

**MINUTES OF THE ISLE ABBOTTS EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
FRIDAY 1st APRIL 2016 AT 7.30pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Cllrs Habberfield, Bradshaw, Herbert, Morris, Pix, DC Sue Steele, the Clerk and 16 members of the Public.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** None
2. Cllr Habberfield **DECLARED AN INTEREST** in item 3- Planning application 16/01051/FUL. He duly left the meeting and as Vice Chairman, Cllr Herbert took over as Chairman.
3. **MATTERS ARISING:** To discuss Planning Application 16/01051/FUL for the erection of two detached dwellings and garages and formation of access at Thimble Hall, Ilton Road, Isle Abbots, TA3 6RH. The Clerk was asked to read the completed Application for Planning Permission and the Planning Statement issued by the applicant's agent. The Clerk advised that the Statutory Planning Notice had been attached to the applicant's gateway in Steamalong. At this point the Chairman asked the applicant and his agent, who were present, if they were prepared to clarify any points raised by Councillors and the public. They confirmed that this was in order. The Chairman invited Councillors, in turn, to give their views and observations on the application. Concerns were made as to whether this was an acceptable development for the village, was this in the spirit of SS2 which protects rural settlements, was it beneficial to the village and would it enhance the village facilities as well as the problem of surface water(flooding) and sewage disposal. Councillors then decided that they would prefer to hear comments from the Public before taking a vote on the application.
4. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:** The Chairman reminded those who wished to speak that they had a 3 minute allocation. Serious concerns were expressed as to whether this small development would lead to further applications to infill the remainder of the land. Again flood risk, sewage problems, visual impact, questionable affordable housing, the development appeared too cramped and they were not considered to be single storey dwellings were points raised. The question was raised as to whether the visibility splay was correct at the proposed entrance because it appeared that the property boundary included land owned by Highways. Consensus of opinion from both the Public and Councillors were that the current site layout plan was poor with no trees shown, type of fencing to be used and where, plus no indication of hedging and how much would be removed to obtain the necessary junction visibility. At this point, the applicant's agent advised the meeting that a new site layout plan was being submitted to SSDC Planning Officer, a copy of which should be forwarded to the Parish Council. With this revelation, Councillors proposed that due to insufficient information, the decision to take a vote be deferred until the Clerk had the new paperwork for circulation. It was also proposed that a site meeting take place and a request was made for the agent to arrange for the pegging out of the proposed development. After all these matters had been attended to, a new date for reconvening the meeting would be set and advertised on the village website and noticeboard. The Clerk was asked to contact the SSDC Case Officer, John Millar and acquaint him with the situation and seek an extension to the date (8th April) by which the Parish Council had to submit observations. At this point Cllr Habberfield was asked to return to the meeting.
5. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:** None.
The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

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Note: Monday 4th April. Clerk advised by John Millar that the planning application had been withdrawn.