

Abbotsham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Abbotsham Parish Council held on Tuesday 15 January 2019 at The Skittle Alley, Abbotsham

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

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence – Graham White

2. To Register Members New Interests - none

3. Items raised by members of public

John Garrett - Russ visited him the other day. Draft letter provided addressed to Helen Smith (copy to parish council and Ultimate High). Adrian from Ultimate High aware that planting not taken as well as hoped so now have regular maintenance person responsible for planting scheme and ensure it becomes established. Philip raised concern that the type of trees are not good for screening, accepts planting difficult to establish. Land is recreational as it had permission for mountain boarding originally. Query to Helen Smith on scope. Not able to provide parish council response given that councillors were not aware that it had been submitted.

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 11 December 2018 – amendment made and agreed by all

4.2.1 Matters arising not covered by Agenda – email from Rick discussed. Roger raised the issue of the trees from the car park. Next meeting to include 'Discussion with representative from The Big Sheep'.

5. Report by Councillor Alison Boyle

6. Report by Councillor T Inch

Not present – No report sent. Clerk to remind him that he was going to speak to Julie Pepworth and put forward dates for visit.

7. Planning

7.1 1/1293/2018 – Erection of one two bedroom bungalow, 10 Rickards Green, Abbotsham – no objections but suggest that a short footpath is provided to the proposed new site entrance.

7.2 1/1232/2018/FUL – Proposed two bed Hobbit House for use as holiday let, The White House, Abbotsham – Approved

8. Clerks Report

- 8.1 DCC councillor grant – application submitted
- 8.2 Speed camera(s) – updated councillors on email from Buckland Brewer parish council regarding communities together fund. Agreed that we would request 2 speed cameras and respond. What is additional cost if they are solar?
- 8.3 Mobile home near The Big Sheep – enforcement visited and will be writing to the owner of land

9.0 Chairs Report

- 9.1 VIPS/maintenance in the Village – silt by the bridge – may need to be scheduled for late February. Waiting to hear from Tivoli on outstanding invoice and how many times field cut.
- 9.2 Monitoring development activities in the parish – Ultimate High only current project
- 9.3 Rural Broadband – meeting tomorrow with regional executives from Airband and possibilities for Abbotsham
- 9.4 North Devon Records Meeting – nothing circulated to our parish yet. Seem to be a grant from Bideford Bridge Trust so may not require any additional grants.

10.0 Finance

- 10.1 Grass cutting August invoice – Tivoli not yet confirmed if it requires payment or if it is duplicate.
- 10.2 Precept for 2019/20 – Philip proposed £9000 and seconded by Chris, all agreed.

11.0 Correspondence

- 11.1 Round Robin Items – emails sent

12.0 Any Other Business

Green wheelie bin – no collection from 5 December until 16 January. Although advised that generally this would be 4 weeks when in reality it has been 6 weeks. Clerk to write to Richard Haste suggesting that the collection can be kept to 4 weeks and not the 6 weeks that has occurred in December

13.0 Items raised by Councillors for inclusion on the next agenda