

Abbotsham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Abbotsham Parish Council held on Tuesday 15 September 2020 on Zoom

Present: Councillors Wilson, Mullins, Lilly, Marlow, White, Mrs Tolley, Fuller, Bone

Apologies: Councillor Pennington (TDC)

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

3.2 Minutes of previous meeting held on 28 July 2020 – all agreed

3.2.1 Matters arising not covered by Agenda – has money been transferred from Justine – yes

3.2.2 Philip monitored speed signs – batteries need changing every 6 weeks, last changed 24 August. Road closure on A39 – believe it is traffic controlled during day and closed overnight. Cllr Inch believes its just cutting back trees, highway

4. Report by Councillor Philip Pennington or Robert Hicks

Cllr Pennington – report sent – broadband – he has Airband, given up with BT and recommends anyone to change. Martin – money going to Burton, called in, Community and Resources 10-0 to fund Burton Art Gallery, not sure why Cllr Watson has called it in given the unanimous decision. Cllr Watson doesn't need to have reason to call in. Still has some grant available but has funded project in Abbotsham

5. Report by Councillor T Inch

Cllr Inch – bad weather hampering road repairs, with water on rural roads. Sending out regular reports, one today about broadband which includes Abbotsham. Locality budget – do we have any projects that we need funds for. White paper – unitary government coming up again. Government keen to get unitary £10000 given to NDDH for the baby unit for still born, special unit at hospital, money from scrap metal from crematorium (funds from scrap metal company over a 6 month period)

6. Planning

1/0451/2020/FUL – Change of use of annexe to independent dwelling, Beech Cottage, Abbotsham - Approved

7. Clerks Report

7.1 Devon Management outbreak plan (email from Communities Together 2 or 28 September – Martin to attend

7.2 Parish Council Covid Grant Scheme - £72.82 spent

8. Chairs Report

- 8.1 Bus stop swap shop – Philip emailed around solutions. Most practical would be a sliding patio door across the front to the bus shelter. Only work if it is well managed. Chris has slight concerns about parish council dictating it. We should be getting feedback from the community. Putting up doors inappropriate unless people happy with it. Not be done unilaterally. Maybe put something on Facebook – do they want doors or cabinets. Also ask question what they think should be in the shelter. Martin – circulate on Jenna’s list and put a notice in the shelter and Facebook. Jenna says there are enough people to manage it. Chris said people are coming to his wife to thank for creating it and what a great asset it is to the village. Do we need planning permission for the sliding door. Cllr Pennington will ask Shaun Harrington if we need permission. Hugh will approach NJ Martin (after consultation with Mickey Shapland)
- 8.2 Rural broadband – as per the email circulated. Cllr Pennington said he has airband for broadband and bt for phone
- 8.3 VIPS – maintenance around the village – difficult to do as can’t do social distancing. Difficult to do any other day than a Saturday, Line of trees from Hall to School – Western Power trimming back. Under current restrictions difficult to manage. High cut – Roger to contact Ian Woollacott to see when he can do.

9. Finance

- 9.1 Cheques paid by clerk
Cheque 608 – Philip – Round up weed killer £27.54
- 9.2 Cheques to pay
Cheque 609 – Gratuity for Internal auditor £50
Clerk expenses (2nd 6 months of year) £45
Zoom registration £14.39
Cheque 610 - Tivoli (3 months) £1154.95
- 9.3 Grant to local business/community groups - defer

10. Correspondence

- 10.1 Round Robin Items – emails sent

11. Any Other Business

Roger – drains by Old Vicarage SWW rearranging angles, asked Roger question why it doesn’t run down the main road. Cllr Inch will arrange with Kieron to meet Roger. Roger said that Kieron was already aware but Cllr Inch would flag it up again.

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