

Abbotsham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Abbotsham Parish Council held on Tuesday 23 April 2024 in The Skittle Alley, Abbotsham

Present: Councillors Lewis-Barclay (Chair), Lilly (Vice-Chair), Reed, Wilson, Mullins, Davey-Potts, Tolley
Councillor Pennington (TDC)

Apologies: Councillor Wilton-Love (DCC)

Not Present: Councillor Walton

		Action by
1	To Register Members New Interests - none	
2	<p>Items raised by members of public –</p> <p>Caroline Cleever - Diversion of footpath – Persimmion Homes application to divert footpath from new development onto the existing developed site. Taking out woodland boundary with 4m wide cycle way, no objections were raised previously until she raised awareness. The application has now been withdrawn but an application is likely to be resubmitted.</p>	Clerk to request we wish to be reconulted
3	<p>Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda and Minutes</p> <p>3.1 Declarations of interest by Councillors within agenda – none</p> <p>3.1.1 Minutes of previous meeting held on 26 March 2024 to be approved – all agreed, copy signed</p> <p>3.1.2 Matters arising not covered by Agenda – none</p>	
4	<p>Report by Councillor Philip Pennington or Robert Hicks</p> <p>Planning was the big issue, only been Councillor since 2019 so not able to comment on Big Sheep application.</p> <p>Discussions within district council re the PROW application, ward member for Bideford South not notified. Concern that the application was called in on 5th April but not put on website until 17th April. Did Cllrs have the right to call it in, after discussions with legal department then it could be called in. Procedural matters need to be checked.</p> <p>Two local needs dwelling approved by committee – one in Monkleigh and one in Newton St Petrock, balance of open countryside to keeping young people in the area.</p> <p>Rules changed under 2021 Act – Biodiversity Net Gain</p>	

	<p>legislation, offsetting should be on the area, do they own any other nearby land or make contribution.</p> <p>Peer review tomorrow – held every 5 years, feed back at next meeting</p>	
5	<p>Report by County Councillor Jeffery Wilton-Love</p> <p>Not present – no report sent</p>	
6	<p>Planning</p>	
	<p>6.1 1/0252/2024/PROW Redirection of Abbotsham Footpath No.1 under Section 257 of the TCPA Land At Grid Reference 242647 125879 Clovelly Road Bideford - <u>withdrawn</u></p>	
	<p>6.2 1/0359/2024/FULM Reserved matters application for details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale in respect of a proposal for 274 no. dwellings, associated infrastructure and open space pursuant outline planning permission 1/0039/2014/OUTM (Amended Plans) (Variation of condition 1 of planning permission 1//1133/2021/REMM) Land At Grid Reference 242168 125574 Littleham – <u>no objections</u></p>	<p>Clerk to report no objections</p>
	<p>6.3 1/0141/2024/FUL – Proposed rear extension and alterations, The Cottage, Abbotsham - <u>Approved</u></p>	
	<p>6.4 1/0170/2024/FUL – Single storey extension including replacement of conservatory, Herons Shaw, Westward Ho! – Approved</p>	
	<p>6.5 1/0989/2023/FUL – Proposed erection of 2no holiday lodges (amended description and type of application), Duck Haven Stud, Cornborough Road, Westward Ho! -Approve</p>	
7.0	<p>Clerks Report</p>	
	<p>7.1 Speed signs – quote received for fitting additions – quote for £160 by John Piper, and order the equipment from messagemaker</p>	<p>Clerk to order solar panels and parts and instruct John Piper to fit.</p>
	<p>7.2 Road Warden Scheme and filling of potholes around the village– Cllr Wilton-Love to update</p>	<p>Cllr Wilton-Love to update</p>

	7.3 Planters for village – money for plants – Claire collected and will plant, colour, hardy, low maintenance – upto £100 initial and then £50 each year	Claire and Chris to liaise and purchase plants and compost
	7.4 Letter to Rick – follow up volunteers have done works up from the hall, email Rick – the volunteers have cut the hedgerow above the cottages, have you looked at the branches referred to in my previous email	Clerk to email Rick asking if he's looked at the hedge
	7.5 Heated box for Defibrillator at Race Course Bungalow – Change in box required – Can cover cost up to £600 (with grants)	Clerk to speak to owner – order heated box Request grant from Councillor Wilton-Love
	7.6 Supervision of defibrillator at The Thatch – Jenna gets notified when its been used – Tony will need to register with the Circuit (https://www.thecircuit.uk/). Parish council is guardian, Jenna notifies them that we are emergency ready. There are 4 questions to respond and then she will be notified when it has been used.	
	7.7 Grass cutting for 2024/25 – contract to be sent but cutting has started – pass Dominic's details onto NTC	Clerk to email NTC with Dominic's details
8.0	Chairs Report	
	8.1 Abbotsham Volunteers – met last 2 Saturdays, hedge up from cottages and path by Chaltaborough cleared, contact Micky	
	8.2 Sale of Glebe Field/church land – Mandy has contacted Sharon from Community land trust, should form a group and gather information. – should be put on Abbotsham Absolutely	Sharon to contact Mandy. Put on Abbotsham Absolutely?
	8.3 Village Fete – everything going ok – meeting next week, no issues at present - Plans are much simpler than previous years as we have handed over all children's games and stalls to the school PTA committee to organise and run. We also have Devon Crepes (again making things easier to organise) coming in for our outside food option, bar will be kept simple with cider and Prosecco. Traditional cream teas in the hall with help from Pannier Pantry.	Fete committee to update at next meeting

	<p>Entertainment includes, Daisy Dave (music), Punch and Judy, school choir, last years panto shanty song and we have asked for the may pole but from the lack response I take it that's not happening.</p> <p>The fete committee will be organising white elephant, grocery game, china smash, cake stall and fishing bottles. We also have the allotments, skittles and inviting outside stalls/ charities to run their own stalls.</p> <p>Raffle tickets are printed and we will start selling in the next 2 weeks</p>	
	8.4 Event for community volunteers – need to make a list of who to include and then decide on event	All councillors to email clerk a list by 9 th May
9.0	Finance	
	9.1 Bank account signatories – now agreed by Natwest	
	<p>9.2 Payment of Invoices Payment for DALC membership £173 Clerk courses – to be invoiced £36 x 3 Clerk Manual - £72 Green bin sticker £55 Clerk half year expenses £45</p> <p>Grants to be paid</p>	<p>Clerk to make payments</p> <p>Grants to be added to next agenda</p>
10.0	Correspondence	
	<p>Round Robin Items – emails from Rural Service Network Deevon Community Devon County Council Torridge District Council Any others</p> <p>Nothing outstanding</p>	
11.0	Any Other business	
	Japanese knotweed – three red stalks at end of Pump Lane – look into what we do – who do we report it to? Opposite Justine's house	Clerk to check how to report this

	Notice changed at the walkway at The Big Sheep – saying that it will be closed from 1 October. Priority road sign – DCC advise that the sign is not required due to good visibility on approach and lack of accidents reported	
12.0	Items raised by Councillors for next agenda	