

**Minutes of the Isle Abbotts Parish Council meeting held on
Wednesday 1st July 2009 at 8.00 p.m. in the Village Hall**

PRESENT: Cllrs.Habberfield, Rickitt, Humphry, Jay & Herbert. D.C. Sue Steele, C.C.Derek Nelson, Clerk and PCSO Ian Ross were also present.

PCSO Ian Ross was invited to speak and explained that he was working in this area alongside PCSO Beth Unthank, at the moment on a temporary basis but hopes he will be permanent here. He may be contacted via Somerton station or by e-mail. Crime statistics for June: There was an attempted burglary at a dairy farm in the area. He thanked Neighbourhood Watch and the Parish Council for keeping him informed. Cllr. Humphry warned of crowds gathering along the River Isle, as happened last year. Cars park at the Mill on the Isle Brewers road and people are known to congregate at the weir. Could put of local people from walking, swimming etc.

1. There were no APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

2. Councillor Jay DECLARED AN INTEREST in item 6, grant application from Village Hall as she is on the Village Hall Committee.

3. The MINUTES of the meeting held on Wednesday 6th May 2009 were read and approved after amendment to item 5 re Village Hall funding. Cllr.Steele said although a grant from D.C. would need backing from P.C., no fixed amount would be stipulated.

4. MATTERS ARISING: 4:8) The blocked pipe at Cuffs Orchard is now been cleared and rain water is now flowing well from Village Hall and Cuffs Orchard. **8)** It was reported that there are some broken slats on the foot bridge over the river at Burrows. Some large stones from the bridge at Two Bridges have fallen into the river. The bridge in Isle Brewers is also damaged.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: There were no members of the public present.

6. GRANT APPLICATION FROM VILLAGE HALL: Cllr.Jay left the meeting. The Village Newsletter item regarding plans for an “open” meeting was discussed. It is not a matter for the Village Hall to hold a meeting to discuss raising the precept and may be seen as a vote of no confidence in the elected Parish Council. The Village Hall Committee must provide a business plan, surveyors report and three quotes before the next meeting for P.C. to discuss funding the project. Clerk to draft letter to V.H.Committee requesting a meeting to discuss with them the suggestion of a letter to every household.

7. ROADS & FOOTPATHS: Cllr. Humphry had nothing to report. Burrows bridge reported in item 4.

8. FLOODING OFFICERS REPORT: The ditch at Badbury needs to be kept clear. Cllr.Humphry proposed a site meeting. A.H. to speak to J.L. Cllr.Herbert will speak to the Smith’s and the Howlett’s regarding clearing the ditch, followed by a letter.

9. FINANCE: Cllr.Jay presented the current balance in the accounts – total £1460.42. Estimated expenditure is £655.00 per annum. Payments approved: Clerks fee £40.00.

10. ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE received since last meeting were brought to the Councils attention. No action required.

11. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA: 1) Village Hall application for grant

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 2nd September 2009 7.30 pm

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 21.18

Signed.....Date