

# MINUTES OF THE ISLE ABBOTTS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4TH JANUARY 2017 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Habberfield, Bradshaw, Herbert, Pix, the Clerk and 2 members of the Public

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr Morris.
2. **There were no DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**
3. The **MINUTES** of the last meeting held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016 were read and approved.
4. **MATTERS ARISING:** a) Footbridge – Re-opened Mid November 2016. Concerns had been expressed by Parish Councillors to Rights of Way Warden (Bridges) regarding safety issues at the self-closing metal gate situated north of the bridge. Rights of Way have agreed to rectify this. b) Ditch clearance at Badbury – The Clerk had forwarded to CC LeHardy the paperwork associated with this subject. Questions had been asked by the CC to Dan Martin (SCC Service Manager – Flood Risk Management) but to date no answers had been forthcoming. Parish Councillors felt that the responsibility for clearance of the ditch at Badbury should rest with the adjoining landowners. The Clerk was requested to notify the County Councillor of the Parish Councils feelings on this matter and how pressure could be exerted on those concerned. John Lucas had cleared his responsible section of the ditch to the river. c) Road/potholes defects – Cllr Herbert's comprehensive list of defects in the Parish had been forwarded to CC LeHardy and Highways by the Clerk. A very small number of potholes had been repaired. What we presume as larger maintenance projects (i.e., road edge subsidence) would, it appears, have to be submitted under SIS (Small improvement schemes). In order to get this funding, it would be necessary to supply comprehensive details i.e., use of roads by pedestrians, cyclists, dogs, cars etc. The Clerk felt that in order to strengthen our case it would be necessary to carry out a census which he was quite willing to organise. Councillors agreed that this was the best way forward and would be prepared to assist in the matter.
5. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:** None.
6. **ROADS AND FOOTPATHS:** Cllr Herbert had reported to Highways a blocked ditch at Two Bridges (Ref No: 395824) A poster had been placed on the Village Notice Board giving details about the public reporting potholes and other road problems. This would also be available on the village website. Cllr Habberfield had nothing to report on Footpaths.
7. **FLOODING;** Cllr Herbert had nothing to report.
8. **FINANCE:** Cllr Bradshaw advised that figures for the 2017/18 precept had had to be revised and produced details. Councillors approved the figures and a precept of £1690.00 was agreed. He also produced the financial statement up to the 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017. Current Account £257.76. Deposit Account £3,699.97. Total £3,957.73. Payments approved: Clerks fees £75.20: HMRC (PAYE) £18.80.
9. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Planning application 16/05342/FUL. Mr & Mrs D Lucas had applied for the demolition of the existing garage, utility room and office and the erection of an extension at Bromes Farm. The paperwork had been circulated to Councillors with no objections received. A letter received by the Parish Council from a village resident was read to the meeting. This concerned the speeding of traffic through the village. After much discussion it was agreed that a) concerns would be expressed in the next village newsletter and b) the Clerk would approach the SCC Traffic Engineer and seek his advices. The Parish Council had been approached about making a contribution towards the cost of replacing the Defibrillator electrodes. As the benefit was for the whole village, Councillors agreed that the Parish Council should pay the full amount of £94.80 Inc. VAT by BACS. Approval was also given for Cllr Bradshaw to pay the next insurance annual premium by BACS. Cllr Bradshaw suggested that the update on broadband, whereby provider Gigaclear had been awarded a contract to provide fibre broadband to certain areas of Devon and Somerset, which includes South Petherton and Islemoor, be notified to residents via the village website. This was agreed. .
- 10 **ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA;** a) Footbridge. b) Ditch clearance at Badbury. c) Road/potholes defects. d) Speeding.
- 11 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING;** Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.  
There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

## Income, Expenditure & Balances as at 04/01/2017

<b>Current account activity since 02/11/2016</b>		<b>Credit</b>	<b>Debit</b>
03/01/17	CLERKS FEES		75.20
03/01/17	HMRC - ACCOUNTS OF		18.80
<b>Current balance</b>			<b>£257.76</b>
<b>Deposit account activity since 02/11/2016</b>			
04-Nov-16	500003 Poplar Tree donations	100.00	
09-Nov-16	INTEREST (GROSS)	0.15	
09-Dec-16	INTEREST (GROSS)	0.15	
<b>Current balance</b>			<b>£3,699.97</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>£3,957.73</b>