

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ISLE ABBOTTS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2024 AT 7.30pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL

24/75 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Present: Cllrs Lockley, Westworth, Vaun Davis and Hillman; the Clerk
Apologies: Cllr Richards

24/76 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

24/77 MINUTES: RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on Wednesday 11th September 2024 were a correct record and duly signed by the Chair.

24/78 FINANCE.

- a. FINANCIAL STATEMENT: RESOLVED to approve the financial statement to 30/10/24.
- b. PAYMENTS: RESOLVED to approve the list of payments which are annexed at the end of the minutes.
- c. BUDGET: The clerk explained that a draft budget had been produced with routine operational costs, but this did not account for any additional works the council may wish to undertake, particularly in terms of any enhanced highways services. Councillors would bring proposals to the January meeting for discussion in order to agree the budget then.

24/79 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

There were no new applications to consider.

Details of planning applications in the parish can be found on the Isle Abbotts 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.

24/80 ENHANCED HIGHWAYS SERVICE: Councillors would consider any potential needs in advance of the January meeting to ensure these could be discussed as part of the budget setting.

24/81 LOCAL PLAN: RESOLVED to consult with the community and make a submission based on collaborative responses.

24/82 COUNCILLOR REPORTS / UPDATES

- a. LOCAL COMMUNITY NETWORKS (LCN): Cllr Westworth attended the meeting in September which had a focus on flooding.
- b. ROADS (LL): It was noted that top dressing by Highways is due to take place in 2025, although there has been significant deterioration of the pot hole filling which was undertaken to facilitate these works.
Issues should continue to 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 was not present to provide any updates.
- d. 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>
- e. FLOODING(TW). It was noted that a grant fund via the Somerset Rivers Authority will be available for applications from December which may be beneficial in addressing flooding issues.
- f. VILLAGE HALL (AH): No updates to report.
- g. OTHER MATTERS: None raised.

24/83 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA: 2025/26 budget and precept; enhanced highways service.

24/84 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 8th January 2025 in the Village Hall.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting.

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

Date.....*8th January 2025*.....

ANNEX. 1 – PAYMENTS

Invoice date	Payee	Description	Amount
13/09/2024	TEEC	Web hosting and domain 2024/25	£ 194.39
31/10/2024	Kingsbury Episcopi PC	Contribution to Clerk CiLCA support course	£ 27.90
31/10/2024	K Larsson	Admin Expenses (Sept/Oct)	£ 79.88