

ABBOTS RIPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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A Meeting of Abbots Ripton Parish Council was held on Thursday 28th January 2016 at 7.15pm at Abbots Ripton Village Hall.

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

28th January 2016

DRAFT MINUTES

174-01/16 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

County Cllr Tew – Work Commitments
Cllr Hemsley – Work Commitments

175-01/16 To receive declarations of interest.

Cllr G Richardson – Cricket Club
Cllr R Pickard – Estate and Planning Application 16/00108/LBC

176-01/16 Public Participation.

None.

NOTE: ITEM NUMBER 184-01/16 was moved up the Agenda and discussed. PC Street then left the meeting.

177-01/16 To receive and approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th December 2015

Cllr Richardson proposed that the minutes from the meeting held on 10th December were a true copy and should be approved all were in favour and it was **resolved** to approve.

178-01/16 Matters arising or carried forward from the previous meeting.

None

179-01/16 Finance

179-01/16.1 To approve accounts for payment 28th January 2016 – Cllr Richardson proposed all payments be approved, seconded by Cllr Leaver all were in favour and it was **resolved** that the below payments be made.

Date	Cheque No.	Payee	Description	Amount
28.01.16	000780	Abbots Ripton Farming Co	Fertiliser	£42.88
28.01.16	000781	ZEN Internet Ltd	Website Host	£57.46
28.01.16	000782	HMRC	PAYE	£24.73
28.01.16	000783	V Pryce	December Wages & Expenses	£125.75
28.01.16	000784	Cambridgeshire ACRE	Subs	£54.00
28.01.16	000785	James Mole-Weir	Grass Cutting Hedge Trimming	£360.00
28.01.16	000786	HDC	Printing Services	£201.94

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- 179-01/16.2** Finance position and statements to be presented and approved.
The cheque book, finance sheet and bank statements were presented to the Councillors for their perusal, bank statements and finance sheet signed and approved.
- 180-01/16** **Alconbury Plans Update/Wyton Update.**
Cllr Leaver, prior to the meeting circulated the minutes of the meeting that he had attended at the Weald. He advised that a flower supplier which manages bulk imports and distribution were going to occupy one of the buildings in the Enterprise Zone of the Weald. That the first stage of building 120 houses had began by the school. Water drainage on site is being discussed at the next meeting being held on 2nd February. Cllr Howe added that a new One Leisure fitness centre was being built next to the incubator and that plans for a Railway Station at the Weald were in discussion. Cllr Howe advised that the MOD have decided to sell the US Airbase and RAF Molesworth and these sites were being considered for further housing development. Cllr Howe advised that a new traffic model was being planned with regard to the Wyton Development.
- 181-01/16** **Parish Plan Update.**
Cllr Howe advised that the group had been very active and were now in the stages of finalising their questionnaire, the group are looking to launch the questionnaire in April/May.
- 182-01/16** **Neighbourhood Forum/Joint Local Committee Update.**
Cllr Howe discussed the Neighbourhood Forum and the structure in comparison to the Parish Plan and the Local Plan. He proposed that Abbots Ripton should partner with other local parishes and form a Neighbourhood Forum to benefit the Parish.
- 183-01/16** **Planning Application Update.**
16/00108/LBC – Cllr Richardson proposed that the plan be given approval all were in favour.
- 184-01/16** **Police Matters: To receive an update – PS Street attending to provide a crime update**
PS Street from the Cambridgeshire Constabulary attended the meeting and circulated a crime report for the Parish from October to January. He advised that overall crime in the area was lower than the previous year. Cllr Richardson advised that he had received a call from the Cambridgeshire Constabulary for a questionnaire. PS Street reported that the information that the Constabulary obtains from these questionnaires is circulated and is considered very useful with regard to crime that may be being committed that is not reported and gives the Police into the insight into the publics feelings towards the Police and how crime is being managed in their area. PS Street advised that the Constabulary were keeping the public updated through Facebook and ECops and these outlets were very popular. He advised that Ramsey Police Station had now closed but there were no imminent plans for any further station closures. The numbers to call to contact the Police are 101 (non-emergency) and 999 for emergency situations. The public can also report crime online via the Constabularies website.
- 185-01/16** **Health and Safety: To receive an update.**
Cllr Richardson reported that he had been to check the signage at the Wennington Pond and will be making efforts over the forthcoming week to assess other areas. Cllr Richardson also confirmed that there were risk assessments in place and a list of areas that require checking.
- 186-01/16** **SGP 2015: To receive an update.**

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Cllr Howe reported that the graphs and all the noise data are now available and officer from Environmental Health will be contacting the Parishes involved to arrange a meeting in due course.

187-01/16

Correspondence and Communications.

BEAM – grass cutting quotation request. Cllr Richardson proposed that the Council seek 2 quotations for the grass cutting or verges. – Clerk to action

HDC – Clean for the Queen – all Parishes are being asked to ensure that their neighbourhoods are Clean for the Queens 90th birthday celebrations. Clerk to check insurance cover.

Balfour Beatty – questionnaire regarding lighting – Abbots Riptons lighting is owned by the Parish Council therefore the Parish has been unaffected.

Cllr Brennan asked if there had been any further communication regarding the Solar Farm Funding from the School/Village Hall – Clerk to action

Cllr Howe informed the Council of a Local Council Award Scheme – Clerk to action

188-01/16

Reports from County and District Councillors.

Cllr Howe provided reports as above.

189-01/16

To receive verbal reports from Parish Councillors on matters arising.

Cllr Pickard advised that a few trees had had to be taken down and one had been lost. He also advised that was in receipt of 50 trees through the HDC initiative.

It was agreed if there was availability for booking in the Village Hall that the Parish Council meetings would move to a Monday evening – Clerk to action

190-01/16

Date of next meeting: 24th March 2016 Abbots Ripton Village Hall, 7.15pm.

MEETING CLOSED 8.45PM