

MINUTES OF THE ISLE ABBOTTS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2018 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** None
2. **There were no DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**
3. The **MINUTES** of the last meeting held on Wednesday 4th July 2018 were read and approved.
4. **MATTERS ARISING:** a) Gigaclear-Broadband. No further information had been forthcoming despite the Clerk emailing Matt Barrow, the Connecting Devon and Somerset Engagement Officer. b) Church floodlight. An estimate had now been received – cost £415.52 Inc. VAT (£365.52 + £50 fitting). After much discussion, the majority of Councillors agreed that the Parish Council should make a grant of £230 to the PCC towards the replacement light and fitting. The Clerk to convey this decision to the PCC and await their confirmation of acceptance. The Clerk advised Councillors that he had requested an update from Josian Lebrun, Flood Risk Management Engineer regarding the clearance of Badbury Ditch as now was an ideal opportunity to carry out the work. No reply had been received.
5. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.** CC Adam Dance told Councillors that SCC intended to make drastic cuts in their budgets in order to save £28 million.
6. **ROADS AND FOOTPATHS.** Cllr Herbert had reported the lack of road markings at junctions within the Parish. Keith Rendell of Highways had advised that these would be rectified this month. Footpaths – Cllr Habberfield had nothing to report.
7. **FLOODING.** Cllr Herbert had nothing to report.
8. **FINANCE.** Cllr Bradshaw produced the financial statement up to 04/09/18. Current account £377.38. Deposit account £4,203.33. Total £4,580.71. Payments approved: SSDC £25.00: G.J.Mills £210.60: Clerks salary £91.20: HMRC (PAYE) £22.80. £500.00 had been transferred from the Deposit Account to the Current Account.
9. **CORRESPONDENCE.** A letter had been received from Love Musgrove thanking the Parish Council for their donation towards the MRI Scanner. The Clerk had received an email from a resident requesting information or what action had been taken on a) introduction of high speed broadband in the Parish, b) alleged overhanging of bushes/trees down Church Path and c) the noise from model jet aircraft at Merryfield. These items were discussed By Councillors and they requested that the Clerk reply to the resident as follows: a) update on Broadband is an agenda item every Parish Council Meeting, b) on inspection of Church Path prior to to-night's meeting, the overhanging foliage had been trimmed and does not appear to obstruct the path and c) the Clerk was going to communicate with Malcolm Goram, Officer in Charge at Merryfield on the subject raised. A Councillor advised the meeting that the septic tank had now been installed at Manor Farm. However, the Clerk was asked to check as to whether the applicant had obtained a separate agreement from the Environment Agency. Councillors enquired about the placing of a TPO on a Mulberry tree situated in the front garden of Manor Farm (Manor Farm is in the Isle Abbots Conservation Area) The Clerk to make enquiries.
10. **ITEMS FOR NEXT AGEN to the PCCDA.** a) Gigaclear – Broadband. b) Church floodlight. c) TPO at Manor Farm d) Model jet aircraft – Merryfield.

11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 7th November 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.31pm

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