

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ISLE ABBOTTS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 7.30pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL

24/63 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Present: Cllrs Lockley, Richards, Westworth; the Clerk & Somerset Council Councillor Roundell-Green

Apologies: Cllrs Vaun Davis and Hillman

24/64 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

24/65 MINUTES: RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on Wednesday 10th July 2024 were a correct record and duly signed by the Chair.

24/66 FINANCE.

a. FINANCIAL STATEMENT: RESOLVED to approve the financial statement to 31/8/24.

b. PAYMENTS: RESOLVED to approve the list of payments which are annexed at the end of the minutes.

24/67 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

There were no new applications to consider.

Details of planning applications in the parish can be found on the Isle Abbots website:

<https://www.isle-abbotts.org.uk/planning> This links directly to the Somerset Council planning portal where the full responses from the parish council can be seen along with decision notices from Somerset Council.

24/68 ENHANCED HIGHWAYS SERVICE: Following discussion, it was agreed to give further consideration to the types of services required before giving further consideration to whether the Kier provision was suitable and offered value for money. To be reviewed at the next meeting.

24/69 COUNCILLOR REPORTS / UPDATES

a. LOCAL COMMUNITY NETWORKS (LCN): The next LCN is on Wednesday 18th September with a focus on flooding. A permanent link officer has been appointed to support parishes in the LCN.

b. ROADS (LL): There is a road closure outside the village hall from 27th September for works to be carried out by Wessex Water.

Issues on the roads should be reported directly to Somerset Council so they can assess and repair as quickly as possible. <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-travel-and-parking/report-a-problem-on-the-road/>

c. FOOTPATHS (AR):

Cllr Richards advised that the maize in the field behind the hall will be cleared in the next few weeks. He also advised he has followed up regarding replacement of gates on the footpath at Northalls Farm which hasn't been completed yet. It was noted that a post opposite the T-junction of Steamalong has fallen.

Issues with footpaths/rights of way should be reported using the Explore Somerset interactive map which also shows any existing open issues.

<https://roam.somerset.gov.uk/roam/map>

d. FLOODING(TW). Cllr Westworth advised there were no updates to report at this time. It was commented that landowners were written to earlier in the year regarding riparian responsibilities and that ditches seemed generally to be clear.

e. VILLAGE HALL (AH): No updates to report.

f. OTHER MATTERS: None raised.

24/70 DEDICATED EMAIL ADDRESSES: The clerk advised that potentially an option to help prevent phishing emails. The Clerk is awaiting related costs and will advise as soon as received.

- 24/71 GRANT POLICY: A draft policy was circulated to councillors in advance of the meeting, with the purpose of ensuring a fair and consistent approach to considering and awarding grants and donations. RESOLVED to adopt the Grant Policy as circulated.
- 24/72 GRIT BINS: RESOLVED to seek approval of a new location at the junction of Bradon Lane opposite Round Oak Commercials. If approved by Somerset Council, the parish council will be required to purchase the bin and it will be filled by Somerset Council, a maximum cost to purchase a new bin of £250 was agreed.
- 24/73 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA: None requested.
- 24/74 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 13th November 2024 in the Village Hall.
It was also noted that the date of the Annual Parish Council Meeting in 2025 will revert to taking place on Wednesday 14th May.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 8.25pm.

Signed.....*L. Lockley*.....

Date.....*13th November 2024*.....

ANNEX. 1 – PAYMENTS

Payments - September 2024			
Invoice date	Payee	Description	Amount
16/04/2024	Isle Abbotts Village Hal	2023/24 Hall Hire x6 (replace chq #301)	£ 120.00
05/05/2024	SALC	Annual Affiliation Fee	£ 57.12
31/08/2024	K Larsson	Admin Expenses (Jul/Aug)	£ 3.00