

MINUTES OF THE ISLE ABBOTTS ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

WEDNESDAY 3rd MAY 2023 AT 8.00pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Cllrs Richards, Lockley, Westworth and Vaun Davis, Somerset Council Cllrs Roundell Greene and Dance, the Clerk, and 11 members of the public.

- 23/16 Election of the Chair of the Parish Council:
Cllr Lockley was proposed as Chair by Cllr Richards, seconded by Cllr Vaun Davis. Agreed unanimously.
- 23/17 Cllr Lockley duly read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
- 23/18 Election of the Vice-Chair of the Parish Council:
Cllr Richards was proposed as Vice-Chair by Cllr Lockley, seconded by Cllr Westworth. Agreed unanimously.
- 23/19 Cllr Richards duly read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
- 23/20 Apologies for Absence: None.
- 23/21 Declarations of Interest: Cllr Vaun Davis declared an interest in item 9b) Planning Application 23/00958/LBC, and will leave the room during discussions and voting on the matter.
- 23/22 Councillors agreed to the following areas of responsibility:
- Flooding & Gullies – Cllr Westworth
 - Ditches & Flooding – Cllr Richards
 - Roads – Cllr Lockley
 - Local Community Networks – Cllr Vaun Davis
 - Footpaths – on hold due to vacancy on the council.
- 23/23 The Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on Wednesday 1st March were approved as a correct record and duly signed by the Vice Chair.
- 23/24 Public Question Time: A resident enquired regarding progress for any protective measures for the bus stop. Cllr Lockley advised she would liaise with Highways regarding any issues with encroaching on the highway and next steps will be decided following their response.
A written report from Cllr Dance and Roundell Green will be made available on the parish council website.
- 23/25 FINANCE.
- To council agrees that it meets the qualifying criteria to certify the council as exempt from a limited assurance review. The certificate of exemption was signed by the Clerk/RFO and Chair, Cllr Lockley.
 - The council approved the year end accounts to 31st March 2023.
 - The council approved the Annual Governance Statement for 2022/23, which was signed by the Chair, Cllr Lockley and the Clerk.
 - The council approved the Annual Accounting Statements for 2022/23, which were signed by the Chair, Cllr Lockley and the Clerk.
 - The council approved the financial statement up to 30/4/23
 - The council approved the list payments requiring authorisation, which is annexed at the end of the minutes.
- 23/26 PLANNING DECISIONS:
- APPLICATION NO. 22/02729/HOU Round Oak Cottage, Isle Abbotts Road, Isle Abbotts – Erection of a timber pre-fabricated single storey granny annexe for ancillary use to the main dwelling. APPROVED with conditions.
 - APPLICATION NO. 22/00331/COU The Conifers, Manor Road, Isle Abbotts TA3 6RL – The change of use of land from equestrian use to domestic garden. APPROVED with conditions.
- 23/27 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:
- APPLICATION NO. 23/00404/FUL The Stables Ashford Old Farm, Isle Abbotts Road, Ilton – Change of use of land to a travelling caravan site consisting of 3 No. pitches each containing 1 No mobile home, 1 No touring caravan, 1 No utility dayroom and associated works (partly retrospective).
The council agreed unanimously to object to the application on the grounds of Loss of ecological habitats and flood risk. Full comments will be available on the Somerset Council planning portal.
 - APPLICATION NO. 23/00958/LBC The Stables, Chapel Road, Isle Abbotts, Taunton –Erection of an oak conservatory
The council agreed to submit a ‘Comment Only’ response of “No objections to the application”.

- 23/28 DEFIBRILLATOR COSTS: To note the council's agreement to pay for replacement defibrillator pads at a cost of £150.
- 23/29 ROADS (LL) Cllr Lockley reported that, despite challenging weather conditions, there have been many improvements and these will continue. She is in contact with our area highways representative and will continue to work with them.
- 23/30 FOOTPATHS (LL/AR). Cllr Lockley reported that they have met with the SC Rights of Way officer. Cllr Richards has been walking paths, which are mostly accessible, but it was noted some are missing signage.
- 23/31 FLOODING(TW). Clearance of ditches and drains has taken place at the Fivehead Junction and Broomes. Gulleys have been cleared at Bradbury and Garden Plot Hill. Some jetting has been carried out at Gravel Lane, although these are not fully cleared.
- 23/32 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA. None raised.
- 23/33 DATE OF NEXT MEETING. Next Ordinary Meeting - Wednesday 5th July 2023 in the Village Hall.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

Isle Abbotts Parish Council

Payments, Receipts & Balances as at 30/04/23

Current account activity since 31/03/2023	Credit	Debit	Balance
Opening Balance			£980.64
Precept	6000		
Current balance			£6,980.64
Outstanding Liabilities			
Clerk Salary (April)		£175.00	
Defibrillator Pads		£150.00	
Deposit account activity since 31/03/2023			
Opening Balance			£4,597.04
11-Apr-23 INTEREST (GROSS)	2.91		£4,599.95
			£4,599.95
Total			£11,580.59

Payments May 2023

Payments authorised:

Invoice date	Payee	Description	Amount
01/05/2023	S Morley	Internal Audit	£30.00
16/04/2023	Isle Abbotts Village Hall	Hall Hire 22/23	£140.00
02/05/2023	K Larsson	Clerk Admin Expenses	£23.89

Additional payments made since March meeting:

Invoice date	Payee	Description	Amount
30/04/2023	K Larsson	Clerk Salary - April	£140.00
30/04/2023	L Suttcliffe	Defibrillator Pads reimbursement	£150.00