

MINUTES OF THE ISLE ABBOTTS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2016 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Cllrs Habberfield, Bradshaw, Herbert, Pix, the Clerk and 1 member of the Public

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr Morris and CC Christopher LeHardy.
2. **There were no DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**
3. The **MINUTES** of the last meeting held on Wednesday 7th September 2016 were read and approved.
4. **MATTERS ARISING:** a) Bus Shelter – Cllr Bradshaw had seen Rob Gilbert who advised that a rebuild estimate would be less than £5,000.00 and therefore was covered under the Parish Council Insurance. b) Warning signpost at Two Bridges - This had now been repaired. c). Lombardy poplar trees at Cox’s Pit – These had now been felled and cut up. The Parish Council were grateful for the £355.00 given as donations towards the cost. This matter is now considered closed. d) Footbridge refurbishment affecting Public footpaths L14/7 and L11/2 – This is now underway and the County Council’s Right of Way Warden anticipates it will reopen early this month. e) Ditch clearance at Badbury – John Toon had been notified by Dan Martin, the SCC’s Service Manager for Flood Risk Management that there is no longer a Flood Mitigation Fund and therefore, no monies would be available for the ditch clearance. At the last Parish Council Meeting, CC LeHardy advised that there might be funding from another source and therefore Councillors requested that the Clerk place the matter in the hands of CC LeHardy.
5. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:** Concerns were expressed about the road subsidence outside the Jubilee Rooms. This was on the list prepared by Cllr Herbert which the Clerk was due to submit shortly to CC LeHardy for consideration under the small improvement schemes.
6. **ROADS AND FOOTPATHS:** As advised above Cllr Herbert had prepared a roads defect list for the Parish which he had passed onto the Clerk. Cllr Habberfield had nothing to add on footpaths.
7. **FLOODING;** Cllr Herbert had nothing to report.
8. **FINANCE:** Cllr Bradshaw produced the financial statement up to the 2nd November 2016. Current account £351.76. Deposit account £3,599.67. Total £3,951.43. Payments approved: Notice Board renovation £43.91: Poplar tree felling £360.00: Web Hosting (12 months) £29.99: Clerks fees £75.20: HMRC (PAYE) £18.80. Precept- Cllr Bradshaw produced paperwork to support the keeping of the Precept at the current level of £1,690.00. This was approved by Councillors. However, in view of possible future serious financial reductions from central government with Town and Parish Councils having to take more responsibility for being self-sufficient and self-funding, the Precept may have to be increased in future years to build up reserves. It was felt that this should be brought to the attention of the Community via the village website and newsletter.
9. **CORRESPONDENCE:** The Clerk had circulated to Councillors papers on reporting a problem on the Highway and Public Footpaths and an update on Broadband for the area.
- 10 **ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA;** a) Footbridge refurbishment. b) Ditch clearance at Badbury. c) Road/potholes defects.
- 11 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING;** Wednesday 4th January 2017at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.
There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.14pm.

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Date.....

Income, Expenditure & Balances as at 02/11/2016

Current account activity since 07/09/2016		Credit	Debit
14/09/16	000275 Notice board renovation		43.91
29/09/16	From reserves account	360.00	
29/09/16	Poplar tree felling		360.00
18/10/16	000276 Web Hosting 12 months		29.99
25/10/16	CLERKS FEES		75.20
25/10/16	HMRC - ACCOUNTS OF		18.80
Current balance			£351.76
Deposit account activity since 07/09/2016			
09-Sep-16	INTEREST (GROSS)	0.16	
29-Sep-16	ISLE ABBOTTS PARIS 309240 00850984		360
10-Oct-16	INTEREST (GROSS)	0.15	
12-Oct-16	500001 Poplar Tree donations	180.00	
25-Oct-16	500002 Poplar Tree donations	75	
Current balance			£3,599.67
Total			£3,951.43