

Abbotsham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Abbotsham Parish Council held on Tuesday 19 February 2019 at The Skittle Alley, Abbotsham

Present: Parish Councillors Wilson, Mullins, Bone, Fuller, Street and Mrs Tolley

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence Phil Marlow, Graham White

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 15 January 2019 – All agreed

4.2.1 Matters arising not covered by Agenda – written to Richard Haste regarding wheelie bin collection over Christmas/January

5. Report by Councillor Alison Boyle -

6. Report by Councillor T Inch

New foster care allowance approved, school funding still an issue in Devon, Councillors met with minister of education, funding still being cut per pupil. Potholes still an issue additional 18.7 million from government to spend. Heywood Road roundabout opened today. Julie Pepworth has left DCC, new officer Julian Roskilly. Should receive grant confirmation shortly

7. Rural Broadband - Airband

Anna and Richard from Airband – Meeting with Chris, Martin and Adrian after last parish meeting. Anna had project meeting – connecting devon and somerset programme. This area is north moor split into phases, Phase 2 about to be finished. Abbotsham was a phase 4. What they are hoping – project manager to bring Abbotsham further up list following resident input, could be July/August (fibre) or December/January. What is the impact of fibre on area rather than masts (which would be less intrusive). Airband will be doing it just no certainty yet. 2nd part of phase 3 is fibre and Abbotsham is in that section. Needs to gather information from both sides. Some will be through poles, some underground. Wayleaves may be required. Team will be coming to look at all the poles to check which can be used. No costs to villagers/businesses to put in the fibre. Airband part of CDS so there are some guarantees if it fails. Customers will be in contract, once outside of the period will standard notice. Prices to be maintained and will not be able to have a price hike. What will be impact of those using BT, can split phone line and broadband or can use Airband for calls as well. Airband looking into what services they can

provide so will come back to us. Chris asked do they need a community meeting, Anna – yes but not yet, will be good to get people signed up before project.

8. Discussion with Representative from The Big Sheep

No representative from The Big Sheep

9. Planning

- 9.1 1/1322/2018/FULM – Construction of a yurt camping village, associated buildings and engineering works, The Ultimate Adventure Centre, Abbotsham – Russ spoke to say he has spoken to Helen Smith and TDC are going to employ landscape consultant to ensure landscaping sufficient, to ensure that the site is totally screened. Not going to be up and running for this year. Planting will be done in next planting season. Parish council are supportive of the development and welcome the additional screening.
- 9.2 1/1293/2018 – Erection of one two bedroom bungalow, 10 Rickards Green, Abbotsham – approved

10. Clerks Report

- 10.1 DCC councillor grant – to be notified shortly
- 10.2 Speed camera(s) – In contact with Buckland Brewer PC regarding ordering signs
- 10.3 Mobile home near The Big Sheep – Enforcement officer advised that land owner will submit an application by 1 April

9.0 Chairs Report

- 9.1 VIPS/maintenance in the Village – oak tree had some maintenance and beech on road to school. Still need to look at gravel by the road
- 9.2 Monitoring development activities in the parish – lot of road shavings put on overflow car park for The Big Sheep
- 9.3 Rural Parishes meeting 11 March – Martin will attend, Hugh is AONB representative and so may need to involve other parishes.

10.0 Finance

Roger to get quote from Tivoli for verge cuts from April

11.0 Correspondence

- 11.1 Round Robin Items – emails sent

12.0 Any Other Business

Martin – fete coming up in June and we will need raffle prizes. Include fete as item on agenda

13.0 Items raised by Councillors for inclusion on the next agenda