

Abbotsham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Abbotsham Parish Council held on Tuesday 23 January 2024

Present: Councillors Lewis-Barclay, Lilly (Vice Chair), Reed, Mullins and Wilson

Apologies – Jenna Tolley, Claire Davey-Potts, Cllr Pennington
Not Present - Sarah Walton. Cllr Jeff Wilton-Love

1. To Register Members New Interests - none

2. Items raised by members of public – none

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

3.1 Declarations of interest by Councillors within agenda – none

3.1.1 Minutes of previous meeting held on 19 December 2023 to be approved – all agreed

3.1.2 Matters arising not covered by Agenda

4. Report by Councillor Philip Pennington or Robert Hick

Not present – No report sent

5. Report by County Councillor Jeffery Wilton-Love

Not present - No report sent

6. Planning

6.1 1/1267/2023/FUL and 1/1268/2023/LBC - Conversion of barn to form ancillary accommodation, Shamland, Abbotsham, Bideford – Martin has reviewed the plans and reports, important building in the parish, historic importance (clerk to send documents). – Renovation and refurbishment of oldest building should be supported.

6.2 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 – Approved

7. Clerks Report

7.1 Speed signs – quote for installing panels and extended pole – waiting for response from Paul Street – chase up with phone call

7.2 Road Warden Scheme – agree terms (circulated) – contact Jeff with the scheme agreement to see what we should do. Do we need our insurance.

7.3 Temporary traffic orders – emails circulated

7.4 Planters for village – Quote from Mens Shed – text was for 4 planters, go back to them and say just 2 planters required, send email so he can send the drawings. £150 + lettering then accept.

7.5 Letter to Rick – re hedge opposite – we would request that you cut the hedges around Keene Lane as there are visibility issues – send link to DCC land charges

7.6 Road sweeping Pump Lane – email Cllr Pennington

8. Chairs Report

- 8.1 Abbotsham Volunteers – not met recently
- 8.2 Footpath at The Big Sheep – Sharon – notices on from Big Sheep footpath, spoke to public rights of way. Can ignore Big Sheep Signs, DCC will take action if the footway is blocked
- 8.3 Defibrillator at Racecourse Bungalow – Pay for installation by electrician. The defib at the Thatch – check if it has been used
- 8.4 Sale of Glebe Field/church land – Chris, Sharon and Dominic attended meeting with PCC (Church) and School. Church taking the lead and co-ordinating it. Goes back to Torridge Plan – like to be able to keep housing for local people, Tony (PCC) approach church commissioner. Look into community land trust
- 8.5 Hedge at Bus Shelter – spoke to owner and now has been cut

10 Finance

- 10.1 Bank account signatories – Sharon going to bank to request new form

11.0 Correspondence

- Round Robin Items – emails from
- Rural Service Network
- Devon Community
- Devon County Council
- Torridge District Council
- Any others

10 Any Other Business

Recognition of residents that do work for the community – event in the hall funded by parish council – send out reminder for people to nominate

13 Items raised by Councillors for inclusion on the next agenda