

## MINUTES OF THE ISLE ABBOTTS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2020 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Cllrs Habberfield, Bradshaw, Hughes, Pix, Richards, the Clerk, DC Malcolm Cavill and

3 members of the public.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** CC Adam Dance
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None
3. The **MINUTES** of the last meeting held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019 were read and approved.
4. **MATTERS ARISING:** a) Broadband – Unfortunately Cllr Pix has had no satisfaction on this matter. DC Malcolm Cavill had no further news on CDS. Hedge and Verge cutting by Geoff Mills had been completed. There was no further news on Councillors visit to Yeovilton. The willow trees at Two Bridges had been partially pollarded. The setting up of a separate email address for the Clerk was ongoing.
5. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.** In replying to a question from a member of the public, Cllr Bradshaw agreed to investigate if in the future it would be possible to send notifications of new planning applications in an email to the village email list.
6. **ROADS AND FOOTPATHS.** Cllr Hughes had reported numerous road defects. The Clerk requested that she notified him also of these reported defects. The replacement of the timber rails at Badbury Ditch was ongoing. FOOTPATHS – Cllr Habberfield had nothing to report.
7. **FLOODING.** Cllr Habberfield considered that the Fivehead River at Two Bridges had not flooded so much this winter which was possibly due to the River Parrett being dredged. A member of the public expressed concerns about the flooding at Cox's Pit. Whilst the ditch bordering Willersley and Brooms House appeared to be clear, flow was being restricted further on towards the River Isle. Cllr Habberfield and the Clerk to inspect. (Note: This has been carried out and ditches bordering Duchy and John Lucas fields require clearing. The Clerk to contact both parties) SEWAGE- All Councillors had received Cllr Richards's report on the village sewage system and its possible problems. It was agreed that he contact Wessex Water over this matter.
8. **FINANCE.** a) Approval of 2020/1 precept form. Cllr Bradshaw produced the form whereby the precept would be £1,970.00. This was proposed by Cllr Habberfield and seconded by Cllr Pix and was duly signed by the Chairman. Cllr Bradshaw produced the financial statement up to 08/01/20. Current account £616.55, Deposit Account £4,006.17. Total £4,622.72. Payments approved L.Sutcliffe Defib Batteries £40.00: Clerk Salary £93.60: HMRC £23.40. £700.00 had been transferred to the current a/c from the deposit a/c.
9. **CORRESPONDENCE.** A notice regarding January and February road closures in the area had been posted on the website and noticeboard. SSDC Strategic Planning are inviting Parishes to undertake/complete a survey of facilities etc. The paperwork would be circulated to Councillors for their comments. The Clerk had received a communication from the Leader of SCC regarding the future of local Government in Somerset. This would also be circulated to Councillors. Cllr Bradshaw had received, via the PCC, an offer from Ecclesiastical Insurance. He felt and other Councillors agreed that as this was a commercial document, it should not appear on the website, but could become an attachment on an email. Planning Application: 19/01917/FUL. Manor Farm – No decision as yet. 19/03383/FUL. Extension of an existing grain store and the erection of a machinery and equipment storage building at Higher Woodlands Farm – the papers had been circulated to Councillors and no observations recorded. 19/03254/OUT. Outline for erection of two dwellings and garages and formation of associated accesses on land adjacent to Thimble Hall. Again the paperwork had been circulated to Councillors and the Clerk had submitted observations/comments to SSDC planners. However, a member of the public objected to a particular observation and requested that it be withdrawn. After much discussion and even though the Parish Council had agreed with the initial submission, Councillors felt that it should be reworded and the Clerk

submit the amended version to the planners.(Note – this has now been done and is on the planning website).

10. **ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA** : a) Flooding at Cox's Pit. b) Sewage – Wessex Water.
11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.  
There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.41pm

Signed..... Date.....

## Isle Abbots Parish Council

### Income, Expenditure & Balances as at 08/01/2020

<b>Current account activity since 06/11/2019</b>		<b>Credit</b>	<b>Debit</b>	<b>Balance</b>
	Opening Balance			<b>£73.55</b>
20-Dec-19	ISLE ABBOTTS PARIS 309240 TFR	700.00		
27-Dec-19	L. Sutcliffe Defib Batteries	CHQ	40.00	
04-Nov-19	CLERK SALARY	BACS	93.60	
05-Nov-19	HMRC	BACS	23.40	
	<b>Current balance</b>			<b>£616.55</b>
<b>Deposit account activity since 06/11/2019</b>				
	Opening Balance			<b>£4,705.78</b>
11-Nov-19	INTEREST (GROSS)	DEP	0.18	
09-Dec-19	INTEREST (GROSS)	TFR	0.21	
20-Dec-19	ISLE ABBOTTS PARIS 309240 TF			<b>£700.00</b>
	<b>Current balance</b>			<b>£4,006.17</b>
	<b>Total</b>			<b>£4,622.72</b>