

MINUTES OF ISLE ABBOTTS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2ND MARCH 2016 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, a short presentation was given by Audrey Mansfield, Village Agent for Isle Abbots. Village Agents are a Charity and run by Public Sector volunteers. Their role is to offer free and confidential advice and support to local people and community groups advising them what help is available and how to ask for it. For example- help with funeral costs; addiction to compulsive buying; playgroup funding through grants etc. She supplied posters and flyers for placement on village noticeboards.

PRESENT: Cllrs Habberfield, Bradshaw, Herbert, Pix, CC Christopher LeHardy, Mandy Hughes (Minutes Secretary) and 1 member of the public.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE;** Cllr Morris and the Clerk.
2. There were no **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**
3. The **MINUTES** of the last meeting held on Wednesday 6th January 2016 were read and approved.
4. **MATTERS ARISING:** Bus Shelter- Cllr Bradshaw still waiting to see Rob Gilbert for an estimate. National Living Wage- Cllr Bradshaw reported that the Parish Council would have to pay the Clerk £94 every other month with effect from April.
5. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME-** None.
6. **ROADS AND FOOTPATHS-** Lining and repositioning of sign at Two Bridges-County Roads now anticipate that the work will be carried out late April/May. It was reported that the stonework at Two Bridges had been hit again. The directional signpost at Round Oak- the Clerk had carried out temporary repairs and had notified County Roads of the defect. Small Road Improvement Funding- still no decision as yet. Footpaths- Cllr Habberfield had nothing to report.
7. **FLOODING-** Cllr Herbert felt that drain clearance should now be a priority. A blocked drain at the end of Steamalong had been reported(no:382301) CC LeHardy advised that an additional £150,000 had been allocated to roadside gully and drainage clearance and if the Parish had any issues on this point the Clerk to advise him of the whereabouts. Much discussion took place concerning the Lombardy Poplar trees at Cox's Pit whereby during the recent high winds debris had fallen into the roadway and was giving Councillors cause for concern. The general view was that they should be taken down, but prior to this it was suggested that the Clerk should contact Western Power for them to inspect their overhead cables and advise.
8. **FINANCE-** Cllr Bradshaw produced the financial statement up to 02/03/16. Current account £72.66. Deposit account £2,893.53. Total £2,966.19. Payments approved: Zurich Insurance £251.85: Isle Abbots Village Hall £74.00: Clerks Fees £72.00: HMRC (PAYE) £18.00.
9. **CORRESPONDENCE:** E-mail from Helen and Danny Evans (Green Hatch) regarding the reinstatement of their front garden and fence. This was forwarded to Councillors for comment but it appears that no planning application is required for this work.CC LeHardy acknowledged the Health and Wellbeing application by the Parish Council on behalf of the Playgroup and this had been submitted to County Hall.
10. **ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:** None
11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday 4th May 2016. 7pm Annual Parish Council Meeting: 7.15pm Parish Council Meeting: 8pm Annual Parish Meeting.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.45pm

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