

MINUTES OF THE ISLE ABBOTTS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1st MARCH 2017 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Cllrs Habberfield, Bradshaw, Herbert, Pix, the Clerk, DC Sue Steele, DC Adam Dance + 1 member of the Public.

The Chairman welcomed DC Adam Dance to the meeting who gave a brief outline as to why he was standing as the South Petherton and Islemoor County Council candidate in the May elections.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr Morris.
2. **There were no DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**
3. The **MINUTES** of the last meeting held on Wednesday 4th January 2017 were read and approved.
4. **MATTERS ARISING:** a) Footbridge – Alterations had now been completed. Matter considered closed. b) Ditch clearance at Badbury – The Clerk had e-mailed CC LeHardy on the Parish Councils concerns and that the onus of the clearance of the ditch should rest with adjoining landowners. To date, no reply had been received and the Clerk was requested to contact him again. At the same time, it was felt that residents of the Parish should be reminded of their responsibility for keeping ditches clear and hedges trimmed. This would be best conveyed through the next village newsletter. c) Road/potholes defects – The Clerk reported that he had been misinformed about SIS for large maintenance projects(i.e. road edge subsidence) and the organisation of a census had, therefore, been withdrawn. As a result of this, the Clerk had reported to Highways these larger defects. Councillors felt if villagers had issues on this subject, they should report them direct to Highways (details on notice board and website) d) Speeding – The Clerk had made contact with Gary Warren, Traffic Engineer for South Somerset and Sedgemoor, who supplied a quotation of £300 per location for village gateway signs. Councillors felt that spending this amount would not be justified. Also, the Clerk had had a meeting with Toni Lines, our Community Police Officer who was acquainted with the situation. She advised that a Speedwatch could be set up, but it had to be appreciated that the village was not subject to restricted speed limits. As a result of these considerations, Councillors agreed that an item should be placed in the next newsletter.
5. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:** None.
6. **ROADS AND FOOTPATHS:** Cllr Herbert reiterated that the Parish Council and villagers should keep reporting road defects to Highways. . Cllr Habberfield had nothing to report on Footpaths.
7. **FLOODING:** Cllr Herbert had nothing to report.
8. **FINANCE:** a) Review and approval of Annual governance – Cllr Bradshaw advised that it was necessary for Councillors to review and approve the Annual governance for 2015/16. This was duly carried out and approved. He also produced the financial statement up to the 1st March 2017. Current Account £63.96. Deposit Account £3,350.27. Total £3,414.23. Payments approved: ZOLL Medical UK (Defibrillator electrodes) £94.80: Zurich Municipal (Insurance) £253.00: Isle Abbots Village Hall Rent £102.00: Clerks fees £75.20: HMRC (PAYE) £18.80.
9. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Planning application 16/05342/FUL. Mr & Mrs D Lucas had received planning permission to demolish an existing garage, utility room and office and erect an extension. Planning application 16/05444/COL. Mr Gordon John Fisher has made an application for a lawful development certificate for the existing use of Ashford Old Barn as a C3 Dwelling House. The paperwork had been circulated to Councillors whereby certain observations on this proposal had been forwarded to the District Council Planning Department. A new rural crime initiative has been set up by Avon and Somerset Police. The Office for National Statistics has selected South Somerset as part of a large scale test of the census. The Clerk had received a letter from Robin Carr Associates, who have been instructed by SCC to investigate an application made by SS Bridleway Association to alter the Definitive map to amend the status from Footpath to Bridleway of Otterham Lane and Isle Abbots Drove. The Parish Council are asked to provide any factual evidence relating to the routes. After much discussion, the Clerk was requested to formulate a satisfactory reply.
- 10 **ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:** a) Ditch clearance at Badbury.
- 11 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday 3rd May 2017: 7pm Annual Parish Council Meeting
7.15pm Parish Council Meeting
8pm Annual Parish Meeting

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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Date.....

Income, Expenditure & Balances as at 01/03/2017

Current account activity since 04/01/2017		Credit	Debit
09/01/17	ZOLL MEDICAL UKLTD INV.48732		94.80
09/01/17	Transfer from reserves account	350	
09/02/17	ZURICH MUNICIPAL		253.00
09/02/17	000277 IAVH RENT		102.00
01/03/17	HMRC - ACCOUNTS OF		18.80
01/03/17	Clerk's Salary		75.20
Current balance			£63.96
Deposit account activity since 04/01/2017			
09-Jan-17	Transfer to current account		350
09-Jan-17	INTEREST (GROSS)	0.16	
09-Feb-17	INTEREST (GROSS)	0.14	
Current balance			£3,350.27
Total			£3,414.23