

MINUTES OF THE ISLE ABBOTTS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7th NOVEMBER 2018 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, a 1 minutes silence was held in remembrance of Paul Matravers, Dick Lucas and those killed in the First World War.

PRESENT: Cllrs Habberfield, Bradshaw, Herbert, Pix, the Clerk and 1 member of the public.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr Hughes and CC Adam Dance.
2. **There were no DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**
3. The **MINUTES** of the last meeting held on Wednesday 5th September 2018 were read and approved.
4. **MATTERS ARISING:** a) Gigaclear-Broadband. They have admitted that there is a delay and projects in our area plus others are now under review. b) Church floodlight. The PCC had accepted the Parish Councils offer, with thanks, for the grant of £230.00, which has been paid. Installation of the new floodlight will be on the 14th November. The matter considered closed. c) TPO at Manor Farm. On checking with the SSDC Tree Officer, the Clerk was advised that since the Mulberry tree was in a Conservation Area, it was therefore protected. The matter considered closed. d) Model Jet Aircraft at Merryfield. Malcolm Goram, the Officer in Charge had emailed the Clerk and advised that restrictions had been placed on the turbine models and that they would be confined to the North West quadrant of the airfield. Flying periods on Sundays would be 11am – 5pm. Mr Goram had extended an invitation for Councillors to visit Merryfield and the Clerk was asked to reply in favour of a visit. The Clerk had been in contact with the Duchy's Agent regarding the Environment Agency Permit for the septic tank at Manor Farm. The discharge of secondary treated sewage effluent must be made via a perforated pipe which lies within 10 metres of the bank of any water course. Bus Shelter- estimates for repairs by Rob Gilbert had been submitted to Zurich Municipal. They had accepted the estimate of £3,612.00 with the Parish Council paying the £100.00 excess. The Clerk to write to Rob Gilbert with the go ahead. There had been no further update on Badbury Ditch and Councillors felt that the clearance of the silt, etc., had been left too late. However, it appears that John Toon and a small working party are going to clear the undergrowth.
5. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.** None.
6. **ROADS AND FOOTPATHS.** Cllr Herbert advised that most of the white lines and road markings had been rectified, but he had had to inform Keith Rendell of Highways that some places had been missed. These will be rectified in due course. He also expressed concerns about the road sinking towards the ditch in Chapel Road, opposite the Housing Association properties. This appears to be caused by the parking of vehicles which are making the road narrower for passing vehicles and therefore the bank is being pushed towards the ditch. Cllr Habberfield would see DC Sue Steele as she has a meeting shortly with the Yarlington Housing Group. Footpaths – Cllr Habberfield had nothing to report.
7. **FLOODING.** Cllr Herbert had nothing to report.
8. **FINANCE.** Cllr Bradshaw produced the financial statement up to 07/11/18. Current account £303.39. Deposit account £3,903.69. Total £4,207.08. Payments approved: St. Mary, s PCC £230.00 Clerks salary £91.20: HMRC (PAYE) £22.80. D. Bradshaw Web Hosting £29.99. £300.00 had been transferred from the Deposit Account to the Current Account. He also produced a provisional view of next year's precept which would be discussed further at the January meeting.
9. **CORRESPONDENCE.** Planning applications: 18/02824/HOU – it had been pointed out to SSDC Planners that the proposed garage at Pitts Cottage would be seen from a public footpath. 18/03036/LBC – Internal works at Pitts Cottage – No observations. 18/03513/HOU – Retrospective works at The

Conifers, Manor Road – No observations. 18/02772/FUL – Erection of 7 polytunnels at Bradon Soft Fruit Farm – Councillors were concerned about ‘lost’ vehicles entering the village and the Clerk was tasked with submitting a report to the Planning Officer expressing our views on signage etc. The Clerk advised that Langport and Ilminster Libraries were going to remain open. Councillors expressed uneasiness over the 2 week road closure on Isle Abbotts Road at Brook Green from the 20th November. It appears that the only suitable route for HGVs’ going to Bradon Soft Fruit Farm during this period would be via Fivehead and over Two Bridges. The Clerk was asked to contact the Fruit Farm and express Councils concerns.

10. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA a) Bus Shelter.

11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 9th January 2019 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.28pm.

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