

Abbotsham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Abbotsham Parish Council held on Tuesday 23 May 2017 at 7.30 pm at The Vicarage, Shepherds Meadow, Abbotsham

1. Apologies

- 1.1 Apologies for absence – Philip Marlow, Hugh Bone, Cllr Boyle
- 1.2 Items raised by members of public – Roger raised item from member of public , regarding static caravan in No 4 St Helens – has contacted TDC enforcement – parish to contact enforcement
Noise from roller coaster – trees have been cut back – screaming and rolling track noise more obvious – bring to attention of TDC environmental health – Janet Williams

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

- 2.1 Declarations of interest by Councillors – 7.2 Development activities – Martin Wilson and Jenna Tolley
- 2.2 Minutes of previous meeting held on 25 April 2017 - agreed
 - 2.2.1.1 Matters arising – Not heard back from Cllr Boyle re conversation with Diane Thompson, follow up Simon Phillips on vehicle sign, Post box in village – Martin to send to Exeter mail centre

3. Report by Councillor Alison Boyle

4. Report by PCSO

No crimes for last 2 months. Continuing speed checks on A39, Abbotsham Fete – same day as Bideford Youth Orchestra so will be present for part of the fete

5. Report by Cllr Tony Inch – tony.inch@devon.gov.uk

DCC agm on Thursday and will then be given committees. Email Cllr Inch our road priorities. School traffic dangerous – maybe need double yellow lines on corners. PCSO suggest that road is painted by county highways and/or traffic watch by school children would be outside school pick up/drop off time. School would need to register with speed watch.

6. Clerks Report

- 6.1 TAP funding – will be available but uncertain of amount as yet
- 6.2 Highway Management Enhancement Fund – will be discussed at DCC meeting in June
- 6.3 Vacancy for parish councillor – advertised until 1 June

7. Chairs Report

- 7.1 VIPS/maintenance in the Village – note that newer residents are maintaining strip of land, keep a look out if anything around village needs doing.

- 7.2** Monitoring development activities in the parish – Philips email regarding playing field and need to cut grass. School has been getting it cut but now they don't use it very often now and would like someone else to offset costs or contribute towards it. Village hall reluctant to contribute given the previous agreement. Cost would be £240 per year. Alternatively could we contribute towards the cost together with the school. Paul proposes that the parish council contribute one third of cost for this year only and review each year, Roger seconded and Graham agreed. Cut is 1st week of month
- 7.3** Abbotsham Village Fete – Everything getting organised. Table tennis table to be installed 1 June. Layout to be rearranged but will work ok. Irene and Mike Ballard to run bar. Not got anyone to run hogroast/bbq yet. – equipment and someone to run it.
- 7.4** Village Welcome Pack – Let Martin know what needs adding/updating. Cllr Inch asked for Cllr contact details to be added.

8. Finance

- 8.1** Grant Thornton Audit
- 8.1.1 Annual governance statement approved
 - 8.1.2 Accounting statements in annual return agreed
- 8.2** Gift to internal auditor – Agreed value upto £30

9. Correspondence

- 9.1** Round Robin Items – emails sent

10. Any Other Business

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