

# Abbotsham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Abbotsham Parish Council held on Tuesday 17 December 2019 at The Village Hall Skittle Alley, Abbotsham

Present: Councillors Wilson, Fuller, Mullins, Bone, Lilly, Tolley, White and Marlow  
Councillor P Pennington (TDC)

**1. Apologies – Cllr Inch**

**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 17 December 2019 – all agreed

4.2.1 Matters arising not covered by Agenda – Martin asked Cllr Pennington about label for the bin. He will follow it up.

4.2.2 Defibrillator – Jane hasn't found the invoice as yet

4.2.3 Parish Questionnaire – what are we going to do next. Chris upload to Abbotsham Absolutley, print 2 copies for coffee morning, upload onto website, and circulate in email.

4.2.4 Climate Emergency – Chris struggled to set up but now looking at March 21 at Caddsdwn for parish council. Input from Energy 361 and have reputable providers such as community energy, funding bodies

4.2.5 Kenwith viaduct flooding – report to Cllr Inch

4.2.6 Hugh will write to Richard Haste about bedsprings in layby and Philip will write to him regarding the car in Kenwith

**5. Report by Councillor Philip Pennington or Robert Hicks**

Situation with Kivells in press. Change in leader at TDC. Budget setting in February.

Philip asked about the new business centre on the burrows, major wildlife site. Last few months continual problem of birds being pushed up to banks. Dog walkers disturbing the birds. If you want to attract bird watchers then something needs to be done regarding the dogs. Mike Day who runs the centre advised Philip that he couldn't put up any signs. Cllr Pennington will speak to Mike Day

**6. Report by Councillor T Inch**

Not present – no report sent

**7. PCSO Liz Rendle**

3 crimes in last 3 months, 2 on link road in Abbotsham Parish and 1 of assault  
Sign up to Devon and Cornwall alert.

Heating oil in village – has been theft around Fairy Cross. Leaflet to be left to put in notice board

John McGovern will be moving to an external role

## **8. Planning**

1/1077/2019/FUL - Proposed hay and horsebox store, Land at Abbotsham Court, Abbotsham for Mrs W Chope – no objections

1/1086/2017/OUTM - Outline application with all matters reserved except access for the development of up to 61 dwellings with associated works, Land north of Clovelly Road, Bideford - Approved

## **9. Clerks Report**

**9.1** Speed cameras – Contact Kieran and check if DCC are putting signs up. If not instruct Messagemaker to order.

**9.2** Coastal Access – Improvements to public access – permissive footpath entrance to Abbotsham cliffs not shown on footpath map. We should comment as a parish council that *"No mention is made in the narrative of the permissive access to the Coast Path Section S007 shown on Map CMM8B. There is a permissive access gate around 250m south of the statutory footpath junction at Abbotsham Cliff. The gate is located where the fence lines meet. This access has been in regular use for over 20 years as can be seen from the erosion on the coastal side of the gate. This access is valuable for circular walks and needs to be maintained."*

## **10.0 Chairs Report**

**10.1** VIPS/maintenance in the Village – cut back vegetation by bridge has been done by DCC, Path in churchyard – public right of way, Martin reported it to Devon County Council. Signs have been put up in churchyard. Its DCC responsibility. VIPS can treat it when the weather is improved.

**10.2** Photos 2020 project – A year in the life of a parish - Philip to speak to Jenna about organising a date in the hall and to get people involved in 2020 project.

**10.3** Monitoring development activities in the parish – When work progresses ask Russ if parish councillors can go and view. Chris advised that they have put in cables for fibre. Contact Darren Bird asking for a timescale for progressing action with regard to mobile home at Big Sheep

**10.4** Meeting with Kieran Stanbury – blocked drain in Greencliff Road being done this week along with one further along. Silt coming from field into drain so may be blocked again. Verges on Abbotsham Road – programming patching on sides of road and plough out verge and cut hedge. Kieran was going to contact Rick. Will send clerk a spreadsheet of what actions and timescale. Drains and gullies at junction to be jet washed and get cameras to see if there are any other problems. Zig zag lines to be repainted. Road outside Coronation Terrace to be repatched. Look at flooding near Kenwith Castle. Keene Lane potholes – Dragon later in the year will be used in Keene Lane. Wall outside Chris Reads house, contractors to look at that.

**11.0 Finance**

**11.1** Grant requests – St Helens Church

**11.2** Precept 2020/21 – check why there is decrease when we have additional dwellings from Kenwith. Request £8960 will keep band D the same  
Tivoli grass cutting – Cheque 600 £2613.60  
DCC – posts for VAS – Cheque 599 £157.97  
Grants – Abbotsham and Alwington Pre School – Cheque 598 £349.99  
North Devon Records Office – Cheque 597 £110.00

**12.0 Correspondence**

**12.1** Round Robin Items – emails sent

**13.0 Any Other Business**

**14.0 Items raised by Councillors for inclusion on the next agenda**