

Abbotsham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Abbotsham Parish Council held on Tuesday 19th December 2023

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

1. Apologies- Debbie(Clerk) Jeffery Wilton-Love
2. To Register Members New Interests-none
3. Items raised by members of the public a) sweeping in pump Lane appears not to be on the map for completion at either end of Pump Lane the man with the road sweeping machine only does the central area. We are wondering whether this is due to the curb? Can Debbie Find this out? *

b) The diocese will be discussing the viability to sell the land at the back of the Hall, Lilly and Davey-Potts to bring this up at the next Village Hall meeting and contact Wilson to pass any comments on. Needs to be on the agenda January.

4. Declaration of Interests in Items on the Agenda and Minutes-none
 - 4.1 Minutes of previous minutes held on 14th November 2023 approved
 - 4.1.2. Matters arising not covered by the Agenda- Geoffrey Cox letter seems to have been superseded by money for Road repairs being given to Devon.

5. Report by Councillor Phillip Pennington

a)5year Land supply- council reaffirms that they have 5.18 year supply. The present plan runs to2031.

b) The referendum for improvements that was voted on was the Barnstaple to Bideford Railway.

c) More affordable housing is needed in Devon Torridge

d)Economic conditions are changing and Phillip anticipates that the Council Tax will increase next year

6) County Councillor Jeffrey Wilton-Love Abs

7) Planning

7.1 1|0110|2023|REMM reserved matters application for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for a proposal of dwellings pursuant to outline planning permission

1|0947|2020|OUTM and associated infrastructure (Amended Plans) Land at Grid Ref 242647 125879 Clovelly Road Bideford

Comment: a) there is not sufficient access to the Estate with estimated 400 vehicles using the Clovelly Road that is already busy with traffic.

b) We anticipate water run off from the Estate to be problematic.

c) There is a lack of infrastructure.

d) There should be more affordable housing in the scheme. At least 60 homes. *

8 Clerks Report

8.1 XLinks to be removed from the agenda as it is now National issue.

8.2 Speed signs agreed Debbie to Contact Paul Street.*

8.3 Temporary Traffic orders circulated

8.4 Planters for Village -waiting for Quote from Men's Sheds -Agreed in principal.

8.5 Grant Application requests for 2024 | 25-

Two requests received: 1 Bell Ropes as repairs to the tower completed

2 Body camera for the speed awareness group

Quotes awaiting.

8.6 Dates of meetings for 2024 -agreed

9 Chairs Report

9.1 Abbotsham Volunteers still meeting, cleared the leaves from the center of the village

9.2 Footpath at the side of the Big Sheep- No developments

9.3 Defibrillator at the Race Course- Chair spoke to the residents at the Racecourse Bungalow and he will encourage them to apply for a grant. Request Jenna and Debbie for details of installer used at the Thatch . *

10 Correspondence-

10.1 Discussed Flood Warning Scheme -no action required at present.

10.2 Saving Devon's Treescapes project- would like to comply but no viable area to plant.

10.3 Temp Traffic Order Old Vicarage Rd to Keane Mon 19th Feb- Fri 1st March.

10.4 Railway Transport- Councilor Andrea Davis

10.5 5 Year Housing Plan is exceeding the minimum requirements but economic conditions changing

10.6 Play Zones Scheme looks to improve zones in 4 group, Lower socio economic, women and girls, Disabled and long- term health conditions, and Ethnically diverse.

A group would have to be establish a consortium with anticipated financial commitment for multi sports and outcome would need to show increased physical level, and behaviour changes.

It was felt that the scheme would require something greater than a field at the side of the village playing area.

11 Any Other Buisness

11.1 Chair to speak to the owners of the hedge by the Bus shelter with a view to it being cut back as you can no longer walk beneath it.

11.2 Debbie to write to Rick regarding the Hedge opposite The Big Sheep. *

11.3 Debbie to confirm that Councilor Jeffrey Wilton-Love is our Road Warden so that we can ask for some small repairs. *

11.4 Also Debbie to contact Highways regarding priority passing at the bridge by The Big Sheep. *

12 Items to be included on the next agenda:

All items in section 11, 8 and 9.

- Items to be actioned by Debbie