

Abbotsham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Abbotsham Parish Council held on Tuesday 05 October 2021

Present: Councillors Wilson, Lilly, Marlow, Bone. Davey-Potts, Mullins and Tolley

Councillor Pennington (TDC)

Councillor Jeff Love (DCC)

- 1. Apologies – Graham White**
- 2. To Register Members New Interests - none**
- 3. Items raised by members of public**

Jenna – Preschool advised the they have had plastic cones have been stolen.
Martin suggested that Preschool should report it to the Police

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 31 August 2021 – all agreed
 - 4.2.1 Matters arising not covered by Agenda - none
- 4.3 Minutes of previous meeting held on 05 October
 - 4.31 Matters arising not covered by Agenda -
Northam Town Council not come back to Philip re high cut as yet.
Fete bank account can't be moved to Lloyds so are now looking to move to Nat West.
No Christmas event as not feasible. Carols at bottom of Shepherds Meadow will be taking place
Roger – emails from Kieran Stanbury – hedge at Big Sheep – has done everything that can be done. Roger pointed out that the metal post and that a metal gate is hidden by the grown out hedge. Kieran advised that it is a form of traffic calming. Maybe the volunteers group can look at it. Roger called Rick on 13 October re Keene lane regarding overgrown hedges/brambles. Rick advised that it is 'on his list'. Clerk to email 'concerned about Keene Lane where hedges are growing into road.

5. Report by Councillor Philip Pennington or Robert Hicks

Not present – no report submitted

6. Report by County Councillor Jeffery Wilton-Love

He has been privileged to see a report going to DCC cabinet. Don't believe everything on Facebook. Link centre potentially staying.

College Park – section 106 supermarket/hall funding got pulled, phase 2 re MUGA/play area was 2nd part of Section 106 not likely to be changed. MUGA was not built properly and is now closed off, engineers felt that it was more like 10 years old rather than 2 years old. Built outside Sports England regulations. Residents have to pay towards open area maintenance. TDC/Developer acknowledged that it has been done wrong but nothing else to be done. Not a County issue. Will now be with residents Jeff will look to relocate the MUGA maybe through fundraising.

Philip had asked question, to three county councillors that cover Kenwith Valley area, with regard to flooding at Kenwith Valley. Helen Montgomery advised things should be better with SUDS schemes on housing estate which manage the surface water. Developers are passing over the responsibility to residents' management companies. Liability on residents when things go wrong in the SUDS systems.

Hugh written to DCC regarding link road and the closure. Delays – DCC don't realise the impact on individuals. Overrunning works causing many traffic diversions.

Cabinet will be opening up meetings to parish council

Footpath Racecourse Bungalow – Cornborough/Abbotsham Court needs works as in poor condition – Jeff will go back to DCC

Roger – Spring at Vicarage Close has been reported many times. Water runs down main road to Old Road. Underwater spring keeps flowing from Vicarage Close to Pump Lane junction. Iced over in winter. Roger can point out that the drains that water comes out. Ice is a hazard and needs a lot of salt. It is a spring and a faulty drain. 30 yard sheet of ice on the road is definitely a safety issue. Need to get Kieran on site to show him. Jeff would like to look. Water not pooling so Kieran says not an issue. ICEBALLS – warning sign.

7. Planning

- 7.1 1/1134/2021/FUL - Construction of 4 bedroom detached dwelling, with associated access, parking, amenity space and landscaping, Land adjacent Hill House, Abbotsham – Philip - outside development area, we allocated land behind hall for new dwellings, we requested starter homes and bungalows. We did not want 4 bed properties, we have had previous applications around the village which have been refused. Martin there are 2 objectors, loss of view, and traffic as new entrance being proposed. Claire – the horse event on opposite side of the road impacted on the traffic. Anymore access points will be problematic. Martin access will be on bend. Strongly object – housing need survey showed that the parish did not require 4 bed properties. Access would be hazardous with poor visibility and will impact on the local road network. No footpath from the site to the village. Precedence have been set with refusals. Detached from the village. 'The parish council strongly objects to this application. The site is outside development boundary and built form of the village. At the last housing need survey it was found that there would be a need for starter homes or retirement bungalows. There is concern with regard to the access which could be hazardous, given it being on a bend. There is no footpath from the site to the village. – All agreed

- 7.2 1/1225/2021/FUL - Single storey side extension to dwelling together with internal alterations, 10 Rickards Green Abbotsham Bideford Devon EX39 5BB – no objections, all agreed
- 7.3 1/1139/2021/FUL - Change of use from office to holiday accommodation, Westward Living Reception Duckhaven Stud Cornborough Road Westward Ho! Devon EX39 1AA – No objections
- 7.4 1/1256/2021/REMM - Reserved matters application for details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale in respect of a proposal for 276 no. dwellings, associated infrastructure and open space pursuant outline planning permission 1/0039/2014/OUTM, Land South Of Clovelly Road Littleham – traffic and additional roundabout, can the road take that. No pedestrian link between site and Atlantic Village. Martin – concern of impact on the road network. Outline permission included providing a site for a school/community facilities should be carried forward into this application.
- 7.5 1/1261/2021/FUL and 1/1262/2021/LBC - Replacement of existing timber softwood sash windows with uPVC sash windows. Creation of a secure garden, including timber gazebo and 1.8m high galvanised steel perimeter fence, Kenwith Castle Abbotsham Bideford – Hugh – wooden windows in bungalows can be replaced by upvc. Now Kenwith Castle wanting to do the same. Martin objects to replacing timber windows with upvc. Roger needs to look the same. Claire why cant they use hard wood. – Martin – windows are integral part of the listed building. There have been new additions which have upvc. Martin – propose that we object to the upvc windows in the listed building, Sharon seconded – 4 agreed with the objection 3 abstentions

8. Clerks Report

- 8.1 Climate Emergency – accept that there is one

9. Chairs Report

- 9.1 Abbotsham Volunteers – maintenance around the village – next one is 20th November – sweeping of leaves, bottom of Keene Lane trimming back.
- 9.2 Village Grass cutting 2021/2022 – covered in matters arising above.

10. Finance

11. Correspondence

- 11.1 Round Robin Items – emails sent – support for local archives we will continue to support. Philip has school photos from 1980's – 20 albums that he is thinking that archive office should have. Highway conference – 24/24 November – Martin can do the Wednesday.

12. Any Other Business

- Roger reported 3 pot holes in Keene Lane, could do with resurfacing.

Claire - Traffic/parking at Abbotsham Cliffs at the weekend was on both sides of the road, by entrance and on corner. Caused by surfers

Roger – Chaltaborough to Combe Water cottage. Water coming out of hedge –

Lomas Property – Martin will mention it to Andrew Bingham, gullys needed