

**MINUTES OF THE ISLE ABBOTTS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2nd
September 2015 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Cllrs Habberfield, Herbert, Morris, Pix, CC Christopher LeHardy, DC Sue Steele and the Clerk.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr Bradshaw
2. There were no **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
3. The **MINUTES** of the meeting held on Wednesday 1st July 2015 were read and approved.
4. **MATTERS ARISING:** a) Bus Shelter – Due to Cllr Bradshaw’s absence this was deferred to the next meeting. b) Two Bridges – the verge south of the bridge on the right had now been dug out. Area Highways had advised that the lining plan had been drawn out and was awaiting processing. c) The owner of The Chapel had trimmed back their overgrown hedges, Councillors commented that it was a pity that the splay to their driveway hadn’t been improved at the same time.
5. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** – DC Sue Steele queried as to whether the Playgroup, who appears to be having financial problems, had received £500 from the Health and Wellbeing fund. The Clerk advised that this amount had been included with the defibrillation training cheque which had been made out to the Village Hall. Cllr Morris advised that he would check that the money had been forwarded to the Playgroup. After further discussion on the Playgroup’s finances, it was decided to place this subject on the next agenda. Councillors enquired about the latest position for Superfast Broadband for Isle Abbots. CC Christopher LeHardy had made enquiries of BT and was waiting for a reply which he would forward to the Clerk on receipt. He advised that funding is available for village schemes associated with the elderly. Also money was being allocated for small road schemes.
6. **ROADS AND FOOTPATHS.** Cllr Herbert felt that Blind Lane, part of Ilton Road and Stemalong required attention and maybe these would come under the small road schemes. The Clerk to make enquiries. Footpaths - Cllr Habberfield wishes to record the Parish Council’s thanks to David Sutcliffe for maintaining Town Field path.
7. **FLOODING.** Cllr Herbert had nothing to report.
8. **FINANCE.** No financial statement was available due to Cllr Bradshaw’s absence.
9. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Planning application No15/02980/FUL. Mr R Bowerman had been granted permission for the erection of a carport/store (revised scheme). It had been necessary to write to a resident in the village expressing the Parish Council’s concern about brickwork which had been constructed around a Highways gully plus the precarious situation with his front garden retaining wall. South Somerset District Council Monitoring Officer has signed Parish Councillor’s Register of member’s interests which would now appear on the village website. The Clerk is attending a SSDC free planning training session on 22nd September with two Councillors attending on 24th September. Five members of the Parish Council will be attending a Flood management event on 28th September. Discussion took place about the village website and since the webmaster (Cllr Bradshaw) was not in attendance it was decided to defer the subject until the next meeting.
10. **ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:** a) Bus shelter b) Village website. c) Playgroup finances.
11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING.** Wednesday 4th November 2015 at 7.30pm.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.16pm.

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