

MINUTES OF THE ISLE ABBOTTS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6TH JULY 2016 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Cllrs Habberfield, Bradshaw, Herbert, Pix, the Clerk and 1 member of the public.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr Morris and CC LeHardy.
2. **There were no DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**
3. The **MINUTES** of the last meeting held on Wednesday 25th May 2016 were read and approved.
4. **MATTERS ARISING:** a) Bus Shelter – Ongoing. b) Lining and repositioning of sign at Two Bridges- Ongoing. c) Directional signpost at Roundoak – Ongoing. d) Lombardy Poplar trees at Cox's Pit – The Clerk had referred the matter to County Roads and had received an e-mail from Chris Weeks, the SCC Assistant Highway Service Manager advising that the matter had been referred to Steve Scrivens, the County's Arboriculturist. e) Repositioning of Parish Notice Board – Councillors discussed the suggestion that the Notice Board be re-sited inside the Bus Shelter. This was agreed and Cllr Herbert offered to refurbish the back boarding and undertake the transfer. Jeff Mills had cut the overgrown verges and hedges around the village. This included the hedge at Red Post junction, which was not the Parish's responsibility. It was suggested that a letter be sent to the owners of Chapel Farmhouse pointing out that because of safety and visibility reasons the Parish Council, on this occasion, had arranged for this work to be carried out, but in future it would be the land owner's responsibility to keep the hedge cut back.
5. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:** The clearance of the ditch at Badbury was due in the near future and John Toom offered to approach Steve Webster of SCC for funding. The clearance beyond Mike and Claire Smith's property to the river was the responsibility of the land owner/farmer.
6. **ROADS AND FOOTPATHS:** Cllr Herbert had reported the following defects: Ref.No 388228 Pot holes outside Broom Farm. Ref.No 388229 Road breaking up East of Broom Farm. Ref.No 388230 Road breaking away in Lower Woodlands Lane. Cllr Habberfield notified the Council that the footbridge which connects Public footpaths L14/7 and L11/2 was going to have a complete refurbishment. The County Council Rights of Way Warden (Bridges) had advised that this project would have a budget of £10-15,000 to which Councillors voiced their amazement.
7. **FLOODING:** Cllr Herbert had nothing to report.
8. **FINANCE:** Cllr Bradshaw produced the financial statement up to the 6th.July 2016. Current account £703.66. Deposit account £3,704.05. Total £4,407.71. Payments approved: Clerks fees £75.20: HMRC (PAYE) £18.80.
9. **CORRESPONDENCE:** The Clerk had received and circulated to Councillors, a communication from CC LeHardy regarding a project to enhance community and public transport in Islemoor. Various views were expressed by Councillors and the Clerk was asked to respond accordingly. It was brought to the Councils attention that the Isle Abbots Playgroup would cease operation at the end of July. Councillors expressed their deep disappointment and wished it to be placed on record their thanks and appreciation to Christine Blake and Anne Grattrick for their dedication and hard work over the years. All Councillors had now signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
10. **ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:** a) Bus Shelter. b) Poplar Trees. c) Signpost at Roundoak. d) Repositioning of Parish Notice Board. e) Footbridge refurbishment.
11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING;** Wednesday 7th September 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.
There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.40pm.

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Income, Expenditure & Balances as at 06/07/2016

Current account activity since 25/05/2016		Credit	Debit
05/07/16	HMRC - ACCOUNTS OF		18.80
05/07/16	CLERKS FEES		75.20

Current balance **£703.66**

Deposit account activity since 25/05/2016

09-May-16	INTEREST (GROSS)	0.12	
09-Jun-16	INTEREST (GROSS)	0.16	

Current balance **£3,704.05**

Total **£4,407.71**