

# Abbotsham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Abbotsham Parish Council held on Tuesday 14 November 2023

**Present:** Councillors Lewis-Barclay, Lilly (Vice Chair), Davey-Potts, Mullins and Wilson

**Apologies –** Jenna Tolley, Chris Reed and Sarah Walton

**1. To Register Members New Interests - none**

**2. Items raised by members of public – none**

**3. Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda and Minutes**

3.1 Declarations of interest by Councillors within agenda – none

3.1.1 Minutes of previous meeting held on 10 October 2023 to be approved – all agreed

3.1.2 Matters arising not covered by Agenda – none

**4. Report by Councillor Philip Pennington or Robert Hicks**

**5. Report by County Councillor Jeffery Wilton-Love**

Children's services going to have another OFSTED inspection. Cllrs set down some target dates. Chief Executive advised that it would be a year. Everything going in the right direction.

Geoffery Cox survey circulated – legal procedure, everyone needs to sign it, More support it can get then it would bring money into Torridge and West Devon

Jeff now qualified to fill potholes. We can adopt him to be roadwarden in Abbotsham – DCC roadwarden - sign up and then request Jeff to be our road warden.

Kieran moving from the area, new person will be taking over temporarily

**6. Planning**

6.1 1/0989/2023/FUL - Construction of 2 holiday units to replace approval for 3 holiday units (Variation of condition 1,5,7,10(Commencement of works) of Planning Application 1/1041/2013/FUL) Duckhaven Stud, Cornborough Road, Westward Ho!, - no objections

6.2 1/0656/2023/FUL - Demolition of existing dwelling and detached garage and erection of replacement dwelling with integral garage, South Close Abbotsham (amended plans) - Approved

6.3 1/0924/2023/OUT - Outline application for 2no. dwellings with all matters reserved except access and layout, Oakenbury House, Westward Ho!, - Withdrawn

**7. Clerks Report**

7.1 XLinks – any updates - none

7.2 Speed signs – email circulated – batteries, solar panels & fittings, look for someone to fit – contact Paul Street

7.3 Temporary traffic orders – emails circulated

7.4 Planters for village – Men's Shed need to know dimensions of planters – Sharon/Claire and clerk to visit once we know the sizes required

7.5 TDC Draft Strategic Consultation – circulated – no comments/supported what would be the performance indicators?

7.6 Grant application requests – 2024/25 – notice board/website email circulation and Facebook Group

- 7.7 Dates of meetings for 2024 – either fixed Tuesday in month or as existing between 4 and 6 weeks? – List of dates

### **9. Chairs Report**

- 9.1 Abbotsham Volunteers – has met once recently, one on this Saturday, check about high cut – contact John Slee
- 9.2 Footpath at The Big Sheep - ongoing
- 9.3 Letter from Geoffrey Cox MP – return letter
- 9.4 Area Advisory Group – did anyone attend – no one attended

### **10 Finance**

- 10.1 Bank account signatories – now moving forward

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### **10 Correspondence**

- Round Robin Items – emails from
- Rural Service Network – postal services in decline
- Devon Community
- Devon County Council
- Torrige District Council
- Any others

Grant/funding wildlife cameras, County council abolition of library services and looking for community library (we have the bus stop), refugee resettlement – community in N Devon, zoom meeting on 12 December. Concern about littering and fines

### **11 Any Other Business**

Speed watch report, pass on our thanks, very pleased with the result. Certain members feeling vulnerable with intimidating driver. Potential for grant for body cam (£200 approx). We need to push for 20's plenty  
Can we get a list of who helps in the village – Councillors to email list  
Roger – hedge cutting Pump lane to Chaltaborough  
Who is responsible for cutting hedge over tarmac – ask Jeff

### **13 Items raised by Councillors for inclusion on the next agenda**