

## MINUTES OF THE ISLE ABBOTTS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021 AT 7.30PM VIA ZOOM

PRESENT: Cllrs Habberfield (Chair), Bradshaw, Hughes, Pix, Richards, the Clerk and 4 members of the public.

01. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. None.
02. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. None
03. The MINUTES of the last meeting held on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021 were approved as a correct record. The minutes will be retrospectively signed at the next face-to-face meeting.
04. MATTERS ARISING. a) Sewage – Wessex Water. Cllr Richards had nothing further to report. b) Broadband(CDS). Cllr Bradshaw advised that no further progress had been made. A resident of the village had written to his MP, David Warburton on the 24<sup>th</sup> May, on the subject of poor broadband speed in Isle Abbots and Isle Brewers and to-date had not received a reply. c) Bus Shelter posts – Cllr Habberfield had inspected the oak posts which he felt were suitable and would now arrange for the holes to be dug and the posts erected. d) Steamalong/Two Bridges Road junction. Somerset CC Traffic Management had suggested the placing of nameplates at entry points to the village. A majority of Councillors rejected this idea as it would not alleviate the problem at the junction. However, Councillors agreed that the hedges and banks should be cut back at the permitted time to give a more satisfactory visibility. e) Woodlands Copse update. From information received, a private individual was in the process of purchasing the copse and hopefully would now be in safe hands. f) Dog fouling. Polite notices have now been placed at strategic points and a notice had been placed on the website. A suggestion had been put forward concerning the purchasing of dog poo bins. These would cost £150-£200 each. Councillors decided that the situation should be monitored in the coming months.
05. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME. Unfortunately, DC Malcolm Cavill was again out of circulation and Councillors, through the Chairman, wished him a speedy recovery. No report from CC Adam Dance.
06. PLANNING DECISIONS. 21/00827/HOU + 21/00828/LBC – Application had been withdrawn. 21/01154/FUL – Change of use of land to a mixed agricultural/equestrian use at Ashford Old Tractor House had been approved with conditions. 21/01874/COL. Discharge of Condition 09 (visibility splays) of planning application 19/01917/FUL Manor Farm. The original condition has now been discharged. It appears that the visibility splay to the West, can be achieved by reducing the height to the existing perimeter wall in front of Manor Farmhouse from 1.5m to 900mm and this was accepted by SSDC Planning. Councillors expressed concerns that a) the Parish Council had no knowledge of and had not been asked for their comments/observations on this application. b) Manor Farm, including the perimeter wall, is included in the Isle Abbots Conservation Area. c) the location plan 021-301 submitted by Dandelion Seeds Architects, does not include a Mulberry tree which is situated just behind the perimeter wall and could be removed in order to obtain the required splay. Councillors suggested that the Clerk write to SSDC Planning Dept notifying them of the Parish Councils concerns.
07. PLANNING APPLICATIONS. 21/00409/FUL. Time of application has been extended to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021. 21/01874/COL. Application for Certificate of Lawfulness at The Stables, Chapel Road.
08. ROADS. Cllr Hughes had reported further potholes to Highways.
09. FOOTPATHS. Cllr Habberfield had received a query on a footpath by Woodlands Farm, Woodlands Lane and had notified the Clerk. According to Public Right of Way, this is identified as being L14/1 and has been flagged up with 3 possible issues. The Clerk was asked to contact Rights of Way to see if they intended to reinstate the footpath and signage.
10. FLOODING. Cllr Habberfield had nothing to report.

11. **FINANCE.** Cllr Bradshaw had emailed to Councillors the financial statement up to 07/07/21 which was approved. Current a/c £986.40. Deposit a/c £5,087.98. Total £6,074.38. Payments: Clerks salary £99.20: HMRC £24.80: Dog fouling signs £15.47: Clerk Printing supplies £31.20. He also asked for the approval for payment of an invoice for web hosting renewal which would be due before the next meeting in September. This was approved.
12. **Matters of REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE.** The Clerk had forwarded to Councillors since the last meeting: Continuation of Covid 19 updates received from CC Adam Dance: Outcome of votes for 'Stronger Somerset': Somerset Waste Partnership recycling: Broadband information from Anna Simpson.
13. **ITEMS for next agenda.** a) Bus Shelter posts. b) Dog fouling
14. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 at 7.30pm in Village Hall (tbc).**

The Chairman and Councillors wished to record their thanks to Lorraine Vaun-Davis for hosting recent meetings via Zoom.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.16pm

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## Isle Abbotts Parish Council

### Income, Expenditure & Balances as at 07/07/2021

<b>Current account activity since 04/05/2021</b>	<b>Credit</b>	<b>Debit</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Opening Balance			<b>£1,157.07</b>
01-Jul-21 Clerk Salary		99.20	
01-Jul-21 HMRC		24.80	
01-Jul-21 Dog Fouling signs		15.47	
06-Jul-21 Clerk Printing Supplies		31.20	

**Current balance** **£986.40**

<b>Deposit account activity since 04/05/2021</b>	<b>Credit</b>	<b>Debit</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Opening Balance			<b>£5,087.90</b>
09-May-20 INTEREST (GROSS)	0.04		
09-Jun-20 INTEREST (GROSS)	0.04		

**£5,087.98**

**Total** **£6,074.38**

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