

Abbotsham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Abbotsham Parish Council held on Tuesday 17 January 2017 at 7.30 pm at the Old School Rooms, Abbotsham

1. Apologies

- 1.1 Apologies for absence – Philip Marlow
- 1.2 Items raised by members of public - None

2. Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda and Minutes

- 2.1 Declarations of interest by Councillors - None
- 2.2 Minutes of previous meeting held on 06 December 2016 - Agreed
 - 2.2.1.1 Matters arising - None

3. Report by Councillor Robin Julian

Has provided funding for bigger signs at Buckleigh Junction and any other works that highways feel necessary.

Has managed to have regular meetings with staff at Gas Lane to discuss issues in parishes on a monthly basis.

Will visit village at school pick up time (1st week of February) to assess traffic impact
Is on Health and wellbeing committee – not happy how hospital is proposing changes. Issues is government announcing depts at Barnstaple being cut that discourages new staff joining. Most rural hospital in whole country.

4. Report by Councillor Alison Boyle

5. Planning

- 5.1 1/0039/2014/OUTM - Outline planning application for up to 550 dwellings, a 1.9ha primary school site (including neighbourhood building), highway accesses (including the rerouting of Littleham Lane) public open space and other associated infrastructure. All matters reserved other than access. (Environmental statement addendum and revised indicative plans), Land to south of Clovelly Road, Bideford – concern that school may not be provided, roads – is it proposed that the Littleham Road will be diverted through site as not clear on Masterplan. Major concern on the increase of vehicles on highway network.
- 5.2 1/1199/2016 – Removal of Condition 2 of Planning Approval 1/0974/2011/FUL, 3 Seaview Cottages, Abbotsham – no objections
- 5.3 1/1202/2016/FULM - Residential development comprising 158 dwellings (of which 47 will be social/affordable housing), including associated open space, infrastructure and vehicular access via Buckleigh Road, Land to West of Buckleigh Road, Northam – Object on grounds of increase in vehicle traffic on highway network, environmental impact, and light pollution, request any flood risk is mitigated.

- 5.4** 1/1204/2016/FUL - Change of use and extension of barn to amenity/tourism building, Building at Duckhaven Stud, Cornborough Road, Westward Ho! – Require clarification if this is in addition to existing amenity, what type of uses are envisaged/ hours of use.

6. Clerks Report

- 6.1** TAP funding – Reimburse village hall for works around village hall £1140 + vat. Contact Alwington to submit application
- 6.2** Big Sheep Overflow car park – submit figures (Nick provided) to enforcement officer, point out that scalplings have been laid out and ask for their feedback.
- 6.3** Vehicle activated Signs – Reply to Julie Pepworth to advise it is on main road through village within the 30mph limits.

7. Chairs Report

- 7.1** VIPS/maintenance in the Village – How to be managed in future and a programme of works. Invite regulars helpers to meet in Thatch (to be included in the monthly newsletter)
- 7.2** Hospital Services – covered under Cllr Julian report.
- 7.3** Monitoring development activities in the parish – check farmer/landowner responsibilities on mud on road.
- 7.4** Welcome to village sign – request to Cllr Julian for welcome signage, will need to come out his next years budget
- 7.5** Reallocation of snow warden areas – new salt been delivered – need to be distributed, to be covered in the monthly newsletter
- 7.6** Signs at Buckleigh Road junction – covered by Cllr Julian

8. Finance

- 8.1** Half year accounts - discussed
- 8.2** Precept for 2017/2018 – agreed at £9000

9. Correspondence

- 9.1** Round Robin Items – emails sent
Highway enhancement fund – match funding, no limit – to include for next months meeting.

10. Any Other Business

Check with Cllr Boyle on date of next rural Advisory group meeting
Water at Chaltaborough – Hedge has been trimmed back – service dressing by Highways. Mr Lomas has done works to ensure water channelling in right direction.
Village Fete – Name of fete should be Abbotsham Village Fete
Bus route 21B – email Cllr Julian, safety of children – no safe route for children to walk to school. Now no bus running from Abbotsham.

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

Land ownership