

ABBOTS RIPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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A Meeting of Abbots Ripton Parish Council was held on Tuesday 25th July 2017 at 7.15pm at the Village Hall.

Present: Cllr G Richardson (Chair), Cllr J Leaver (Vice Chair), Cllr D Brennan, Cllr J Hemsley, Vicky Pryce- Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer, Angela Papworth – Newly appointed Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to Abbots Ripton Parish Council.

30th July 2017

Minutes

- 366-07/17 To receive and approve apologies for absence.**
Cllr Wilkinson-Work Commitments
- 367-07/17 To receive declarations of interest.**
Cllr Richardson -Matters pertaining to the cricket club
Cllr Brennan- Matters pertaining to the church
- 368-07/17 Public Participation.**
No members of the public present
- 369-07/17 To receive and approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 8th May 2017.**
Cllr Richardson proposed that the minutes from the meeting held on the 8th May 2017 were a true copy and should be approved Cllr Leaver seconded, all were in favour and it was **Resolved** to approve the minutes.
- 370-07/17 Personnel – Clerk Appointment**
Cllr Leaver proposed that Angela Papworth be appointed as new Clerk & Financial Officer,, Cllr Brennan seconded and all were in favour. It was **Resolved**
- 371-07/17 Matters arising or carried forward from the previous meeting.**
MVAS
Cllr Richardson proposed the Parish Council purchase MVAS for the village as recommended in the Parish Plan. Cllr Hemsley was in favour but requested that a bid for LHI was applied for to help towards the costs. Cllr Richardson advised he would speak with the County Councillor Terry Rogers. Cllr Richardson also proposed that we should contact the County Council to ascertain if the speed limits could be extended and a 20mph limit in the centre of village. All were in favour and it was **Resolved** the report be approved.
- 372-07/17 Finance**
372-07/17.1 To approve accounts for payment 25th July 2017

Date	Cheque No.	Payee	Description	Amount
25.07.17	000859	Brian Cox & Co	Internal Audit	£72.00
25.07.17	000860	BEAM	Grass Cutting	£456.00
25.07.17	000861	Lawn in Order	Jubilee Gardens	£101.25

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25.07.17	000861	HMRC	PAYE	£91.53
25.07.17	000862	V Pryce	Wages May/June/Jul & A/L allowance	£589.84
25.07.17	000863	HDC	Tree works	£347.68

Cllr Richardson proposed that authorisation of all the above payments were made. Cllr Leaver seconded, all were in favour and it was **Resolved** that payments would be made.

- 372-07/17.2** 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.
It was **Resolved** that finance position and statements were approved with all in favour.

- 373-07/17** **Councillor resignation – Casual Vacancy**
Members were advised that a casual vacancy has arisen due to Cllr Robert Pickard resigning. The Clerk advised Members that a notice of vacancy is required to be put on the notice boards and remain there for a period of 14 working days, this gives residents a chance to call for an election. If after that period an election has not been called then residents can apply to be co-opted onto the council.
The clerk confirmed she would arrange for the notices to be completed and displayed accordingly.

- 374-07/17** **Grant Applications**
STARS – ‘Fit for Life’ £3000 (LGA 2000 s.2) Cllr Richardson proposed that a grant for £3000 was approved, Cllr Leaver seconded, All in favour duly **Approved**
STARS – ‘Community Cream Tea’ and ‘Family Fun’ £1300 (LGA 1972 s.145) Cllr Richardson proposed that a grant for £1300 was approved, Cllr Leaver seconded, all in favour duly **Approved**
St Andrews Church - £1073 Churchyard Maintenance (S.137)
Cllr Richardson recommended the Parish Council to approve a grant of £750, Cllr Leaver seconded. This was granted under the S.137 LGA, as a grant to churches under the LGA 1972 S.215 can only be approved if it is a closed churchyard.
It was **Resolved** that all grants above were approved.

- 375-07/17** **Alconbury Plans Update/Wyton Update.**
Cllr Leaver reported that all households should have received the More Newsletter. He advised that only 80-100 houses would be for sale before the end of 2017. The shop is now open and the community park is now up and running. Urban and Civic are currently looking at Rights of Way across the site. Meetings are being held with regard to the proposed train station which Urban and Civic will be contributing towards. The Stukeleys will benefit from traffic calming measures in Autumn 2018 under the S106 agreement. There is a proposed special needs school being built to be managed by Spring Common.

- 376-07/17** **Neighbourhood Forum/Joint Local Committee Update.**
No updates have been received and Cllr Richardson confirmed he would liaise with the new County Councillor Terry Rogers with regard to future updates.

- 377-07/17** **Planning Application Update.**
No new planning applications to report.
Cllr Hemsley advised that a previous application for 1 Hill Farm had been approved by the District Council.

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- 378-07/17** **Police Matters: To receive an update.**
Members were advised that there had been a burglary at Wennington, items had been taken. Neighbours had seen a white van parked outside the house but had not managed to get a registration number or description of the people in the van.
- Elderly residents are being targeted by people knocking on doors asking if they need odd jobs doing, they are asking for money up front for tools materials etc. then running off with the money.
- There was a drug dealing incident in the pub car park which has been dealt with by the police.
- 379-07/17** **Health and Safety: To receive an update**
Cllr Richardson advised there is nothing to report following on from his latest inspection of the village.
- 380-07/17** **Correspondence and Communications.**
The Clerk had been advised by Kings Ripton Parish Council that they had available allotments for use. Clerk to advise gardening club.
- 381-07/17** **Reports from County and District Councillors.**
Members were advised that no reports had been received from County and District Councillors. The Clerk confirmed she would write to Terry Rogers to ask for regular updates if he cannot attend the Parish meetings. The Clerk will report back to Members at the next council meeting.
- 382-07/17** **To receive verbal reports from Parish Councillors on matters arising.**
Cllr Brennan advised that Nicola has spoken to him with regards to proposed rent increases on the village hall. She is in the process of sorting the rates out and will advise the Parish Council as soon as she has the revised figures.
- 383-07/17** **Date of next Parish Council meeting: Abbots Ripton Village Hall 28th September 2017.**

MEETING CLOSED 20.58PM