

Abbotsham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Abbotsham Parish Council held on Tuesday 27 July 2021 on Zoom

Present: Councillors Wilson, Lilly, Marlow, Bone. Davey-Potts, Tolley

Councillor Wilton-Love (DCC) and Councillor Pennington (TDC)

1. Apologies – Graham White and Roger Mullins

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 29 June 2021- approve – all agreed

4.2.1 Matters arising not covered by Agenda - road narrow sign near Silford Cross – there will be increase in traffic due to the new housing developments, will be bigger issue. Cllr Wilton-Love to look into it.
Grass cutting DCC cut the visibility splays and cut other random areas.
Philip had a thank you from Barry Jones regarding the grass cutting.

5. Report by Councillor Philip Pennington or Robert Hicks

Climate change agreement.

Council struggling with pandemic due to covid cases within Councillors and staff

No update on dog bin

Communal grass area – Philip has provided a collection bag and will come out and collect

Abandoned car – initially they thought it was with TDC but now saying its not their issue.

Questions – Hugh – pingdemic – essential worker – refuse collection? – not sure what the procedure is.

6. Report by County Councillor Jeffery Wilton-Love

Cllr Tony Inch is currently in hospital on life support

Has been learning how to do the job. Speaking to PHE daily – confusion how the non self isolating will work

Martin raised issue of Footpath stretch Racecourse Bungalow to Abbotsham Cliff – area gets rutted and very muddy

Link road improvements now likely to be done in February and not September as previously advised

Area by viaduct flooding issue

7. Planning

- 7.1 1/0855/2021/FUL - Change of use from multi-use building (Class D2) to a single holiday let, installation of windows and external staircase leading to timber deck with glass balustrade to support the existing elopement and micro wedding business, Duckhaven Stud, Cornborough Road, Westward Ho! – this application has had a large number of documents. Philip – only have development in AONB if you can't do it anywhere else. 14 letting premises, room to hold wedding and room for wedding function. Proposal has been bit by bit. The building was designed to be a holiday let but given permission as wedding reception building. Would the building been given permission if it had been originally submitted as a holiday Master plan requested by Dave Edgecumbe has never been provided. Claire – road infrastructure cannot cope with the traffic. Sharon – traffic will be less. Philip – originally they were going to bus in guests. Should the site need another holiday let. AONB should be protected from any development, would set a precedent for other developments in AONB.
No new build only build on existing application – economic against AONB.
Economic side – will get higher rent for this building than other units. The area loses a venue for 100 guests. Removing area where you can hold a reception.
Issue is that it is in AONB
Objects to this proposal as this change of use within the AONB to holiday use would set a precedent for other sizeable holiday developments within this important landscape.
Email Cllr Christie asking him to call in application if the officer is minded to approve.
- 7.2 Licensing application for The Big Sheep – approved – 23 events this year and 12 events next year

8. Clerks Report

- 8.1 Emptying of public bins – now being emptied
8.2 Dog bins – Cllr Pennington still waiting for reply on additional bin
8.3 Date of next meeting – 31 August

9. Chairs Report

- 9.1 Rural broadband – Rep from Airband to attend the next meeting
9.2 Abbotsham Volunteers – maintenance around the village – residents have been away or doing other things. Difficult without trailer. Maybe change dates in August so that Micky is available with trailer.
9.3 Village Grass cutting 2021/2022 – Northam Town council doing a good job

10. Finance

- 10.1 Invoice from Northam Town Council - defer
10.2 AGAR 2020-21 - defer

11. Correspondence

11.1 Round Robin Items – emails sent -

12. Any Other Business

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