

MINUTES OF THE ISLE ABBOTTS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7th SEPTEMBER 2016 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Cllrs Habberfield, Bradshaw, Herbert, Morris, Pix, CC Christopher LeHardy and the Clerk

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** None.
2. **There were no DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**
3. The **MINUTES** of the last meeting held on Wednesday 6th July 2016 were read and approved.
4. **MATTERS ARISING:** a) Bus Shelter – Ongoing. b) Lining and repositioning of sign at Two Bridges- End of bridge parapet warning signs had now been erected. The warning signpost has been re-positioned but unfortunately the signs had been hit. Cllr Herbert and the Clerk to repair. c) Directional signpost at Roundoak – Paul Matravers had kindly repaired. It was noted that the directional signpost at Two Bridges junction had been repainted. Thanks were expressed to those who had undertaken the work. d) Lombardy Poplar trees at Cox's Pit – The Clerk had been in communication with Steve Scriven, the County Arboriculturist, who advised that the trees were not SCC's responsibility as it appears that the planting had been part of a village enhancement, probably by the Parish Council or local Community Group. The Parish Council felt that the trees still presented a risk to people or property especially as the lower branches had recently been trimmed and had now given the impression that the trees were top heavy. Cllr Herbert advised that Woodland and Garden Tree Services were visiting the next day and he would obtain a quotation for the felling of 5 trees into Cllr Habberfield's property. NOTE: The quotation supplied on Thursday, 8th September was £300.00 + VAT = £360.00. This was approved by Councillors, by phone, and the Clerk was requested to contact John Glaisher of Woodlands and notify him of the Parish Councils acceptance and go ahead with the work. e) Repositioning of Parish Notice Board – Had now been refurbished by Cllr Herbert and re-sited in the bus shelter. f) Footbridge refurbishment affecting Public footpaths L14/7 and L11/2 – No date advised as yet for closure. No progress had been made regarding the hedge at Red Post as Chapel Farmhouse had been repossessed. When sold, the matter would be referred to the new owners of the property. Ditch at Badbury- John Toon had notified the Clerk that funds previously allocated by SCC for the maintenance of the ditch, had been withdrawn. CC LeHardy advised that there might be funding for this from another source and requested details on the matter..
5. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:** CC LeHardy gave a short progress report on County activities and Broadband update for the area. The Clerk advised that he had been approached by some village members concerned about low flying helicopters. The Telephone number of the Officer in Charge at Merryfield would be published in the next village newsletter so complainants may contact him direct at the time of the incident (01460-52018)
6. **ROADS AND FOOTPATHS.** Cllr Herbert expressed his concerns about the condition of roads in the Parish. CC LeHardy requested a list and if possible, a map of those roads which require repairs and he would try to obtain funding through the small improvement schemes. Cllr Habberfield said the footbridge refurbishment had already been discussed.
7. **FLOODING;** Cllr Herbert had nothing to report.
8. **FINANCE:** Cllr Bradshaw produced the financial statement up to the 7th September 2016. Current account £519.66. Deposit account £3,704.36. Total £4,224.02. Payments approved: Verge cutting £90.00: Clerks fees £75.20: HMRC (PAYE) £18.80.
9. **CORRESPONDENCE:** The Clerk had circulated to Councillors a resolution passed by SSDC condemning any form of racism, intolerance, bigotry or xenophobia. SSDC were requesting all Town and Parish Councils to make the same commitment. All Isle Abbots Parish Councillors were in agreement with this resolution. Somerset Waste Partnership have advised that from the 3rd October 2016, there will be recycling changes. Notices are displayed on the Parish Notice Board and Village Website.
- 10 **ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA;** a) Bus Shelter. b).Warning signpost at Two Bridges – Repair. c) Poplar trees. d) Footbridge refurbishment. e) Ditch clearance at Badbury.
- 11 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING;** Wednesday 2nd November 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.
There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.44pm.

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Income, Expenditure & Balances as at 07/09/2016

Current account activity since 06/07/2016		Credit	Debit
13/07/16	000274 Verge Cutting		90.00
05/09/16	CLERKS FEES		75.20
05/09/16	HMRC - ACCOUNTS OF		18.80
Current balance			£519.66
Deposit account activity since 06/07/2016			
11/07/16	INTEREST (GROSS)	0.16	
09/08/16	INTEREST (GROSS)	0.15	
Current balance			£3,704.36
Total			£4,224.02