

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5TH MAY 2021 AT 7PM VIA ZOOM.

The retiring Chairman thanked Lorraine Vaun-Davis for hosting to-nights meetings and welcomed back District Councillor Malcolm Cavill.

PRESENT: Cllrs Habberfield, Bradshaw, Hughes, Pix, Richards, the Clerk, DC Malcolm Cavill and 9 members of the public.

01. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: CC Adam Dance

02. ELECTION OF CHAIR. Cllr. Habberfield was elected Chair. Proposed by Cllr. Pix, seconded by Cllr. Bradshaw. Cllr. Habberfield will sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office at the next face-to-face meeting.

03. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR. Cllr. Pix was elected Vice-Chair. Proposed by Cllr. Bradshaw, seconded by Cllr. Hughes.

04. ELECTION OF FINANCIAL OFFICER. Cllr. Bradshaw was elected Financial Officer. Proposed by Cllr. Pix, seconded by Cllr. Habberfield. (Note: Cllr. Bradshaw advised the meeting that he would be standing down as Financial Officer and a Parish Councillor at the next Annual Parish Council Meeting in 2022).

05. Cllr. Habberfield agreed to remain as the Parish Council Representative on the Isle Abbotts Village Hall Management Committee.

06. The following agreed to report on a) ROADS – Cllr. Hughes. b) FOOTPATHS – Cllr. Habberfield. c) FLOODING – Cllr. Habberfield.

07. The MINUTES of the last APCM (copy available on the Parish Council website) held on Wednesday 8th May 2019 were approved as a correct record.

08. STANDING ORDERS. It was considered that no amendments were necessary to the existing standing orders.

09. CLERKS FEES. Cllr. Bradshaw advised that the Clerk was being paid the National Living Wage rate from 1st April 2021.

Meeting closed at 7.11pm.

Signed.....

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MINUTES OF THE ISLE ABBOTTS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5TH MAY 2021 AT 7.15PM VIA ZOOM

PRESENT: Cllrs Habberfield (Chair), Bradshaw, Hughes, Pix, Richards, the Clerk, DC Malcolm Cavill and 10 members of the public.

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** CC Adam Dance
- 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** None
- 3. The MINUTES of the last meeting held on Wednesday, 3rd March 2021 were approved as a correct record. The minutes will be retrospectively signed at the next face-to-face meeting.**
- 4. MATTERS ARISING.** a) Sewage – Wessex Water. Cllr Richards had nothing further to report. b) Broadband (CDS). Cllr Pix advised that there had been very little progress on the matter from his perspective. A video meeting had been held with the District Council's Broadband adviser. Mark Humphry, from Isle Brewers, advised that he was due to have a rural affairs meeting with MP David Warburton shortly and he would raise the issue of fibre Broadband with him regarding the two villages. At present it was going to cost over £1,000 per household for installation fees, which was unacceptable. Also, Anna Simpson, from Isle Abbots, had made a Freedom of Information request on CDS rollout to David Hall, Somerset County Council Member and Board Member of CDS. c) Bus Shelter Posts. Cllr Habberfield was having difficulty in getting his contact to undertake the work. Martin Rickitt kindly offered some oak posts as a substitute for steel. Cllr Habberfield to inspect. The Clerk reminded Councillors that the approval by Council to the erection of the posts, was made on the 8th May 2019.
- 5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME.** DC Malcolm Cavill advised that he was now back in his role of District Councillor. A member of the public, via email, had raised a visibility problem at the Steamalong/ Two Bridges junction. Discussions took place on the possibly of introducing road painted SLOW signs, a bi-directional traffic mirror, village signs and cutting back hedges. DC Malcolm Cavill considered that this was a Highways or County problem and would email CC Adam Dance explaining the issue. To be reported further.
- 6. PLANNING DECISIONS.** None
- 7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.** 21/00827/HOU + 21/00828/LBC. Internal alterations and the erection of a greenhouse at Chapel Farmhouse. The Parish Council submitted no comments/observations regarding this application. 21/00409/FUL. Erection of 2 single storey dwellings with garages on land off Chapel Road. The Parish Council, as a body, were unable to comment as 3 members of the Council would have to declare an interest and therefore, a quorum would not be available for comment.
- 8. ROADS.** Cllr Hughes had reported further potholes around the Parish.
- 9. FOOTPATHS.** Cllr Habberfield had nothing to report.
- 10. FLOODING.** Cllr Habberfield had nothing to report.

11. **FINANCE.** Cllr Bradshaw wished to thank Liz Lockley for carrying out the internal audit. The following paperwork had been emailed to Councillors for their review and approval:- a) 2020/1. Governance review. Proposed – Cllr Pix. Seconded – Cllr Habberfield (The Chairman and Clerk to sign when . appropriate). b) 2020/1. Accounts and Audit. Proposed – Cllr Habberfield. Seconded – Cllr Hughes (to be signed by the Chairman when appropriate). c) 2020/1. Certificate of Exemption. Proposed – Cllr Habberfield. Seconded – Cllr Pix (The Chairman and Financial Officer to sign when appropriate).d) Cllr Bradshaw had emailed Councillors the financial statement up to 04/05/21. Current a/c £1,157.07. Deposit a/c £5,087.90. Total £6,244.97. (this includes £2,170.00 precept payment). Payments: Clerks salary £99.20. HMRC £24.80. £1,000.00 had been transferred from the current a/c to the deposit a/c.
12. **Matters of REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE.** The Clerk had continued to forward to Councillors, weekly reports received from our County Councillor on Covid. Plus Somerset Waste Partnership on the new procedure for collections late June; future of local government in Somerset whereby District Councils will give local electors a vote and a poll will take place. It is the intention that Covid restrictions will be further relaxed on the 21st June and the Parish Council should be able to resume face to face meetings. Reminder – Police and Crime Commissioners elections to-morrow 6th May. Letter of thanks received from PCC for the donation towards grass cutting fees. An email had been received from an Isle Abbotts resident complaining about dogs roaming and fouling in their garden. The Clerk responded accordingly. This brought up further discussions about dogs fouling Otterham Lane (The Drove) and Townfield footpath. The Clerk was asked to obtain the appropriate notices which would be placed at strategic points. It was suggested that an insertion should be placed in the next village newsletter on the subject of dog fouling. Concerns had been expressed over the protection of bluebells and wild orchids in Woodlands Copse. Photos have been taken and John Toon, who is willing to take on the project, advised that he had been in contact with The Wildlife Trust and SSDC Phil Poulton and was now awaiting replies.
13. **ITEMS for next agenda.** a) Sewage – Wessex Water. b) Broadband. c) Bus Shelter posts. d) Steamalong/Two Bridges visibility. e) Woodlands Copse (Bluebells/wild orchids) f) Dog fouling.
14. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 7th July 2021 @ 7.30pm in Village Hall (to be confirmed)**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.16pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Isle Abbotts Parish Council

Income, Expenditure & Balances as at 04/05/2021

Current account activity since 02/03/2021				Credit	Debit	Balance
	Opening Balance					£111.07
09-Apr-21	SOUTH SOMERSET DC	BGC	2,170.00			
18-Apr-21	To Reserves	TFR		1,000.00		
01-May-21	Clerk Salary			99.20		
05-May-21	HMRC			24.80		

Current balance **£1,157.07**

Deposit account activity since 02/03/2021						Balance
	Opening Balance					£4,087.84
09-Mar-20	INTEREST (GROSS)		0.03			
09-Apr-20	INTEREST (GROSS)		0.03			
18-Apr-21	From Current	TFR	1,000.00			

£5,087.90

Total **£6,244.97**

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Persons Present: Mr Habberfield(Chair), Mr Bradshaw, Mrs Hughes, Mr Pix, Mr Richards, DC Malcolm Cavill, Mr Robson(Minute Secretary), Tony & Lizzie Paterson, Barbara & Martin Rickitt, Susan Robson, John Toon, Lorraine Vaun-Davis.

1. APOLOGIES were received from CC Adam Dance.
2. MINUTES of last APM held on the 8th May 2019 (copy on the Parish Council website)were approved as a correct record.
3. MATTERS ARISING: None.
4. The Parish Council ANNUAL REPORT was read by the Chair.(Copy available from the website or Parish Council Clerk)The Chair wished it to be placed on record the Parish Councils' thanks to the Clerk for all his hard work during the past year.
5. ANY OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION by members of the public – None.

Meeting closed 8.30pm

Signed.....

Date.....

ISLE ABBOTTS PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: A Habberfield

Parish Clerk: Robbie Robson

Report for 2020/1

Due to Covid restrictions, the Parish Council did not meet in May, July and November 2020, but had a face-to-face meeting in September last. In January and March this year, virtual meetings via Zoom were held.

During last year, Parish Council business discussions concerning roads, footpaths, planning applications and finance were carried out by email and telephone. So during this period, your Council remained active, also dealing with queries etc raised by members of the public.

Much work has been carried out on trying to obtain faster Broadband for the village, but negotiations with CDS, SSDC and various providers are proving extremely slow and frustrating.

Also due to the restrictions, activities involving the Village Hall, Singing group, Parochial Church Council, Bellringers and Walking group were curtailed and therefore, no individual reports have been made for this meeting.

The members of the Parish Council wish to convey their sincere thanks and appreciation to all those people in the village who have undertaken various tasks on a voluntary basis, in helping and benefitting the community during the past year.

It is hoped that the next Parish Council meeting in July will be conducted face-to-face, whereby, members of public are very welcome to attend.

05/05/21