

MINUTES OF THE ISLE ABBOTTS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4th NOVEMBER 2015 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Cllrs Habberfield, Bradshaw, Herbert, Morris, Pix, DC Sue Steele the Clerk and 5 members of the public.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Chairman welcomed PCSO Cave who advised that the area was experiencing a fair amount of poaching. She requested that members of the Parish report anything untoward. At this point the PCSO withdrew from the meeting.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** CC Christopher LeHardy
2. The **MINUTES** of the meetings held on Wednesday 2nd September 2015 plus the extraordinary meeting held on Tuesday 29th September 2015 were read and approved.
3. **MATTERS ARISING:** a) Bus Shelter – Cllr Bradshaw had been informed by our Insurers that this was covered but they had requested a rebuild estimate. It was suggested that this be obtained from Rob Gilbert.b) Village Website-Cllr Bradshaw advised that the website had initially been set up as a benefit to the community plus the advertising for charitable events and not as a commercial enterprise. Councillors approved that the village website should continue as it is. .c) Playgroup finances-Cllr Morris advised the meeting that the £500 from the Health & Wellbeing fund had been allocated to the village hall and not the playgroup. Lengthy discussions on this point took place without the matter being resolved. Cllr Habberfield, as Chairman, requested that the Clerk contact CC LeHardy, who initiated the application to the fund, to obtain clarification and report back at the next meeting .d)Pensions in the Workplace-Cllr Bradshaw with the assistance of Cllr Pix, had spent some time on this matter. As a result Cllr Bradshaw had written to the Pensions Regulator explaining our position and seeking clarification from them. No reply had been received to date. The Clerk reported that the lining at Two Bridges would hopefully be carried out before the end of the year.CC Christopher LeHardy had advised the Clerk that Broadband for Stocklinch, Isle Brewers & Isle Abbotts may be considered under Phase 2(by December 2017)but is subject to finances being available.
4. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** – None.
5. **ROADS AND FOOTPATHS**-Cllr Herbert had reported to Highways the condition of Blind Lane (report no: 377125) the situation outside the village hall (377124) and the problems in Manor Road (reported 29th.October but no report no given).Regarding the funding for small road schemes, the Clerk was waiting for an application form. Footpaths-Cllr Habberfield had nothing to report.
6. **FLOODING**- Cllr Herbert had nothing to report.
7. **FINANCE**- Cllr Bradshaw produced the financial statement up to 04/11/15.Current account £639.51.Deposit account £2,893.05.Total £3,532.56.Payments approved: Clerks fees (September) £56: HMRC (PAYE September) £14:D.Bradshaw (Web costs) £40.78: Clerks fees (November) £56: HMRC (PAYE November) £14. It had been established that the Clerk, who works for the Council 1.5hrs per week, is being paid below the minimum wage and therefore Cllr Bradshaw proposed that an arrears payment should be made plus a new rate of £90 bi-monthly from January 2016.This was approved.
8. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Planning applications 15/04271/FUL + 15/04272/LBC. Mr Peter Furniss of Cuffs Orchard had applied for the erection of a garage. The paperwork had been circulated to Councillors with no objections received. The Somerset County Councils Volunteer & Trails Officer had requested that a replacement Parish Path Liaison Officer be nominated. It was felt that we, as a Council, already had procedures in place for reporting public footpath problems and therefore did not require a PPLO. The Clerk brought to Councils attention a communication he had received from a Mr. Mike Williams, a Chartered Town Planner, who was advising Mr .John Medcalf of Thimble Hall about a potential development of part of his land. He wanted the Parish Council to consider the carrying out of an assessment of housing need in the village. Councillors felt that this matter should be deferred to the next meeting and placed under 'Matters Arising'. It was also noted that no planning application had been made.
9. **ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:** a) Playgroup finances b) Pensions in the Workplace c) Precept d) Village housing.
10. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday 6th January 2016 at 7.30pm.
11. There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.26pm.

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