

ABBOTS RIPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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A Meeting of Abbots Ripton Parish Council was held on Monday 13th February 2017 at 7.15pm at the Shoot Room – Abbots Ripton Estate.

Present: Cllr G Richardson (Chair), Cllr J Leaver (Vice-Chair), Cllr J Hemsley, Cllr R Pickard, Cllr C Hemsley, Cllr D Brennan, Cllr C Wilkinson, District Cllr R Howe, V Pryce (Clerk)

13th March 2017

DRAFT MINUTES

314-02/17 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Cllr M Tew – work commitments

315-02/17 To receive declarations of interest.

Cllr G Richardson – Cricket Club

Cllr R Pickard – Abbots Ripton Estates

316-02/17 Public Participation.

No members of the public were present.

317-02/17 To receive and approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19th December 2016.

Cllr Richardson proposed that the minutes from the meeting held on 19th December were a true copy and should be approved Cllr Leaver seconded, all were in favour and it was **resolved** to approve the minutes.

318-02/17 Matters arising or carried forward from the previous meeting.

Cllr Wilkinson enquired to the status of the business running from Moat Lane, Cllr Howe advised that there was no further information at this stage. Cllr Hemsley enquired about any further complaints from parishioners, Cllr Richardson advised that he had received none but that there were a significant number of vehicles using the road. Cllr Leaver requested that the MVAS be on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting.

319-02/17 Finance

319-02/17.1 To approve accounts for payment 13th February 2017

Date	Cheque No.	Payee	Description	Amount
13.02.17	000826	ZEN	Internet	£65.84
13.02.17	000827	HMRC	PAYE	£48.33
13.02.17	000828	V Pryce	Dec & Jan Wages	£274.99
13.02.17	000829	CCC	Electricity Lighting	£390.18

Cllr Richardson proposed approval of all payments, Cllr Pickard seconded and it was **resolved** to approve.

320-02/17.2 Finance position and statements to be presented and approved.

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Cllr Brennan and Cllr Hemsley reconciled the bank statements to the cash sheet and signed all bank statements.

Cllr Richardson proposed that the Council give authority for the Parish Plan committee to authorise the printing of 250 copies of the Parish Plan, Cllr Leaver seconded all were in favour and it was **resolved**.

The Clerk brought to the Councils attention a CIL request of £8977.58 from HDC in relation to the extension of the Village Hall, the Clerk and Cllr Richardson will investigate the Councils responsibility further.

Cllr Wilkinson discussed the benefits of Countryside Watch subscription and Cllr Pickard believed there would be further benefit if the Council were to create a 'hub' where relevant information readily available to parishioners – Cllr Richardson/Clerk to investigate further.

321-02/17

East Coast Main Line

The Council has received an application and supporting documents which have been available to parishioners at the local shop and public house. Cllr Richardson explained it was with regard to the closure of a bridleway and was originally under a different scheme. Cllr Richardson advised it was for a new level crossing and the bridleway to be redirected. Cllr Richardson further advised that he had written to the local MP with regard to the potential impact on the local shop but there had been no agreement to date.

322-02/17

Alconbury Plans Update/Wyton Update.

Cllr Leaver confirmed that the minutes from the last meeting had been circulated, which discussed the next phase for commercial building and housing on the strip of land adjacent to the main road. Cllr Leaver advised that Urban & Civic were building a development of eco homes and that the next meeting was being held on 14th March. Cllr Howe advised that 6 of the Urban & Civic houses would be social housing and that HDC were in discussions with Urban & Civic to build affordable housing on a designated strip of land.

323-02/17

Neighbourhood Forum/Joint Local Committee Update.

Cllr Richardson advised that he would be attending the HDC Parish Council Conference meeting being held on 17th March in St Ives.

324-02/17

Planning Application Update.

17/00162/LBC – Cllr Richardson proposed approval of the plans all were in favour and it was **resolved**

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325-02/17

SGP 2016: To receive an update.

Cllr Howe advised that there was nothing to report until the next meeting being held in May and it was requested that the SGP be removed from the agenda until Mays Parish Council meeting.

326-02/17

Police Matters: To receive an update.

Cllr Hemsley advised that there had been further road traffic accidents in the area. Cllr Leaver advised that there had been 2 burglaries at Kings Ripton. Cllr Pickard advised that there had been incidents of fuel being stolen from motor vehicles at Kings Ripton.

327-02/17

Health and Safety: To receive an update

Cllr Richardson reported that he had been out in the area and all seemed to be in good order, Cllr Richardson praised the efforts of vigilant parishioners who were quick to report

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any issues. Cllr Richardson advised that the speeding sign entering the village was not working. Cllr Leaver advised that speeding remained an issue within the parish and that the figures provided to the Council from Speedwatch had confirmed this. Cllr Hemsley requested that the Council pursue a speed limit throughout the Parish of 20mph. Cllr Hemsley reported that the benches and noticeboards were due to be re-varnished. Cllr Hemsley to investigate relocating the no-fishing sign at Wennington to enable easier access for maintenance purposes.

328-02/17

Correspondence and Communications.

Cllr Leaver discussed the 'Keep Britain Tidy' campaign running on 3-4th March, Cllr Richardson is to display a notice at the shop and Cllr Hemsley to display at notice at Wennington. Cllr Richardson confirmed that any participants would be covered by HDC insurance. Cllr Leaver requested that the Council arrange for a clean up at the speed gates and for the signs to be washed – Clerk to report to Highways.

329-02/17

Reports from County and District Councillors.

Cllr Howe advised that HDC were proposing to increase Council Tax by 2%, he explained that this was necessary to avoid further reduced services including tree wardens. Cllr Howe reported that HDC had had to undertake further grass cutting works which were previously the responsibility of the CCC at a cost of £160,000. Cllr Howe advised that the HDC were looking to commercialise CCTV and printing to generate a sales base. Cllr Howe reported that Devolution was continuing to move on and that they were seeking to introduce an infrastructure project to allow 4000 affordable houses to the area and were looking at 28 sites across the County subject to availability of land. It was advised that a feasibility study was being carried out this year to a Peterborough University by 2022. Cllr Howe advised that he was acting Mayor of Cambridgeshire for the next 3 months. Cllr Howe advised that the Wyton Traffic survey had been completed and shows large scale mitigation of transport including the river crossing at £300million and as such the project would not be investigated further at this time.

330-02/17

To receive verbal reports from Parish Councillors on matters arising.

Cllr Pickard advised that the trees provided under the tree planting scheme had now been planted, Black Poplar had been planted near the brook. Cllr Pickard advised that CCC had requested vegetation be removed and ditch cleaning had also been carried out by ARFCO. Cllr Pickard reported that the tree planting carried out at the Solar Farm had been unsuccessful due to bad ground conditions.

Cllr Richardson clarified that the grass cutting contract had been agreed for a 2 year period with BEAM and they would continue for 2017/18.

331-02/17

Date of next Parish Council meeting: Abbots Ripton Village Hall, 27th March 7.15pm.

CLOSE OF MEETING