

Ashbrittle Parish Council

Minutes of Regular Meeting held on Wednesday 26th April 2023 at 5.30pm

Councillors Present: Charles Doble, Jeremy Robbins, Helena Massie, J. Pip Wilson

Vicky Hughes

Apologies: None

Minutes of previous meeting: The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman, CD.

Matters Arising: To be discussed later in the meeting.

Correspondence Received: i) PCSO Louise Fyne sent her regular report about crime and other policing matters within our area.

Reports from Councillors:

Highways (Charles Doble) CD has contacted the Highways Department about the condition of the roads, notably potholes. This is a national problem. The short-term repairs are not cost effective for the county council who then need to re-do them each year; the traffic weight on certain roads is problematic as the surfaces are not designed for such heavy wear. JR and CD were thanked for the help they are giving concerning the tanker damage to the hedge and stone wall on Heniton Hill road.

Footpaths (Jeremy Robbins) A quote has been received for the replacement and refurbishment of the finger posts so this work will be carried out in due course. We discussed possible improvements to the footpath section down to the stream crossing at Marcombe Lake although this is a water run-off stream in the wet weather so it is difficult to mitigate the slipperiness of the slope. Discussion was also had about the footpath across the Bull's Field when horses are present.

Finance (Helena Massie) HM presented the accounts to date. The Certificate of Exemption was signed and minuted 2023.04.26.6. It was agreed that the accounts proceed to the internal auditors. The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) has been received for the current year. The fund could be used for the fingerposts. Planned expenditure was considered for the year ahead.

Community JR has been in discussion with the chair of Stawley PC to consider any joint projects such as a renewable power generation scheme. Consultancy advice is being sought.

Any Other Business: i) JR has purchased a new Union Jack flag to fly from the church tower for King Charles III's Coronation. After the summer, a new vimpel will replace the flag. The cost is c. £80. ii) JPW will notify the parishioner who would like to join the parish council about the process.

Date of next meeting: to be arranged

The meeting concluded at 6.30pm