

Abbotsham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Abbotsham Parish Council held on Tuesday 31 July 2018 at The Village Hall Skittle Alley, Abbotsham

Present: Parish Councillors Wilson, Mullins, Marlow, Fuller, White and Mrs Tolley

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence – Hugh Bone, Cllr Boyle, Paul Street

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 31 July 2018 – all agreed

4.2.1 Matters arising not covered by Agenda – traffic management – chase up Matt Collins

5. Report by Councillor Alison Boyle

Martin has spoken to her and she is now taking emails and calls, but unlikely to attend for next 2 or 3 meetings. Is able to provide a grant of £300 for additional grass cutting.

6. Report by Councillor T Inch

Highway management, 15 pothole gangs increased now to 38 gangs. In December 9000 potholes to 16000 in February reported. Since March more being filled than being reported. Skanska has invested in Dragon pothole machine that does everything in one go. 60 potholes in a day. DCC plastic free by 2020. Train service between Barnstaple and Exeter to be improved in 2019 still will only have 2 carriages.

Cllrs raised concerns as to why the pavements had been redone. Some gullies have been cleared but not sure all have been cleared.

Grants available – invest in Devon in addition to cllr grant. Philip pointed out verges in Devon scheme, potentially more verges to be cleared (Complete 2 forms for the two grants). Cllr Inch will come and meet with cllrs to go round village – Clerk to let him know a couple dates and list of areas to look at.

7. Planning

7.1 1/0477/2018/FUL – Variation of condition 2 of application 1/1128/2015 (Variation of plan schedule – change of garage location), Spring Cottage, Abbotsham - Approved

7.2 1/0703/2018/FUL – Replacement of existing boundary hedge with a fence, 17 Arthurs Lea, Abbotsham – As this hedge was retained as part of the original application

8. Clerks Report

- 8.1 Big Sheep Roller Coaster – Matthew Millichope going to be doing monitoring in the village. Philp said that monitoring should be carried out in the churchyard. Seems to have a whirring noise but that may be below the noise threshold
- 8.2 Standing orders – All agreed to adopt. Now adopted.
- 8.3 Community Grant Allocation – Should have been councillor grant
- 8.4 Wildflower Verge – forward email to all councillors and Cllr Inch

9. Chairs Report

- 9.1 VIPS/maintenance in the Village – white lines now done on steps. Tree on corner – Copper beech as well as ash tree on opposite corner. Philp will contact Bruce Macfarlane at TDC to find out who is responsible. Area trees/hedges of car park at Arthurs Lea needs cutting back
- 9.2 GDPR – data protection – Privacy notice agreed. Martin to email clerk to put on website.
- 9.3 Rural Parishes Advisory Group – presentation by Richard Haste, Cllr Julian is chair. Waste bin will be emptied on 2 weekly collection as well as when the dog bins are emptied. Should be able to have a parish council sticker for wheelie bin. Provisional date for next meeting 2 October
- 9.4 Monitoring development activities in the parish - none
- 9.5 Rural Broadband – Chris spoke to Hugh after last meeting. Chris sent Hugh link to funding. To get fibre to Kenwith would cost £55000. Chris then used that as scenario to digital North Devon. This area not considered financially viable for any one to tender. Passed on airband who could put aerials on church spires, and not a viable option.

10. Finance

- 10.1 Grant to Village Hall Roof, Martin proposed and Philip seconded, all agreed to give £2500.

11. Correspondence

- 11.1 Round Robin Items – emails sent

12. Any Other Business

- Roger has contacted Rick regarding tree/hedge – has no intention of cutting trees down and referred to other issues that we have raised.
- Martin – 4 September won't be here so Chris to chair.
- October meeting to be changed to 9 October.

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