

**MINUTES OF THE ISLE ABBOTTS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 2021 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Cllrs Habberfield (Chair), Bradshaw, Hughes, Pix, Richards, the Clerk, CC Adam Dance and 15 member of the public.

- 01. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** None
- 02. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** None
- 03. The MINUTES** of the last meeting held on Wednesday, 1st September 2021 were approved as a correct record and duly signed by the Chairman.
- 04. MATTERS ARISING.** a) Bus shelter posts – The 2 posts are available for use and the work will be undertaken in the near future. b) Broadband – Cllr Bradshaw had been in correspondence with Airband. At present Airband only offers service to TA3 6RJ postcode which Cllr Bradshaw had queried and is now awaiting a reply from them. c) Replacement Clerk – The Clerk pointed out to Council that nowadays it is expected that the Clerk is also the RFO and the salary is based according to the Clerk's qualifications. Councillors felt that being a small Parish Council, a Councillor could continue as the RFO. Also, there would be financial implications if the Parish had to pay for a Clerk/RFO. The Clerk suggested that an advertisement be placed initially in the village newsletter for a Clerk and 3 Councillors, with one Councillor taking on the responsibility as RFO. It was decided that an informal meeting takes place prior to the next PC meeting to discuss the matter further. CC Adam Dance suggested that the Parish Council may like to consider membership of SALC (Somerset Association Local Councils).
- 05. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.** Concerns have been raised regarding the construction works being carried out next to the village hall garden with the main question being 'is it subject to planning consent?' Information given at the meeting is that it is proposed by the owner of the property, to build a stone faced summer house with shed. Summer houses are deemed to be 'permitted development', which means that planning permission should not be required as long as the summer house/shed adheres to certain criteria. The owner supplied the Clerk with certain details and measurements. CC Adam Dance requested that the Clerk furnish him with these details and strongly suggested to the owner that he sought advice from SSDC Planning Department.

Other concerns had been raised regarding the activity on land at Thimble Hall and was this permissible prior to reserved matters and full planning consent?. The Clerk had queried some content contained in an email from SSDC Planning, but had received no reply. CC Adam Dance requested that the Clerk forward to him further details and he would progress. The owner of the land, who was present at the meeting, was invited by the Clerk to make a comment, but declined.

CC Adam Dance then gave a report on the possible unitary council arrangements. It was envisaged that the number of Councillors and Services would be cut.

06. **PLANNING DECISIONS. 21/02729/S73A.** Section 73A application to remove condition 03 at The Stables – Granted.
07. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS. 21/02885/COL.** Application for certificate of lawfulness for Stoneford Farm.
08. **ROADS(MH) – Cllr Hughes had nothing to report.** The Clerk had submitted a road damage report following an inspection at the request of a resident up Woodlands Lane. CC Adam Dance requested details. The Clerk requested that Cllr Habberfield ask Geoff Mills to cut well back the hedge at the junction of Steamalong and Two Bridges Road to improve visibility.
09. **FOOTPATHS (AH) – Cllr Habberfield had nothing to report.** At a request from a member of the public, the Clerk supplied details regarding footpath L14/1 at Woodlands Farm.
10. **FLOODING (AH) – Cllr Habberfield reported recent flooding at Two Bridges and Cox’s Pit.** A resident living near Cox’s Pit, was concerned that the water had flowed beyond his gateway. Cllr Habberfield had checked ditches and the ditch bordering Willersley and Brooms House were clear, but flow was badly restricted further on which was the responsibility of John Lucas and Manor Farm. Cllr Habberfield would speak with John Lucas and the Clerk would make contact with the owner of Manor Farm.
(At 8.40pm, CC Adam Dance left the meeting).
11. **FINANCE – Cllr Bradshaw produced the financial statement up to 03/11/21 which was approved.** Current a/c £330.02. Deposit a/c £5,088.14. Total £5,418.16. Payments: TEC Hosting £158.38: Clerks salary £99.20: HMRC £24.80.Precept 2022/3 – Cllr Bradshaw produced paperwork regarding the 2022/3 precept. However, in view of the Clerk’s impending resignation, he needed to revise the worksheet to reflect market rates and submit to the Council. He then suggested the PC had further discussions in the near future on how to proceed with the possibility of CC Adam Dance being in attendance.
12. **REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE – The Clerk had forwarded the following to Councillors:** Consultation on dualling the A358 from Taunton to Ilminster: Queens Platinum Jubilee (2022): Covid updates: Neighbourhood Policing newsletter.
13. **ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA – 1) Bus Shelter 2) Broadband 3) 2022/3 Precept (Finance)**
14. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 5th January 2022. 7.30pm Village Hall.**
There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm.

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Isle Abbotts Parish Council

Income, Expenditure & Balances as at 03/11/2021

Current account activity since 01/09/2021	Credit	Debit	Balance
Opening Balance			£612.40
14-Sep-21 Teec Hosting		144.00	
14-Sep-21 Teec Hosting		14.38	
01-Nov-21 HMRC		24.80	
01-Nov-21 Clerk Salary		99.20	

Current balance

£330.02

Deposit account activity since 01/09/2021

Opening Balance			£5,088.06
09-Sep-21 INTEREST (GROSS)	0.04		
11-Oct-21 INTEREST (GROSS)	0.04		

£5,088.14

Total

£5,418.16