

# Abbotsham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Abbotsham Parish Council held on Tuesday 25 February 2020 at The Village Hall Skittle Alley, Abbotsham

Present – Councillors Wilson, Bone, Mullins, Lilly, Tolley, Marlow

1. **Apologies** – Cllrs Pennington, Inch and Fuller
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 21 January 2020 – all agreed
    - 4.2.1 Matters arising not covered by Agenda – defibrillator invoice, now know who company supplier was.
    - 4.2.2 Parish questionnaire – on website, to be circulated by email group
    - 4.2.3 Bedsprings been collected. Car still in Kenwith
    - 4.2.4
5. **Report by Councillor Philip Pennington or Robert Hicks**

Not present – report not sent.
6. **Report by Councillor T Inch**

**Not Present – Report sent**

DCC have now set the budget the Council tax will go up by £53.10 per year on a band D property the budget calls for an extra £11.5 million to be spent on hard-pressed children’s services a rise of 9.4%, spending on adult care will go up by £4.5 million and the budgets for community health and environment and infrastructure, highways will rise by 0.7%

Over all the county’s spending on services will rise from £479.4 million to almost £494 million the increase for highways in the revenue budget is not so big, but we have won an extra £18 million in capital spending for our roads which is being allocated across the county.

News on some of the issues in Abbotsham, the Kenwith Viaduct and is flooding is down be done this week and a specialist company will attend the area for extensive cleaning.

I am still getting a lot of complaints about the amount of bad parking outside of the school on pick up and drop off times, I do know that this something the parish council has been concerned with for a long time perhaps I could invite the highways officer out to look at the problem when it is happening, I am keen to get this sorted before we have a nasty accident.
7. **Planning**
8. **Clerks Report**

- 8.1 Speed cameras – Delivery to Roger
- 8.2 Devon Communities Together membership and survey – Village hall had been member but not found much use. Does it offer anything more than DALC. Note that its there and maybe revisit it if necessary.
- 8.3 Ownership of field adjacent to layby – First 15metres from road (upto fence) belongs to Mrs Julie Turner, rest belongs to Portledge Estate
- 8.4 North Devon Records Invitation – Tuesday 24 March, Martin may attend
- 8.5 Councillor training – Sharon is interested, training at Littleham on 1 April.

## **9.0 Chairs Report**

- 9.1 VIPS/maintenance in the Village – steps to play area are covered in leaves and are slippery. High cut – Ian Woollacott – Do we still want it, Roger and Philip discussed it as Ian is 20 jobs behind and needs to be finished by end of February. Leave it until next year – all agreed
- 9.2 Parish Councils climate change emergency workshop – Martin will attend if he is around, Philip would like to attend
- 9.3 Photos 2020 project – open afternoon this Sunday 2 – 5 pm to persuade people to take part in the 2020 project
- 9.4 Monitoring development activities in the parish – mobile home at The Big Sheep, Darren Bird will let us know any update
- 9.5 Village Fete – Les won't be able to do BBQ on 27 June. Jenna advised that her and Rebecca (School) proposed that the date is moved to 11 July. Martin, Jenna and Rebecca will meet in 2 weeks and decide then.
- 9.6 Grass cutting contract – Quote from Tivoli – all agreed to accept quote of £2245.80 + VAT

## **10.0 Finance**

- 10.1 Cheques  
Messagemaker – Cheque 601 £5056.80

## **11.0 Correspondence**

- 11.1 Round Robin Items – emails sent – Police and crime scene – don't require them to come. Pigstock on 16 May road closure

## **12.0 Any Other Business**

Adrian (Ultimate Adventure) got a meeting on 27 February with BT re fibre broadband  
Chase Kieran for spreadsheet update following your meeting in the village.

## **13.0 Items raised by Councillors for inclusion on the next agenda**