

# Abbotsham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Abbotsham Parish Council held on Tuesday 18 April 2023

**Present:** Councillors Wilson (Chair) Lilly (Vice Chair), Mullins, Lewis-Barclay, Tolley, Marlow, Davey-Potts

Cllr Wilton-Love (DCC)

Cllr Pennington

## 1. Apologies – Hugh

## 2. To Register Members New Interests - None

## 3. Items raised by members of public –

Sue Webster – submitted planning application for new dwelling at Southfied, with annexe for mother. Outlined her case for the dwelling and why she felt the location was suitable.

## 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 21 March 2023 – approved – all agreed

4.2.1 Matters arising not covered by Agenda – Philip – village plan in 2006, only 2/3<sup>rd</sup>s of children as opposed to Torridge/Census figures – Cllr Pennington will ask TDC

## 5. Report by Councillor Philip Pennington or Robert Hicks

X links – meeting this morning

Competition on naming new sweeper/refuse lorries

Good news – awarded leveling up rural businesses, diversification of agricultural businesses

Approved waste and recycling centre at East the Water

## 6. Report by County Councillor Jeffery Wilton-Love

Not present – no report

## 7. Planning

7.1 1/0259/2023/OUT - Erection of no1. dwelling with all matters reserved, Land To The South Of Springfield, Abbotsham, Philip, doesn't overlook anyone, now thinks it is sensible, Dominic reasonable, all agreed no objections

7.2 1/0972/2022/OUT – Outline application with all matters reserved for the erection of 1 no. dwelling, Land Adjacent Bowood House, Abbotsham - Approved

7.3 1/0999/2022/OUT - Outline application with all matters reserved for 3 no holiday lodges, Land At Bowood House, Abbotsham - Approved

## 8. Clerks Report

8.1 XLinks – route through parish – meeting on 18 April at Caddsdow – Dominic attended, parish council representative, thought that they were bypassing Abbotsham, 2 areas access to Cornborough Cliffs is through the sewage works, another camp behind St Helens. Today was time for parishes to raise objections, meeting on 17 May, no indication on how long the disruption will be. Cllr Pennington felt that it would be intensive. Dominic – it will be biggest project in the world, global investment. What's in it for us? Cllr Pennington declared an interest as a landowner affected. Fullabrook had £168000 when turbines put in. XLinks website shows details of the route. We need to push for money

Philip – Atlantic Array would have use hall road. Dominic – every km they need to drag cables through. Why are they going through the planning process – they want to be seen to be doing the right thing rather than going through compulsory purchase. We don't need to be concerned about transformers. Not quite sure how they will get them from Appledore to Alverdiscott. Cllr Pennington suggested that the affected parishes should come together. How long will workers be here and where will they be housed.

- 8.2 Invitation to Helen Smith – will come on 16 May
- 8.3 Elections of parish councillors – new council to be formed next meeting
- 8.4 Defibrillators – Heated box for Thatch – still need to be ordered
- 8.5 Rubbish in front of substation – bags taken away separately
- 8.6 Grass cutting contract – signed contract, grass cutting started today
- 8.7 Review speed signs – defer for next meeting. Being triggered too often, investigate solar.

## **9. Chairs Report**

- 9.1 Abbotsham Volunteers – Philip been clearing three cornered leek (white bluebells looking), still going, last couple sessions not had anything to do.
- 9.2 Village Fete – normally have a number of prizes organised. This year purchasing the prizes, still looking for helpers

## **10 Finance**

- 10.1 DALC Renewal - £144.57 – chq 652
  - 10.2 IOC renewal - £40 – chq 653
  - 10.3 External Auditor fee - £336 – chq 654
  - 10.4 Buzz Training – £486 – chq 651
- Cheque signatory required as Philip leaving

## **12.0 Correspondence**

Round Robin Items – emails sent

## **13.0 Any Other Business**

## **14.0 Items raised by Councillors for inclusion on the next agenda**