

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ISLE ABBOTTS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 7th SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 7.30pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Cllr Richards, Cllr T Westworth, Cllr Lockley, the Clerk, and 8 members of the public.

- 22/84 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Cllr J Westworth, Cllr Paterson, CC Jo Roundell-Greene & CC Adam Dance. In the absence of Cllr J Westworth, Cllr Richards chaired the meeting.
- 22/85 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS. None
- 22/86 The MINUTES of the Annual Parish Council meeting and Ordinary meeting held on Monday 25th July 2022 were approved as a correct record and duly signed by the Vice-Chair.
- 22/87 MATTERS ARISING. a) Drainage ditch clearance: Letters have been distributed to all identified landowners requesting any necessary action be taken to ensure ditches are cleared. b) Dog waste bins: Indicative figures were discussed of c£250 per bin, based on recommendation by the clerk of a more durable metal bin. Possible locations were discussed and a potential position at the top of Otterham Lane was identified. Landowner to be consulted for permission. The Clerk will contact SSDC to check any related costs and process for emptying. Purchase of a single bin suggested to begin with. To be decided at future meeting.
- 22/88 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.
Missed recycling collections have been reported to Cllr Lockley on a number of occasions as well as items falling from the trucks. It was noted that recycling boxes are often returned damaged. The Clerk has already been in contact with SSDC & Somerset Waste Partnership (SWP), who have reported recent issues with absence of operatives. The situation will continue to be monitored and reported to SSDC/SWP when issues arise. It is recommended that any resident who has a missed collection reports this directly to SSDC to ensure they are aware of the missed collections.
A member of the public commented that the telephone box in the village has fallen into dis-repair. They have asked if the owners could be approached to attend to the refurbishment or allow someone to do this on their behalf. ACTION: Cllr Richards to contact the owner to discuss.
- 22/89 PLANNING DECISIONS. No new applications or decisions to report.
- 22/90 ROADS (LL) Cllr Lockley discussed the recent issue of a large volume of lost drivers due to inadequate diversion signage. The issue was resolved after liaison with county roads, but noted that there is not any signage indicating that you are in Isle Abbots, or that it is not a through-route. ACTION: Cllr Lockley to liaise with Highways to investigate possibility of "no through road" "Isle Abbots" signage.
- 22/91 FOOTPATHS (JW). No report available in Cllr J Westworth's absence.
- 22/92 FLOODING(TW). Cllr T Westworth reported that the Bradbury ditch had been dealt with by a resident and the flood authority.
- 22/93 FINANCE. The Clerk produced the financial statement up to 01/09/22, which was approved. Current a/c £2,699.74. Deposit a/c £4,588.65. Total £74288.39. Payments: Brass Plaque £52.99: SALC Training £25.00: Clerk's Salary July £140.00: HMRC July £35.00.
A proposed budget for 2022/23 was circulated by the Clerk in advance of the meeting. Values for SALC training and Miscellaneous expenses were discussed and agreed, taking into account spend to date. Councillors voted unanimously in favour of the proposed budget.
- 22/94 REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE. Thanks were given to Isle Abbots PCC for their kind contribution of £120.00 towards to cost of the Jubilee coins provided to the under sixteens of the village.
- 22/95 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA. 1) Purchase of dog waste bin. 2) Bus shelter posts. 3) Recycling update.
- 22/96 DATE OF NEXT MEETING. Wednesday 2nd November 2022 in Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

Isle Abbotts Parish Council

Income, Expenditure & Balances as at 01/09/2022

Current account activity since 05/07/2022	Credit	Debit	Balance
Opening Balance			£2,952.73
28-Jul-22 Clerk Salary July	BACS	140.00	
28-Jul-22 HMRC July	BACS	35.00	
28-Jul-22 Pix Brass Plaque	BACS	52.99	
01-Aug-22 SALC Training	BACS	25.00	
Current balance			£2,699.74
Outstanding Liabilities			
Deposit account activity since 11/05/2022			
Opening Balance			£4,588.46
11-Jul-22 INTEREST (GROSS)	0.04		£4,588.50
09-Aug-22 INTEREST (GROSS)	0.15		
			£4,588.65
Total			£7,288.39