

MINUTES OF THE ISLE ABBOTTS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 6th JULY 2022 AT 7.30pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, Cllr Richards welcomed Kim Larsson as the new Parish Clerk.

PRESENT: Cllr Richards, Cllr T Westworth, Cllr Paterson, the Clerk, CC Jo Roundell Greene and 8 members of the public.

- 22/66 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Cllr J Westworth and Cllr Lockley.
In the absence of Cllr J Westworth, Cllr Richards chaired the meeting.
- 22/67 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS. None
- 22/68 The MINUTES of the Annual Parish Council meeting and Ordinary meeting held on Wednesday 11th May 2022 were approved as a correct record and duly signed by the Vice-Chair.
- 22/69 MATTERS ARISING. a) Membership of SALC has been set up. The invoice for membership will follow. b) Acceptance of the Parish Clerk/RFO was withdrawn by the originally selected candidate due to personal reasons. Following a second recruitment process, Kim Larsson was appointed to the role. C) It was been proposed that the Parish Council purchase Platinum Jubilee Commemorative Coins for presentation to all children, 16 and under, in the village. Proposer – Cllr Paterson. Seconder – Cllr Lockley. The Council were in agreement and coins have been presented.
- 22/70 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.
CC Jo Roundell- Greene gave an update the progress of the organisation of the new unitary council which is still very much in the organisational stages. LCN's are still in the process of being set-up, but there are no set budgets for these at present. CC Roundell-Greene advised there are match funding grants available for villages from Area North and that CC Adam Dance can provide forms for applications.
A member of the public suggested now would be a good time to contact local farmers in regard to clearing ditches at the end of harvest. All councillors agreed for the PC to write to farmers to request clearing their respective ditches. ACTION Contact details to be provided to the Clerk to send letters. Cllr Richards advised he would progress clearing silt from pipes at the bus shelter and this should be complete over the next couple of weeks. A resident advised he has cleared the pipe at Cox' Pit.
An update was requested in respect to previous agreement to provide protection for the bus shelter. Cllr Richards advised that no progress has been made yet due to time constraints but they would try to action before the next meeting. ACTION – Cllr J Westworth & Cllr Richards to progress.
- 22/71 PLANNING DECISIONS. 22/01112/FUL Creation of agricultural access at The Stables, Chapel Road – Approved with conditions. 22/00522/HOU + 22/00523/LBC. Various works at Colliers, Blind Lane – Approved with conditions. 22/00326/FUL Three bay garage/workshop at Northalls Farmhouse – Approved with conditions.
- 22/72 PLANNING APPLICATIONS. None.
- 22/73 ROADS (LL) Cllr Lockley provided a written update in her absence that works to repair the large number of potholes had begun, including the pothole reported at the Junction of Chapel Road and Garden Plot Hill.
- 22/74 FOOTPATHS (JW). Cllr J Westwood provided a written update in his absence to advise that the Rights of Way team have confirmed they will replace the finger post just off Chapel Road. He also advised the footpaths would be worked soon.
- 22/75 FLOODING(TW). As reported in public question time. Nothing further to report.

- 22/76 FINANCE. Due to the timing of the replacement Clerk joining, Mr Bradshaw produced the financial statement up to 05/07/22 which was approved. Current a/c £2,952.73. Deposit a/c £4,588.42. Total £4,588.46. Payments: Clerk – printing supplies £7.00: Jubilee Gift Coins £320.00: Clerk’s Salary May/June £280.00: HMRC May/June £70.00.
 It was agreed by all councillors present that, due to the pending transfer of banking responsibilities and signatories, the outstanding liability Of £52.99 to Mr R Pix could be authorised as an exception by the two existing account signatories (one of which being Mr Pix).
 Invoice from SALC for payment of training was authorised by all councillors. It was agreed the SALC membership fee should be added to the regular payments schedule.
 A draft budget was circulated to those councillors present. This will be circulated by email for review by all councillors with a view to approve at the next meeting. ACTION - The Clerk to circulate draft budget.
- 22/77 REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE.
 A letter of thanks and warm wishes was received from Buckingham Palace in response to the greetings sent to The Queen for the Jubilee.
 Thanks were received verbally and by email from some of the children and their families for the Jubilee coins.
 Dates for SALC training had been circulated to all councillors. As stipulated in the newly adopted Code of Conduct, all councillors should as a minimum attend the Code of Conduct training offered. Face to face training is expected to be offered by SALC from around September/October this year. Somerset Bus Partnership are looking for local representatives. If anyone is interested they should contact the Clerk for more information.
- 22/78 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA. 1) To agree a budget for 2022/23. 2) To discuss purchase of dog waste bins.
- 22/79 DATE OF NEXT MEETING. Wednesday 7th September 2022 in Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.06pm.

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