

**Minutes of the Isle Abbots Parish Council meeting held on
Wednesday 2nd September 2009 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall**

PRESENT: Cllrs.Habberfield, Rickitt, Humphry, Jay & Herbert. The Clerk and 1 member of the public were also present.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from D.C. Sue Steele.

2. There were no **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

3. The **MINUTES** of the meeting held on Wednesday 1ST July 2009 were read and approved after amendment to item 8; site meeting at Badbury did not include John Lucas.

4. MATTERS ARISING: Cllr.Herbert has had no correspondence from PCSO Beth Unthank relating to Neighbourhood Watch. There have not been any problems at the weir to date. Cllr.Habberfield has spoken to Kim Sharp regarding broken man hole cover at Cuffs Orchard. He was informed that Highways would not be doing any more clearing of the ditch at Badbury. Another slat is broken on Burrows footbridge.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: There were no questions from the member of public present at this time but would contribute towards item 7 Grant application for Village Hall.

6. PLANNING APPLICATION: No. 09/03356/LBC External alterations to the east wing of dwelling house – Bromes House, Bromes Lane, Isle Abbots. It was unclear as to whether this application needed Parish Council approval as it was only an LBC and not a FUL application. However, should our comments be needed there would be no objection to this application.

7. GRANT APPLICATION FROM VILLAGE HALL: Letter from Chairman of Village Hall dated 26th August was discussed. Mr.Robson (member of public present) was asked to contribute. He wanted to know what sort of survey would be required. P.C. agreed that a survey on the work required (i.e. roof) would be necessary if this is all they were planning to work on at present. Mr.Robson indicated that the information we require would not be available until March, after the next precept is determined. Clerk to write to V.H. confirming extent of survey required.

8. ROADS & FOOTPATHS: Discussions regarding improvements to Blind Lane and Woodlands Lane are ongoing with Highways. Signs are required (unsuitable for HGV). Problems with postcodes needs to be resolved but don't know how. Work has started on Isle Brewers Bridge. Repairs to Two Bridges will follow w/c 21st September. Burrows bridge reported in item 4.

9. FLOODING OFFICERS REPORT: Cllr.Herbert had spoken to Mr.Smith and Mr.Howlett regarding clearing of their ditches at Badbury. The Smiths had already cleared their section. The Howletts are intending to soon. John Lucas plans to do his bit in the winter. Cllr.Herbert reported on ditch in Blind Lane and produced photographs of badgers or rabbit sets there. Cllr.Habberfield will dig out ditch behind Avalon.

10. PARKING: Cllr.Habberfield expressed concern as to the number of cars and works vehicles parked outside the Chapel and Church Cottage which causes difficulties when getting farm machinery through the village. Clerk to check conditions of planning applications. Cllr. Habberfield to speak to D.C.. Cllr.Habberfield brought to the Councils attention that the Horse Chestnut tree in the churchyard is to be felled. Cllr. Rickitt proposed we make some notices of intent to make aware to everyone what is happening. Clerk to give details to Mr.Robson to put into next village newsletter.

11. FINANCE: Cllr.Jay reported that the audit is now complete and there was no fee this year. Balance to date - £1420.32.

Payments approved: Clerks fee £40.00.

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

13. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 4th November 2009 7.30 pm

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20.50

Signed.....Date

