and Pump Lane. Contractor has grass seeded the areas and will email a cost for maintaining and also for grass cutting.
- 7.2 Monitoring development activities in the parish – No 9 St Helens putting up an additional garage
- 7.3 Noise from Roller Coaster – Cllr Inch was going to follow this up.
- 7.4 Post box – Cllr Inch was going to follow this up, has he done this. Go to the ombudsman
- 7.5 Village Welcome Pack – carry forward to next meeting, Jenna done her bits and Chris has done some bits.

8. Finance

- 8.1 Grant applications – discuss at next month's meetings together with precept

9. Correspondence

- 9.1 Round Robin Items – emails sent

10. Any Other Business

Proposal for Pigstock – nothing from official sources but its going to be in Rick's field, west of access track going to Ultimate High. Expecting road closures around the site. Contact environmental protection to see what they know.

Paperwork for village hall – can help with planning fees (half price for parish council)

Boundary reviews – initial consultation period expires 16 February, finally end 29 October 2018 when recommendations published

Community centre at College Park – Martin attended meeting at TDC and lady raised concern on lack of action and TDC not done anything

Flooding in dip near Kenwith Castle – needs attending to

Dates of next years meetings

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

None

Dates of next meetings: 16 January, 20 February, 20 March

Meeting ended at 9.35