

# Abbotsham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Abbotsham Parish Council held on Tuesday 20 March 2018 at The Village Hall Skittle Alley, Abbotsham

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

## **1. Apologies**

Apologies for absence – Cllr Boyle, Inch and Bone

## **2. To Register Members New Interests - None**

## **3. Items raised by members of public**

## **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 20 February 2018 – all agreed

**4.2.1** Matters arising not covered by Agenda – Advise Rick that we would just like him to give us an update and there are other hedges in the village. AONB event – we did send someone along to meeting but this was at Civic Centre, we were not aware of where it was held.

## **5. Report by Councillor Alison Boyle**

I have been in contact with Mrs Trewin whose son runs Westacott Farm Camp site at Abbotsham. Both she and her son have been very concerned about the poor condition of the road which is restricting access and causing damage to the vehicles which have been driven there. I spoke with Councillor Inch who is a member of TDC and of course is our County Member. Cllr Inch is aware of the problem and he has brought it to the attention of Julie Papworth of DCC.

I would also mention that following re-alignments of boundaries Kenwith Castle has been reviewed and should now fall within the same ward. This will make it much more practical for residents with regard to services and elections. I know that Cllr Bone has fought hard for this for some time.

Following the snow of the previous week the TDC meeting was cancelled and will now be held next Tuesday 26th March.

The good news is that I was able to use £600 of my councillor grant fund to support Mr and Mrs Chris Reed who have been working hard with a team to restore the roof of the village hall.

## **6. Report by Councillor T Inch**

Not present and no report received

## **7. Clerks Report**

- 7.1 VAT registration – reported letter of response
- 7.2 Update from Julie Pepworth – no update, chase up. TAP fund agreed and will be paid from Buckland Brewer Parish Council
- 7.3 Transparency Code – Application for costs - accepted
- 7.4 Website – ask for dates, for initial meeting (2 hours)

## **8. Chairs Report**

- 8.1 VIPS/maintenance in the Village – Ash tree at bottom end of village – Graham to remove lower branches, clear up job near Chris Reeds, drain cover been reported by Roger – water coming out of drain cover. Grit bins – been filled with our salt supply.
- 8.2 Rural broadband – poor broadband, do we want to investigate. How close is fibre to Abbotsham
- 8.3 Village Fete – Martin has a fete meeting on Friday, still need to come up with 3 prizes, Cornborough Lamb, Ask Russ if he is willing to donate a prize for village fete
- 8.4 Monitoring development activities in the parish - none
- 8.5 Post box – within the next 4 and a half weeks it will be in place. Will be near bench along from bus stop.

## **9. Finance**

Grant for village hall roof – Agreed £2000, decision ratified.

## **10. Correspondence**

- 10.1 Round Robin Items – emails sent  
GDPR toolkit – look at if it is free

## **11. Any Other Business**

Standing orders – Martin and Debbie to compile standing orders

Badger Hill planning – Philip pointed out plan was wrong, 3<sup>rd</sup> version now out, included Badger Wood as part of the application. Can we object that nothing in amended scheme that will mitigate the negative effects on Abbotsham. Also includes proposal for closing Scratch Face Lane – seen as an important part of the local road network.

Field on left towards Rickards Green – water coming out field and running back, has been freezing, who owns the field

Lengthsman have been working on drains at White House but its still overflowing – Roger to report

Rick can you confirm if you will be attending

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

**GDPR**