

Abbotsham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Abbotsham Parish Council held on Tuesday 21 May 2019 at
The Skittle Alley, Abbotsham

Present Councillors Wilson, Bone, Mullins, Marlow, White, Mrs Tolley, Fuller
TDC Councillor Pennington
DCC Councillor Inch
PCSO Liz Rendle

- 1. Apologies** - none
- 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 16 April 2019 – all agreed
 - 4.2.1** Matters arising not covered by Agenda – Tower House stables – not yet determined but planning officer is aware of our concerns
- 5. Report by PCSO Liz Rendle**

9 crimes within village in the last 12 months, down from 15 in previous 12 months
Provided leaflet regarding Devon and Cornwall Alert.
4 PCSO in their team + John McGovern. Police station not open to public to report crimes.
- 6. Report by Councillor Philip Pennington or Robert Hicks**

Report submitted by Cllr Pennington
Philip raised issue regarding birds at Skern, Appledore – Cllr Pennington advised that he would feedback to parish regarding meeting that he attended.
- 7. Report by Councillor T Inch**

Clerk to circulate the report from Cllr Inch
New grants available – 2 different one of £300 that he can sign off or one from £5000 for bigger schemes (with 25% match funding). Also has his grant which is now £12000
DCC still struggling with funding, have come within budget this year due to keeping all business grant which was approx. £10million, and had good winter so money saved there. Roads not getting any better, continue reporting potholes/signage
- 8. Discussion with Representative from The Big Sheep**

Not present

9. Planning

- 9.1** 1/0329/2019 - Retrospective application for retention of temporary supervisory dwelling for rural business worker, The Big Sheep, Abbotsham – Philip – report implies it needs to be a permanent dwelling – someone needed on site 24 hours a day to care for sheep/lambs. The applicant has sold off 5 dwellings in the village and only has only 1 dwelling left in the village and so needs new supervisory dwelling. Report refers to access through the existing staff entrance to Big Sheep when it is on the opposite side of the road. Why didn't they determine that they needed a dwelling and come to parish rather than just siting it there. Why wasn't the caravan put on the site where the animals are rather than an undeveloped area. We would suggest if there is a need for a dwelling that it is located on the Big Sheep main site.

10. Clerks Report

- 10.1** Visit by Julian Roskilly – Very productive meeting and covered everything that need to be covered. Speed signs – check if his document includes reference to battery operated being able to be kept in parish.
Meeting covered Speed signs – Julian does not think battery speed signs are subject to being taken over by DCC. Recommend using intermittently and set just above threshold.
Blocked drains on Greencliff Road – put on reporting system – maybe quicker than a full drainage scheme
Condition of road outside Coronation Road – DCC will take core samples first to show structure, scheme to deal with may take 1 – 2 years
Missing sign near St Helen's entrance – DCC will deal with this (photographs taken)
Zig-Zag sign line repainting outside school – put on reporting list
Abbotsham Road by Big Sheep – DCC will plough out later in the year
Drains and gulleys at junction – Dcc will rod and flush out first. Julian to obtain south west water plans from. Agrees that changing direction to run down by-pass road would be best but at a high cost.
Road verge by Abbotsham Court – widen the road to provide a further 3 or 4 parking spaces, fill in drop on far side.
Verge on south side of Abbotsham Road – Could our contractor cut it, budget money may be available to help.
Flooding near Kenwith Court – Hugh talked to Julian about this. Julian agreed that something needs to be done.
- 10.2** Co-opt for 1 vacancy – notice on website and notice board – contact Martin

9.0 Chairs Report

- 9.1** VIPS/maintenance in the Village – all verges now been cut
9.2 Monitoring development activities in the parish - none

9.3 Rural Broadband – Airband had scheduled in for August assuming approval given from Government department. Highways now saying they don't want any works taking part on highways over summer period. Chris will update when he knows a new time

9.4 Village Fete – all organised

10.0 Finance

IOC payment – cheque provided

Insurance renewal – cheque signed

11.0 Correspondence

11.1 Round Robin Items – emails sent

12.0 Any Other Business

Hugh attended an AONB meeting. There is an ambitious programme and will be probably be 3 meetings a year. Still working out how Hugh can communicate to parishes etc.

13.0 Items raised by Councillors for inclusion on the next agenda