

Abbotsham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Abbotsham Parish Council held on Tuesday 17 December 2019 at The Village Hall Skittle Alley, Abbotsham

Present: Councillors Wilson, Fuller, Mullins, Bone, Lilly, Tolley and Marlow

1. Apologies – Graham White and Cllr Inch

2. To Register Members New Interests - none

3. Items raised by members of public - none

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 19 November 2019 – all agreed

4.2.1 Matters arising not covered by Agenda – Refuse items to be raised with Cllr Pennington.

Defibrillator – Abbotsham Players purchased it, 5 year warranty from 2016. Invoice should be with Jane. Pads have expired, still under warranty and can benefit from a free service.

5. Report by Councillor Philip Pennington or Robert Hicks

Not present – no report sent

6. Report by Councillor T Inch

Report sent advised that Kieran Stanbury has been appointed, and Cllr Inch will try and get Kieran to visit.

7. Clerks Report

9.1 Speed cameras – email Kieran to see if the job has been passed to him

9.2 Dates of meetings for 2020 – all ok

9.3 Precept 2020/21 – to be advertised on website

10.0 Chairs Report

10.1 VIPs/maintenance in the Village – defer to January meeting

10.2 Photos 2020 project – Philip brought the information from 2000 to the meeting. Philip suggested that we need 8 people to record the information. Photos to be digital and printed. Jenna to include in the newsletter.

10.3 Monitoring development activities in the parish – check with enforcement regarding the mobile home at The Big Sheep

10.4 Parish Questionnaire – responses circulated, 40 responses. Disappointed by lack of returns but heartened by the quality. Main points Wifi, shop (no community money was available then), parking and traffic, youth activities – basketball court at Deer Park, footpaths/cycle path connecting village to Bideford, 50% renewable energy would be a benefit.

10.5 Climate Emergency – not really sure how to go to next level, have ideas. Chris trying to arrange a climate emergency day Saturday 29 February – event for all parish councils and run a climate emergency workshop get various renewable companies etc to attend. Rural community energy fund – have money available for feasibility studies. Potential for tree planting behind the parish hall, suggest maybe fruit trees. Can we explore funding for trees at hall. Church commissioners own the land behind the hall.

11.0 Finance

- 11.1 Signatory for Sharon Lilly – form signed to be taken to bank
- 11.2 Cheque for school for banner £100.80

12.0 Correspondence

- 12.1 Round Robin Items – emails sent

13.0 Any Other Business

Rural parish meeting – Hugh attended, lot of people worried about the tip at Northam Burrows and the coastal erosion.

Flooding on Kenwith Bridge – continually flooding – Devon highways. Philip advised water from that cutting used to go into nature reserve and fed into ponds. Last 3 years the flow has reduced and the water is now running down the road. Devon county council have never revisited to see where the problem is to allow water back into nature reserve.

14.0 Items raised by Councillors for inclusion on the next agenda