

Abbotsham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Abbotsham Parish Council held on Tuesday 21 March 2023

Present: Councillors Lilly (Vice Chair), Mullins, Bone, Lewis-Barclay, Tolley, Marlow, Davey-Potts

Cllr Wilton-Love (DCC)

Cllr Pennington

1. Apologies – Martin

2. To Register Members New Interests - none

3. Items raised by members of public – Jurassic fibre – presentation – to be circulated

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 14 February – agreed by councillors present at last meeting

4.2.1 Matters arising not covered by Agenda – Philip raised the rubbish outside the substation

5. Report by Councillor Philip Pennington or Robert Hicks

Council tax bills been issued £184 from TDC for band D, not meeting budget at the moment. Planning fees and parking good but housing need costing lot for 70 homes Levelling up fund – Appledore

Met Friday JPPC – haven't come up with land supply, looking at updating various policies, linked into Gov white paper, Central Gov changing planning again.

Bideford going through another regeneration consultation

Questions – Hugh, budget, had a lot of new council tax payers 33000 in bideford northam westward ho 68000 in district. Looking for staff, extra money but need more staff to do the work. Dominic reported Torrington Pool closed at 4 on a Saturday – Cllr Pennington will follow up.

6. Report by County Councillor Jeffery Wilton-Love

Potholes – fighting DCC, constant battle, part paid by council tax, its not being managed and not fair to residents. Dragon patcher has been here looking for provision to be permanently here, ok for bigger road. React to events and move policies with the times.

Philip – definitive plan for Heywood Road roundabout – Jeff will forward

Rogers – Rickards Green – still looking for where money is going to come from. Jeff will speak to Kieran to see where additional funding will be spent. Levelling up money released – Torridge one of the districts been selected, money has come through and needs action to be done quickly. Going to be more money coming through.

7. Planning

7.1 1/0381/2022/FULM Retrospective application for the change of use of land to extend & retain the use as a camping & caravan site with ancillary buildings Westacott Farm Camping Site Abbotsham Devon EX39 5BN – No objections

7.2 1/0166/2023/FUL Erection of 8no. holiday lodges, replacement manager's dwelling and associated works Pig On The Hill Westward Ho! Bideford Devon EX39 5AH – Philip considers its overdevelopment and business case of not making a success of the pub, the cottages would support the pub. More pressure on the road with 40 parking places. – Proposal by Philip, seconded by Sharon, all agreed overdevelopment of site with too much traffic on a single

- track road that is already in a poor state of repair.
- 7.3 1/0110/2023/REMM Reserved matters application for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for a proposal of 200 dwellings pursuant to outline planning permission 1/0947/2020/OUTM and associated infrastructure Land At Grid Reference 242647 125879 Clovelly Road Bideford Devon –Roger – concern of traffic onto road and the small roundabouts, reference to our previous objections
 - 7.4 1/1269/2022/FUL Erection of 1no. dwelling Springfield Abbotsham Bideford Devon EX39 5BA – Approved
 - 7.5 Philip Marlow – how can you plan for future if you don't know figures. Example is no of children in Abbotsham, more under 19s now than 20 years ago. How are the figures 72. Not what is occurring. If we are trying to plan we can't make plans. Are they using same % as for the whole of Torridge
Cllr Pennington – adopted in 2018 rather than Government stepped in. TDC trapped in situation by planning inspectorate and government

8. Clerks Report

- 8.1 XLinks – route through parish – Littleham- everything gone quiet
- 8.2 Invitation to Helen Smith -
- 8.3 Elections of parish councillors
- 8.4 Defibrillators – Heated box for Thatch – to order. First aid course attended by parishioners
- 8.5 Rubbish in front of substation – to be segregated this Friday to see who has been dumping.
- 8.6 Grass cutting contract - £2772 – Philip proposed to accept, Roger seconded all agreed. Not really any alternative.
- 8.7 Review speed signs – Philip having to change batteries every 2 week, 2 new batteries needed. We can revisit and look into solar – email Jeff

9. Chairs Report

- 9.1 Abbotsham Volunteers – ongoing, Sharon did as individual – BBC awards for people in village – put forward Micky's name as part of the volunteers. Wheelie bin – do we need it – only been used 3 times in the year, maybe recycle it around the village. Micky doesn't intend to do any more spraying, if want to have weeds controlled then someone else will need to do it.
- 9.2 Village Fete – 10 June, need helpers to run the stalls, hot dogs – Sharon and Cathy to do food hygiene certificate, raffle prizes are ok

10.0 Items raised by Councillors

- 10.1 Badgers Hill – Email from Cllr Marlow – cant believe no legal standing what is said
- 10.2 Census Figures – covered under Planning
- 10.3 Cliff Path – near Greenclif path. Cliff is undercutting gate and fence set back -

11 Finance

- 11.1 Request from Abbotsham Players for grant towards advertising/leaflets – Hugh thinks that's a good idea as funds get circulated.
Can we support Kenwith with purchasing bulbs – next meeting
- 11.2 Payment for notice board – Cheque 649 for £24.95 issued
Kings Coronation – max £200, will parish council support – Dominic seconded, Jenna Proposed, all agreed – Cheque 650 for £200 issued

12.0 Correspondence

Round Robin Items – emails sent – Council events email don't want it widely advertised
Traffic – road closure notices

13.0 Any Other Business

14.0 Items raised by Councillors for inclusion on the next agenda

Philip – parish maps for those not having a copy.