

ABBOTS RIPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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A Meeting of Abbots Ripton Parish Council was held on Monday 19th September 2016 at 7.15pm at Abbots Ripton Village Hall.

Present: Cllr G Richardson (Chair), Cllr J Leaver, Cllr J Hemsley, Cllr C Wilkinson, Cllr D Brennan, County Cllr M Tew, V Pryce (Clerk)

29th September 2016

DRAFT MINUTES

- 249-09/16 To receive and approve apologies for absence.**
Cllr R Pickard – Holiday
District Cllr Howe - Holiday
- 250-09/16 To receive declarations of interest.**
Cllr G Richardson – matters pertaining to the Cricket Club
- 251-09/16 Public Participation.**
3 members of the public present
- 252-09/16 Network Rail – Four Tracking Scheme**
Representatives from Network Rail attended and advised they had held a public consultation throughout the day at the Village Hall with regard to the closure of the crossing. They advised that the whole village had been leafleted with regard to the consultation which was running until 12th October and that leaflets were available on line.
- 253-09/16 Nicola Molloy – Village Hall Plans update**
Plans were presented to the Cllrs. Ms Molloy advised the Council that the costings for the project was £127,000.
- 254-09/16 To receive and approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 27th June 2016.**
Cllr Richardson proposed that the minutes from the meeting held on 27th June were a true copy and should be approved all were in favour and it was **resolved** to approve.
- 255-09/16 Matters arising or carried forward from the previous meeting.**
Cllr Richardson advised the Council that a meeting had taken place between the Chairman of Capalc with Cllr Richardson and the Clerk with regard to the Schools solar farm bid. Details of the meeting would be circulated to the Cllrs and the item would be placed on the agenda for 31st October.
- 256-09/16 Finance**
257-09/16.1 To approve accounts for payment 19th September 2016

Payments of £304.00 to BEAM for grass cutting and a payment of £150 for the administration of Survey Monkey for the Parish Plan had been made in July.

Date	Cheque No.	Payee	Description	Amount
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19.09.16	BEAM	Grass Cutting	£304.00
19.09.16	V Pryce	June/July/August	£315.24
19.09.16	HMRC	PAYE	£57.76

Cllr Richardson proposed that all payments be approved and additional items that had been produced to the Council following the circulation of the minutes which were:

James Tree Care £360.00
HDC £358.50

Cllr Leaver seconded all were in favour and it was **resolved** to do so.

- 258-09/16.2** Finance position and statements to be presented and approved.
Cllr Leaver and Cllr Hemsley reconciled the bank statements to the cash sheet and signed all bank statements.
- 259-09/16** **Alconbury Plans Update/Wyton Update.**
Cllr Leaver advised that leaflets had been delivered to households. Cllr Leaver had attended a meeting and had advised that Morris Homes were building the second phase and after the third phase the social housing aspect would be triggered. 30 affordable houses would be built and a tendering process would begin with local housing associations. A Community Area, a shop and library would be opening on site. 20 pupils are currently enrolled at the new school. Allotments will be provided and are being delivered under an employment scheme. S106 money will fund a Community Development Worker put in by Urban & Civic. Cllr Leaver also reported that the Local Development Plan was delayed due to transport issues until 2017 when the plan will be ready for submission. A hub for retail will be 600sqm and for an update on information can be found in the magazine 'Make News'. Cllr Tew advised that the proposed Wyton development had been dropped from the 5 year plan.
- 260-09/16** **Parish Plan Update.**
The Council had received a report from Caroline Hannah with an update which was read to the Council by Cllr Richardson. Adrian attended from the Parish Plan group and advised that analysis was being carried out through Survey Monkey and no further funding for this would be required.
- 261-09/16** **Neighbourhood Forum/Joint Local Committee Update.**
Cllr Tew advised that he is still working on a venue and that boundary changes would affect the ward bringing in the Stukeleys and losing Kings Ripton Parish.
- 262-09/16** **Planning Application Update.**
Cllr Hemsley notified the Council of an application for Werrington – Clerk to investigate. Cllr Richardson advised that he had been liaising with the HDC Planning Team regarding a business within the Parish and will advise when he has received further information.
- 263-09/16** **SGP 2016: To receive an update.**
Cllr Hemsley advised that he had volunteered and looked after a section of noise equipment during the SGP, he reported that generally noise levels were good and that a weather inversion had made the noise more apparent further afield than usual. Cllr Richardson and Cllr Brennan both advised that the traffic management appeared to work well and that roads flowed better this year.
- 264-09/16** **Police Matters: To receive an update.**

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Cllr Leaver reported that there was an issue with distraction burglaries and rogue traders outside of the area but to be vigilant. Cllr Hemsley reported that there had been reports of suspect generator sellers locally. Cllr Richardson advised that there had been a report in the village newsletter encouraging residents to write to the Chief Constable regarding a motorcycle incident on the roads. Cllr Richardson re-iterated that members of the public should call the police if they see anything suspicious and that the Parish Council do not police the roads.

265-09/16 Health and Safety: To receive an update

Cllr Richardson reported that the tree in Wennington was still overhanging. Cllr Richardson proposed that the Council seek quotes to have the tree cut back.

266-09/16 Correspondence and Communications.

List of correspondence received circulated to all Councillors prior to meeting. Cllr Richardson advised the Council that he had spoken with Highways regarding Ragwort growing within the Parish. The Highways department have advised that they will be treating it – the Council noted that Ragwort can be dangerous to animals hence the discussions but treating Ragwort is the Highways responsibility. Cllr Richardson advised that the insurance renewal from Zurich Insurance had been received and as a two year contract had been previously agreed it was agreed to continue with Zurich.

267-09/16 Reports from County and District Councillors.

Cllr Tew advised that telephone polls with regard to Devolution had shown that 60% of people surveyed wanted devolution but were not in favour of a Mayor, a subsequent telephone survey concluded that the general public were in favour of a Mayor. Cllr Tew referred to correspondence received from Community Highways with regard to volunteers making themselves available to assist with litter picking, cleaning signage, Cllr Tew advised that any volunteers would be insured through the scheme. Cllr Tew advised that at the B1090 at Woodwalton a sewerage plant is being put in to place at the same time as the road closure for road repair works. Cllr Hemsley expressed concern at any traffic being directed through Wennington due to the state of the roads. Cllr Tew explained the works would last 3 months. Concerns were raised on the impact on the local Post Office. It was agreed that Cllr Richardson would write to the local MP Mr Djanogly to ask for his assistance in dealing with the matter and it was agreed that Cllr Tew would write to the Highways Department to ask for any compensation that could be offered due to the loss of trade.

268-09/16 To receive verbal reports from Parish Councillors on matters arising.

Cllr Hemsley confirmed that he had received a quote for the staining of benches and noticeboards to be brought forward to the next Parish Council meeting.

269-09/16 Date of next Parish Council meeting: 31st October 2016 Abbots Ripton Village Hall, 7.15pm.

CLOSE OF MEETING

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