

MINUTES OF THE ISLE ABBOTTS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17th JANUARY 2018 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Cllrs Habberfield, Bradshaw, Herbert, Hughes, Pix, the Clerk, DC Sue Steele, CC Adam Dance and 2 members of the public.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** None
2. **There were no DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**
3. The **MINUTES** of the last meeting held on Wednesday 1st November 2017 were read and approved.
4. **MATTERS ARISING:** a) Ditch clearance at Badbury. A submission by the Parish Council had been forwarded to John Toon. No further information had been forthcoming. DC Sue Steele considered that the Badbury Ditch clearance was the responsibility of the landowners and she suggested that the Clerk make contact with the SRA Officer responsible for ditches. b) Broadband update. The Clerk had e-mailed Katriona Lovelock for an update but had not received a reply. (Note:- Following the Parish Council Meeting and a reminder from CC Adam Dance, she advised that Isle Abbots is included in Gigaclear Lot 3 roll out – i.e.; build start February 2018 with completion in 3rd quarter of 2018) c) Overnight parking of HGV. The Clerk had managed to visit the operator, who had been very receptive and would see Cllr Habberfield about the parking of his HGV on his land as and when the need arose. Councillors felt that the matter was now closed. Dog fouling – an insertion had been placed in January's newsletter. Weekly flying information – The Clerk had received no response to his repeat e-mails to RNAS Yeovilton. DC Sue Steele advised that she would take this up.
5. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:** A resident had complained about the excessive noise and frequency of the starling scarers at the goat farm. Cllr Habberfield had spoken with the farmer and the frequency and noise has now been somewhat reduced. A member of the public had concerns about the noise of model aircraft flying at Merryfield at weekends. The Clerk would again take this up with the appropriate authority. The ditches and drains in Woodlands Lane were blocked as a result of the road edges subsiding. It was suggested that photographs be taken and forwarded to the Clerk for action.
6. **ROADS AND FOOTPATHS:** A report had been submitted to Highways on potholes (namely: corner of Steamalong outside Stoneford Farm House entrance: Gravel Lane: outside Bromes Farm, Ilton Road) plus grips and drains (ref: 512576). A lengthy discussion took place about the 'pull-ins' between Roundoak and Badbury. CC Adam Dance had notified Highways of the problem and had been advised that 'pull-ins' were not under their control and therefore not maintained by them. Cllr Habberfield offered to see Vic Nutt about the supply of planings in order to fill the holes. Cllr Herbert reported that the sign at the beginning of Manor Road had broken away from its post. Cllr Habberfield had nothing to report on Footpaths.
7. **FLOODING:** Cllr Herbert reported that a set of iron railings had become lodged against the archway at Two Bridges which could cause a disruption to the river flow. Cllr Habberfield offered to inspect and remove the railings. The village had recently suffered minor flooding due to a blocked underground pipe which removed surface and ditch water to the river. Highways had denied responsibility. DC Sue Steele advised that this was a County problem and suggested the Clerk contact the appropriate Officer.
8. **FINANCE:** Cllr Bradshaw produced precept forms for 2018/19 which were approved by Councillors and duly signed by the Chairman. Also approved was the Insurance renewal at £257.60. He produced the financial statement up to 17/01/18. Current Account £551.38. Deposit Account £3,702.10. Total £4,253.48. Payments approved: Clerks salary £88.00: HMRC (PAYE) £22.00. He also circulated a paper on a new regime for accounts and audit which he asked Councillors to read and discuss any queries at the next Parish Council Meeting.

9. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Planning Application: 17/03650/LBC by Mr A Mobbs had been approved. Application 17/04836/TCA and 17/04833/TCA by Mr A Woodward for the removal of Leylandi trees had been permitted. Application: 18/00014/LBC by Mr A Mobbs has been circulated to Councillors for comments/observations.
- 10 **ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:** a) Badbury ditch update. b) Finance – Accounts and Audit
- 11 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday 7th March 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.
There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.26pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

Isle Abbotts Parish Council

Income, Expenditure & Balances as at 17/01/2018

| Current account activity since 01/11/2017 | | | Credit | Debit | Balance |
|--|------|------------------------|---------------|--------------|------------------|
| | | Opening Balance | | | £661.38 |
| 03/01/18 | BACS | HMRC PAYE | | £22.00 | |
| 03/01/18 | BACS | Clerk's salary | | £88.00 | |
| | | Current balance | | | £551.38 |
| Deposit account activity since 01/11/2017 | | | | | |
| | | Opening Balance | | | £3,701.63 |
| 09/11/17 | Ddep | INTEREST (GROSS) | £0.16 | | |
| 11/12/17 | Ddep | INTEREST (GROSS) | £0.16 | | |
| 09/01/18 | Ddep | INTEREST (GROSS) | £0.15 | | |
| | | Current balance | | | £3,702.10 |
| | | Total | | | £4,253.48 |