

Abbotsham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Abbotsham Parish Council held on Tuesday 21 February 2017 at 7.30 pm at the Old School Rooms, Abbotsham

1. Apologies

- 1.1 Apologies for absence – Nick Wallace and Paul Street
- 1.2 Items raised by members of public - None

2. Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda and Minutes

- 2.1 Declarations of interest by Councillors – Jenna Tolley (Item 7.1)
- 2.2 Minutes of previous meeting held on 17 January 2017 – agreed
 - 2.2.1.1 Matters arising – Re planning applications – contact planning dept asking why they are not responding to our comments when we have asked questions.

3. Report by Councillor Robin Julian

Has been at school and taken photos of parked cars and traffic – will do report and send to highways to see what can be done.

Highways - £3million going to be given to parishes all over county. Robin will be given allocation. Money being provided for bigger Give Way sign and Buckleigh Junction. Can we request funding for speed slow down signs in village. DCC looking to get farmers to clean roads up if they bring mud onto road. Going to become more engaged with parish by providing maps.

£23 million cuts in county. Schools losing £33 per pupil. More funding given to special needs schools. Extra 3% ringfenced to social care for next 3 years on top already allocated. Connections between hospitals and community care not good.

4. Report by PCSO

No crime. Still doing speed detection in village. Prelim dates for attending fetes and will be doing Abbotsham Village Fete.

Drop in PCSO numbers (60% drop) from Jan 2018 for next 3 years and policing will be different and different roles created. Will be asking PCSO to take on different roles. Don't know if any redundancies but will be reduction of 190 in Devon and Cornwall Constabulary.

5. Report by Councillor Alison Boyle

Has had call from lady in Abbotsham about events at Pig on the Hill and has had meeting with Cllr from Westward Ho!. Going to have an updated plan for event (Pigstock). Will be providing additional toilets at event. Linking in with Big Sheep to use car park and buses provided to event. Cllr Boyle will receive copy of plan for this year's event and feels that it will be well run.

Advisory forum meeting on 18 April (20 members and 16 parish council) Meetings 3 times a year and one meeting a year district wide.

8 March (evening) at Bideford College NHS holding consultation on sustainability

Philip brought it to Alison's attention that Kenwith flood defence will be potentially raising dam by 1 metre will mean in a flood the bridge/road beneath Kenwith Castle would be under water

6. Planning

- 6.1** 1/1199/2016 – Removal of Condition 2 of Planning Approval 1/0974/2011/FUL, 3 Seaview Cottages, Abbotsham - Approved
- 6.2** 1/1204/2016/FUL - Change of use and extension of barn to amenity/tourism building, Building at Duckhaven Stud, Cornborough Road, Westward Ho! – approved
- 6.3** 1/0067/2017/FUL – Construction of 3 bedroom holiday letting unit, The White House, Abbotsham – no objections
- 6.4** 1/0033/2017/FUL – Installation of biomass boiler, The Big Sheep, Abbotsham – no objections

7. Clerks Report

- 7.1** TAP funding – application to be submitted – speak to Peter Soper
- 7.2** Big Sheep Overflow car park – waiting to hear back from Enforcement
- 7.3** Vehicle activated Signs – wait for next year's county councillor budget. Highway Maintenance enhancement fund – check is going to be available in next financial year. Speak to Julie Pepworth to find out costs.
- 7.4** Rubbish around village – McDonalds rubbish around village – Write to McDonalds (Bideford) to advise.
- 7.5** Clerk workshop for Transparency – 3 March

8. Chairs Report

- 8.1** VIPS/maintenance in the Village – had meeting on 10 February only 4 attended. Where to go with it now? Identify what needs to be done at meeting and then put a date in newsletter. Hedging by bank by village hall. Grass cutting contract – Roger to phone for costs for grass cutting
- 8.2** Hospital Services – covered under Cllrs reports
- 8.3** Monitoring development activities in the parish – arrange visit to the Ultimate High to see how progressing
- 8.4** Reallocation of snow warden areas – Roger not heard from anyone wanting salt
- 8.5** Abbotsham Village Fete – Had first meeting of new committee. School leading it but tasks allocated village hall and parish council. Parish Council taking on catering – cream teas and beer tent and hog roast. Got to provide 3 prizes for raffle – Martin suggested approaching Café du Parc for dinner for two. Philip to ask Ed and Miriam for Merry Harriers voucher. Hugh to ask Milky Way for voucher. Need to meet and agree constitution for fete committee – parish councillors have discussed the constitution and agreed.

9. Finance

10. Correspondence

- 10.1** Round Robin Items – emails sent

11. Any Other Business

Land ownership – ask main owners around village to identify what they own.
Probably wouldn't be left with many pieces of land.

Relocation of meetings – distinct possibility of using old vicarage for parish council meetings.

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