

Abbotsham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Abbotsham Parish Council held on Tuesday 28 July 2020 on Zoom

Present: Councillors Wilson, Mullins, Lilly, Marlow, White, Mrs Tolley, Fuller

Apologies: Councillor Pennington (TDC) and Bone

1. To Register Members New Interests - None

2. Items raised by members of public

Tree at Lorne House – The owner of Lorne House contacted the clerk to advise that they had contacted Torridge District Council regarding having a TPO placed on the old beech tree on their boundary. There is a bulge in the wall on The Stables side caused by the tree roots

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

3.1 Declarations of interest by Councillors within agenda - none

3.2 Minutes of previous meeting held on 25 February 2020 – all agreed

3.2.1 Matters arising not covered by Agenda – Adrian (Ultimate Adventure) disappointed not more come forward, how can the parish council hold funds for the scheme (Community fund account – existing). How can we (Parish council) help kick start/help to make things progress.

3.3 Minutes of emergency meeting held 18 March 2020 – all agreed

4.3.1 Matters arising not covered by Agenda - none

4. Report by Councillor Philip Pennington or Robert Hicks

Report submitted by Councillor Pennington and circulated prior to meeting

5. Report by Councillor T Inch

Not present and no report submitted

6. Planning

1/0451/2020/FUL – Change of use of annexe to independent dwelling, Beech Cottage, Abbotsham – no objections

7. Clerks Report

7.1 North Devon Advocate Scheme – seems to be for more built up areas and not much benefit, no need to join

8. Chairs Report

8.1 Bus stop swap shop – has been very successful, used sensibly, no problem with it. Review and maybe to look into something more suitable so that items won't be impacted by weather. To be discussed further at next meeting.

- 8.2 Rural broadband – Clerk has contacted Adrian and offered parish council support in moving the project forward for the parish.

9. Finance

- 9.1 Cheques paid by clerk
Cheque 602 – Clerk expenses and covid expenses £117.82
Cheque 603 – Information Commissioners £40
Cheque 604 – Parish council insurance £257.60
Cheque 605 – Tivoli grass cutting £384 .98
- 9.2 Cheques to pay
Paul Street to fit speed cameras £139.94
DALC membership £116.49
- 9.3 AGAR – agreement of audited accounts 2019/20
9.3.1 Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2019/20 Philip proposed, Graham seconded and all agreed
9.3.2 Section 2 - Annual Governance Statement 2019/20 Philip proposed, Graham seconded and all agreed
- 9.4 Grant to local business
Councillors discussed how the parish council could support local organisations in their need following Covid 19 legislation. It was suggested that we could provide hand sanitiser/grants to all community groups. It was agreed to look at this further in the meeting on 1 September. Philip feels that the Thatch is part of the community and Roger agreed. Issue maybe opening up to other businesses in the parish. Chris concerns that it may cause risk of future accusations from other businesses. Every business have to say exactly why needed in this specific instance and why we say no to others.

10. Correspondence

- 10.1 Round Robin Items – emails sent

11. Any Other Business

- 11.1 Speed Cameras – both working and Philip charging batteries for them as necessary
- 11.2 Jenna has had message from Justine (Newsletter) regarding the money left over from newsletter production (Approx £200). Money to be transferred to the community account.
- 11.3 Chris – Rick Turner being pro-active, changing the operating model, making most of the open spaces and collaborating with other businesses.
- 11.4 Roger – overgrown hedge of overflow car park and Keene Lane

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