

Abbotsham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Abbotsham Parish Council held on Tuesday 23 January 2018
at The Village Hall Skittle Alley, Abbotsham

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

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence - Cllr Boyle

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 23 January 2018 – all agreed

4.2.1 Matters arising not covered by Agenda – Kenwith lights have been dipped and tipped downwards, Abbotsham allotments has now been resolved, Cllr Inch to chase up monitoring of noise of rollercoaster to Environmental protection, Request Rick to attend meeting regarding hedgebanks around village. Unveiling of plaque on this Saturday together with re-enactment and refreshments

5. Report by Councillor Alison Boyle

No report submitted – asked if we had any projects that she could use her councillor grant

6. Report by Councillor T Inch

Council tax to be put up by 4.99%, tdc not announced their increase yet. Torridge bridge has more damage than anticipated. Racist graffiti on under pass of link road (Abbotsham Road) – removed quickly.

County committee PROW, Farms estates, Devon Actions Committee

Children walking to Bideford College – has email response on routes that they had taken – will forward email to clerk

7. Report by PCSO

Crime figures for year – 14 incidents in the parish, action fraud – overpriced garden works, 2 telecommunications act, 2 theft of motor vehicles, 1 theft of dwelling. This will be the only meeting he will be coming to for a year. Local policing teams will be going, we should receive further communication regarding how it will work.

Email on 101 contact or phone up if need to request attendance at our meeting.

8. Ultimate High – Russ Johns

Russ – things have developed, paid for TRADA report, Clinton Devon Estates agreed to pay for original cost of poles only and not for replacement. Scheme has been scaled back, plan provided showing old course, now smaller and within same footprint. Now lower from 12.7 to 11.5 metres and closer to screening bank. Now 1 course with varying heights. Works now finished, steel columns now used instead of timber. Cllrs feel it now blends in

9. Clerks Report

- 9.1 VAT registration – chase up.
- 9.2 TAP funding – Chase up Julie regarding speed monitoring prior to Cllr Inch meeting with her on Thursday.
- 9.3 Transparency Code – Application for costs – Waiting for confirmation that application has been approved.
- 9.4 Website – request additional training from Amanda

10. Chairs Report

- 10.1 VIPS/maintenance in the Village – Trees have been trimmed at the top of the village, ash tree on corner by Philip's needs work to cut it back (Paul and Graham will do work)
- 10.2 Contract for grass cutting – Ian Woollacott given a price today, quote to be circulated, ISS have provided quote of £2090 + vat for 7 months. Agree to give contract to ISS and go to Ian Woollacott on an ad hoc basis. Proposed by Martin, seconded by Philip, all agreed.
- 10.3 Monitoring development activities in the parish - none
- 10.4 Post box – Martin spoke to Lucy yesterday, still waiting for legal pack to come back. Believe the owner is DCC, Cllr Inch will check who she should be contacting
- 10.5 Village Welcome Pack – Pack is updated now, and will be continue to be updated when required.

11. Correspondence

- 11.1 Round Robin Items – emails sent
 - Graham to attend AONB event
 - Roger responded to snow warden questionnaire

12. Any Other Business

Philip raised issue of rubbish in village.

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