

ABBOTS RIPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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A Meeting of Abbots Ripton Parish Council was held on Thursday 25th June 2015 at 7.15pm at Abbots Ripton Village Hall.

Present: Cllr G Richardson (Chair), Cllr Leaver (Vice Chair), Cllr Pickard, Cllr Wilkinson
Cllr Hemsley, Cllr Brennan, County Cllr Tew

8th July 2015

DRAFT MINUTES

118-06/15 To receive and approve apologies for absence.
Robin Howe – Work commitments

119-06/15 To receive declarations of interest.
Cllr Pickard matters pertaining to the Estate
Cllr Richardson matters pertaining to the Cricket Club Solar Farm Bid
Cllr Hemsley matters pertaining to the Estate and SGP

120-06/15 Public Participation.
None

121-06/15 To receive and approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 14th May 2015.
Cllr Richardson proposed that the minutes be approved, Cllr Leaver seconded and it was **resolved** to do so.

122-06/15 Matters arising or carried forward from the previous meeting.
Cllr Pickard and Cllr Richardson advised photographs were available from the Estates that could be used on the website which is currently 'under construction'. Cllrs approved of using the website for links to other areas of interest in the village. Cllr Tew advised that photographs of the Cllrs on the website along with their details would be beneficial along with a small write up. Cllr Richardson suggested that the Parish Plan be loaded onto the website.

123-06/15 Finance
123-06/15.1 To approve accounts for payment 25th June 2015

Date	Cheque No.	Payee	Description	Amount
25/06/15	000755	HDC	Electoral Costs	90.00
25/06/15	000756	HMRC	PAYE	33.74
26/06/15	000758	V Pryce	Wages & Expenses May 15	171.83

Cllr Richardson proposed that all invoices be paid, Cllr Leaver seconded all were in favour and it was **resolved** to do so.

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- 123-06/15.2** Finance position and statements to be presented and approved.
The cash book, finance sheet and bank statements were presented to the Councillors for their perusal and approved.
- 124-06/15** **Parish Council Reserves.**
Cllr Richardson proposed that the Parish Council review the Parish Council reserves after the autumn.
- 125-06/15** **Alconbury Plans Update.**
Cllr Leaver presented the latest plan from Urban & Civic, highlighting the areas for the Primary school, first tranche of housing and entrance to Ermine Street. Cllr Leaver advised that the housing will be in a traditional build, with a mix of detached, semi and linked properties with the initial occupancy in Summer 2016. Cllr Leaver advised that Network Rail had moved forward their plans from 2019/20 to 2016/17 and emphasised the importance of the Parish Council being fully involved with regard to the effect on traffic flows through the villages.
- 126-06/15** **Parish Plan Update.**
Cllr Richardson had received a report from Cllr Howe regarding the Parish Plan. Cllr Richardson advised that he had received an invitation on behalf of the Parish Council from the Village Hall to have a stand at the upcoming VE celebrations. Cllr Richardson suggested that this would be a good opportunity for the Parish Plan team to have a stand rather than the Parish Council itself. Cllr Brennan suggested that it would be worthwhile for Councillors to be present and make themselves known. Cllr Richardson had received a request from the Parish Plan team for access to funds to cover costs such as postage, advertising and printing. The Parish Council has funds set aside for the local plan and the costs will be covered from these funds.
- 127-06/15** **Neighbourhood Forum/Joint Local Committee Update.**
Cllr Richardson advised that although the Police have not attended any Parish Council meetings for quite some time, he was happy that he will only request their presence at the meetings should the need arise.
- 128-06/15** **Planning Application Update.**
The application for the Sports Fitness Centre has been approved with a length of consent condition added by the Council.
- 129-06/15** **Police Matters: To receive an update**
Cllr Leaver reported of a number of break-ins around the Broughton/Ramsey area. Cllr Pickard advised that solar panels were being stolen from Estate land.
- 130-06/15** **Health and Safety: To receive an update.**
Cllr Leaver reported a deep hole which had appeared on the road not far from the Post Officer. Clerk to report to Highways Agency.
- 131-06/15** **SGP 2015: To receive an update.**
Cllr Richardson advised that he had spoken to Freddie Fellowes regarding exit routes and he is waiting for the traffic planners to speak with him. Cllr Leaver advised that ticket sales seemed to be fine and he had received an email to collect his tickets.

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Correspondence and Communications.

Email received regarding Tour of Cambridge – Cllr Richardson discussed the issues that he had had with the lack of notice and the inconvenience that it had caused to some local people.

Email regarding Anglian Water Sites – Clerk to email requesting dates for work to be carried out.

Email received from Cllr Howe regarding A14 proposals. Cllr Richardson will be attending a consultation on 29th June.

Minutes from Hemingford Abbots meeting received.

Complaints received regarding the grass cutting. Clerk to email Andy Davis and request a schedule for rest of the year.

Complaint received regarding grass length on the road from Wennington towards the Ravleys – Clerk has sent an email to the Highways Agency.

Email received from Speedwatch – Cllr Hemsley to organise a Speedwatch run in the village

Letter received from Network Rail advising the level crossing closures are unsustainable and the company are going to be revising the entire programme.

Email received from insurance company suggesting a review of policy.

Email received from member of public regarding a sign advertising the Garden Show was obstructing the view of oncoming traffic at the traffic calming area entering Abbots Ripton.

Email received from the Larkfleet Group regarding a conference on sustainable communities.

Letters received from the Cricket Club and the Village School thanking the Parish Council for their generosity with regard to the Solar Farm Bids.

Email received from parishioner regarding the distribution of Solar Farm Funding – Clerk to respond.

133-06/15

Reports from County and District Councillors.

Cllr Tew discussed the benefits of clusters of Parishes working together and meeting with each other to discuss common issues and best practices. He suggested choosing parishes close by to work with. Cllr Richardson will look into this in more detail.

134-06/15

To receive verbal reports from Parish Councillors on matters arising.

Cllr Richardson acknowledged that there was a large gap between this evenings meeting and the next. Cllr Richardson proposed that he and the Clerk will attend to any matters arising in the meantime and that Councillors will of course be fully kept up to date. Cllr Wilkinson asked if Cllr Howe will be able to attend future meetings as his contribution to the meetings was invaluable.

Cllr Pickard advised that building work in and around Ramsey had gathered pace, Cllr Pickard also discussed future plans for a new school to be built in Ramsey.

135-06/15

Date of next meeting: 17th September 2015 Abbots Ripton Village Hall, 7.15pm.

CLOSE OF MEETING at 8.56PM