

Abbotsham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Abbotsham Parish Council held on Tuesday 23 February 2016 at 7.30 pm at the Old School Rooms, Abbotsham

1. Apologies

- 1.1 Apologies for absence –
- 1.2 Items raised by members of public

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

- 2.1 Declarations of interest by Councillors -
- 2.2 Minutes of previous meeting held on 19 January 2016
 - 2.2.1.1 Matters arising

3. Report by Councillor Robin Julian

4. Report by Councillor Alison Boyle

Ultimate High – Was concerned on impact to area and noise on the village. Russell Johns had done a lot of work to reduce impact and he gave background on the site. As long as conditions are fulfilled then she didn't feel that there was an issue.

Boundary Commission – looking at boundaries, Eg Kenwith has 2 wards. The boundary commission will only look at it as a complete ward by the area rather than a line on the plan

Route 39 – appeal allowed. Although recommended by planning inspector to refuse secretary of state overruled. Can take it to judicial review – will be speaking to Lewis Andrews and Geoffrey Cox to discuss. Some letters of objections not treated as valid but maybe that they went through 'Say no to route 39'.

Locality Group – speaking to 10 parishes, Jane Whittaker looking to have 3 advisory boards and then officers will be going to each group. 1 group meeting once a year.

5. Planning

- 5.1 1/1165/2015 – Three new accommodation buildings and a social barn with attendant engineering works, The Ultimate Adventure Centre, Abbotsham – Approved – applicants have tried to address the concerns raised and had gone and spoken to residents likely to be affected. Hugh raised at committee that tree planting was an important part of the application and that all the conditions will be adhered to.
- 5.2 1/0024/2016/FUL – Proposed loft extension to the existing garage, Lower Bowood. Abbotsham – no objections
- 5.3 1/0147/2016/DIS – Discharge of conditions 11 and 14 of 1/1165/2015 – Ultimate Adventure, Abbotsham – information for condition 11 acceptable check info for condition 14

6. Clerks Report

- 6.1 Email from SWW – Nick still having flooding issues
- 6.2 North Devon Records Office – Martin proposes that we contribute £150 a year for next 3 years, seconded by Philip, all agreed
- 6.3 Dog poo bins – request to be put to Torrridge for 2 bins.
- 6.4 Speeding sign at entrance to Village – email Cllr Julian to look into it.(solar panel or mains and costs)

7. Chairs Report

- 7.1 Route 39 Appeal – Cllr Boyle has covered this
- 7.2 Local Parishes meeting – doesn't make sense for rural parishes to be joining Bideford and Northam, willing to give 1 meeting a year. Rural parishes could potentially have one voice.
- 7.3 VIPS/maintenance in the Village – Nicks identified locations on plan and now need to identify the VIPS to allocate areas. Philip, Nick and Roger to meet to discuss.
- 7.4 Abbotsham Village Fete Committee (email from Gru) – request that parish council manage it on a rota basis. In principle we are in agreement
- 7.5 Local plan – amendments – no additional comments to be made

8. Finance

- 8.1 Request for Grant from Village Hall Committee - £2500 requested for play equipment - £500 to be allocated from this current year and the remaining £2000 from next year. Proposed by Hugh and seconded by Martin, all agreed

9. Correspondence

- 9.1 Round Robin Items – emails sent

10. Any Other Business

Works on road to Pump Lane to be completed by Wednesday lunchtime
Request for Lines to be put in front of village hall gate (Village Hall committee)
Village hall Looking to knock down skittle alley and what replaces it
Path from Big Sheep to school (footpath area from church area to school gate)

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