

MINUTES OF THE ISLE ABBOTTS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7th January 2015 at 7.30pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Cllrs Habberfield, Bradshaw, Herbert, Pix, , Morris, CC Christopher LeHardy, DC Sue Steele, the Clerk and 1 member of the public were also present.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** None
2. There were no **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
3. The **MINUTES** of the meeting held on Wednesday 5th November 2014 were read and approved.
4. **MATTERS ARISING:** a) Defibrillator. Cllr Pix advised that our application to the BHF was being processed but he had to assure them that the equipment wouldn't be kept in a locked cabinet and would be sited in the village hall porch. Concerns were expressed by Councillors over possible theft and vandalism. Councillors were grateful to CC Christopher LeHardy for securing a total of £499 (£400 towards BHF funding and £99 for CPR training) from the Health and Wellbeing fund. As the equipment would require power a quotation would be obtained from an electrician for the necessary work. As this subject is ongoing it would be placed on the next agenda.

The footbridge, part of path ref L14/7 still has to have the main crossing timbers and decking replaced. Regarding the non compliance of certain planning conditions at the Baptist church, the clerk had a reply from SSDC who stated that the creation of an access onto an unclassified road requires no planning permission. This, Councillors felt, was a contradiction of their original conditions. However, it appears that the owner of the property has agreed to carry out works on the access in the spring this year. It appears that Robin Mann with his grocery van has experienced further delays by not obtaining the appropriate traders licence.

5. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** – A query was made regarding agendas and minutes being entered on the village website. Cllr Bradshaw confirmed that this was carried out. Concerns were expressed over the condition of the privately owned telephone box in Church Street. It was agreed that this matter be placed on the next agenda.
6. **ROADS AND FOOTPATHS.** Councillors thanked DC Sue Steele for arranging for Streetclean to clear drains and grips. Discussions took place on the problems of HGV's looking for Cantelo Nurseries and coming into the village as well as difficulties they seem to experience negotiating Two Bridges. The clerk to visit Cantelo Nurseries at Bradon and report back to Councillors at the next meeting. Footpaths – Cllr Habberfield had nothing to report.
7. **FLOODING:** Cllr Herbert reported that the pipe from the drain at the village hall to Cuffs Orchard had now been replaced.
8. **FINANCE.** Cllr Bradshaw produced financial statements up to 7th January 2015. Current account £130.33. Deposit account £502.11. Total £632.44. Payments approved: IAVH rent £74.00, Clerks fees (January) £56.00. HMRC (PAYE January) £14.00. Disappointment was expressed that we still had not received a cheque for £2,500.00 from the SSC Flood Mitigation Fund. Councillors agreed that the precept would be £1690 for 2015/6..
9. **CORRESPONDENCE:** RNAS Yeovilton had published their Parish Notice for 2015 which included the date for Merryfield Open Evening. A copy of this notice had been placed on the Parish Notice Board as well as being on the village website.
10. **ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:** a) Defibrillator b) Visit to Cantelo Nurseries c) Telephone Box
11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING.** Wednesday 4th March 2015 at 7.30pm.
There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.44pm.

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