

MINUTES OF THE ISLE ABBOTTS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5TH JULY 2017 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Prior to Parish business, Parish Councillors ratified the appointment of Amanda Hughes as a Councillor. The proposal was adopted nem com. Cllr Hughes duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office which was witnessed by the Clerk. She was also supplied with the Registration of Members Interests paperwork for completion. Cllr Hughes was then welcomed to the Parish Council.

PRESENT: Cllrs Habberfield, Bradshaw, Herbert, Hughes, Pix, the Clerk and DC Sue Steele..

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** CC Adam Dance.
2. **There were no DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**
3. The **MINUTES** of the last meeting held on Wednesday 3rd May 2017 were read and approved.
4. **MATTERS ARISING:** a) Ditch clearance at Badbury. John Toon had been in contact with Rebecca Pow MP and David Warburton MP giving them the funding history of Badbury ditch. Also Daniel Martin, the new Flood and Water Management Manager is trying to obtain funding through the Somerset River Authority. John Toon would advise the Clerk if and when any progress was made. b) Contribution to Musgrove MRI Scanner. This was fully discussed and a donation of £50 was unanimously agreed.
5. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:** DC Sue Steele thanked the Parish Council for their donation towards the Scanner. She also advised that further services by District and County would be cut again due to financial restraints.
6. **ROADS AND FOOTPATHS:** Cllr Herbert advised that certain potholes and road edge repairs had recently been carried out. He reported that Two Bridges had been damaged both sides and was due to report this to Highways. The Clerk would also acquaint Highways with the lack of jointing between the stones under the bridge. Cllr Habberfield had nothing to report on Footpaths.
7. **FLOODING:** Cllr Herbert had nothing to report.
8. **FINANCE:** a) Clerks fees. Cllr Bradshaw advised that the Living Wage was now £8.45 per hour and that the new rate for the Clerk would be £110.00 payable every other month. Councillors approved that Cllr Pix would become an additional signature on the cheque book. Cllr Bradshaw produced the financial statement up to 05/07/17. Current account £323.96. Deposit account £4,350.90. Total £4,674.86. Payments approved: Clerks fees £97.60: HMRC(PAYE) £24.40 GJ Mills verge cutting £210.00.
9. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Planning application 16/05444/COL. Mr Gordon J Fisher's application for a lawful development certificate for the existing use of Ashford Old Barn as a C3 Dwelling house had been granted. Application 17/01950/FUL by Mr & Mrs Peter Cottell for the demolition of an existing garden storage building and erection of a garden room extension to the house. Papers had been circulated to Councillors for comment and SSSDC had granted the application in full.
- 10 **ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:** a) Badbury ditch update. b) Broadband update.
- 11 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday 6th September 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.
There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.50pm

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