

MINUTES OF THE ISLE ABBOTTS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6th MARCH 2019 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Cllrs Habberfield, Bradshaw, Herbert, Hughes, Pix, the Clerk, DC Sue Steele, Malcolm Cavill(candidate for election of District Councillor for Isle Moor) and 3 members of the public.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** CC Adam Dance.
2. **There were no DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**
3. The **MINUTES** of the last meeting held on Wednesday 9th January 2019 were read and approved.
4. **MATTERS ARISING:** a) Bus Shelter – Rob Gilbert intended to start work on Monday 18th March. It was reported that Isle Abbots Village Hall Management Committee wished for the childrens slide to be removed as ROSPA had advised that it did not conform to present day standards. As the Parish Council had initially funded the equipment, it was felt that their observations should be considered even though they were not responsible for the slide. After much discussion, it was decided to defer a decision until the next meeting. It was pointed out to the meeting that an Isle Abbots Facebook page now exists and is in being managed by a private individual in the village. It was noted the Facebook page has no official connection to the Parish Council.
5. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.** The subject of noise from the model jet aircraft at Merryfield at weekends, was again raised. Whilst it had been advised by Merryfield that these aircraft were operating well within UK Government guide lines for noise levels, some residents in the Parish felt that this was still being intrusive. It was suggested that the Clerk write to the Commodore at Yeovilton on the subject.
6. **ROADS AND FOOTPATHS.** Following a complaint from a member of the public, Cllr Herbert had reported to Highways, the very poor condition of Woodlands Lane. It was again emphasised by the Parish Council, that any member of the Parish could report road defects to the authorities. Footpaths – Cllr Habberfield had nothing to report. However, a query was raised from the floor about certain footpaths being inaccessible. The Clerk pointed out that the latest review was on the Classification of footpaths (ie; used by dog walkers; used occasionally; rarely used) and not whether paths were still accessible. It was suggested that Cllr Habberfield contact George Montague of SCC Rights of Way.
7. **FLOODING.** Cllr Herbert had nothing to report. The subject of the clearance of Badbury Ditch was raised and the Parish Council reiterated that it was the responsibility of the adjoining landowners to maintain the watercourse and this could be enforceable under the Land Drainage Act.(Note – Cllr Habberfield had seen one of the adjoining landowners who considered that the ditch wasn't a problem at present, but he reminded the person concerned of their obligations pointing out that other landowners in the Parish had maintained ditches.)
8. **FINANCE.** a) Cllr Bradshaw produced the financial statement up to 06/03/19. Current account £164.79. Deposit account £3,454.35. Total £3,619.14. Payments approved: Clerks salary £91.20: HMRC(PAYE) £22.80. Zurich Municipal £257.60: Village Hall Rent £90.00: DC Bradshaw – Domain renewal £13.00. £450.00 had been transferred from the Deposit A/C to the Current A/C.
9. **CORRESPONDENCE.** Planning application 18/03036/LBC – Internal works at Pitts Cottage – Approved. 18/02772/FUL – Erection of 7 polytunnels at Bradon Soft Fruit – Approved. The Planners had issued 'informatives' which included the observations made by Isle Brewers and Isle Abbots concerning updating existing directional signs. The Clerk brought attention to the forthcoming election of Parish Councillors and distributed nomination papers to those who intended to stand again.
10. **ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA a) Bus Shelter. b) Model Jet Aircraft. c) Woodlands Lane. d) Slide.**
Finance: a) Review and approval of annual governance. b) Accounts and Audit

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 8th May 2019 in the Village Hall

Annual Parish Council Meeting @ 7pm

Parish Council Meeting @ 7.15pm

Annual Parish Meeting @ 8pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Isle Abbots Parish Council

Income, Expenditure & Balances as at 08/01/2019

Current account activity since 07/11/2018		Credit	Debit	Balance
	Opening Balance			£189.39
18/01/19	ISLE ABBOTTS PARIS 309240 BACS	450.00		
19/01/19	Zurich Municipal BACS		257.60	
27-Feb-19	I.A.VILLAGE HALL RENT BACS		90.00	
05-Mar-19	HMRC - ACCOUNTS OF BP		22.8	
05-Mar-19	MV & SB ROBSON BP		91.20	
05-Mar-19	DC Bradshaw Domain renewal		13.00	
	Current balance			£164.79
Deposit account activity since 07/11/2018				
	Opening Balance			£3,904.03
09-Jan-19	INTEREST (GROSS)	0.16		
09-Jan-19	ISLE ABBOTTS PARIS 309240 TFR		£450.00	
11-Feb-19	INTEREST (GROSS)	0.16		
	Current balance			£3,454.35
	Total			£3,619.14