

# ABBOTS RIPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**A Meeting of Abbots Ripton Parish Council was held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at 7.15pm at Abbots Ripton Village Hall.**

**Present:** Cllr G Richardson (Chairman), Cllr D Brennan, Cllr J Hemsley, County Cllr Tew, District Cllr R Howe, V Pryce (Clerk)

29<sup>th</sup> March 2016

## DRAFT MINUTES

**191-03/16 To receive and approve apologies for absence.**

Cllr Pickard – Work Commitments  
Cllr Wilkinson – Work Commitments  
Cllr Leaver - Holiday

**192-03/16 To receive declarations of interest.**

Cllr Hemsley – Matters pertaining to the SGP  
Cllr Richardson – Matters pertaining to the Cricket Club/Board

**193-03/16 Public Participation.**

n/a

**194-03/16 To receive and approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2016.**

Cllr Richardson proposed that the minutes from the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> January were a true copy and should be approved all were in favour and it was **resolved** to approve.

**195-03/16 Matters arising or carried forward from the previous meeting.**

Clean for the Queen – Cllr Richardson explained that there were several concerns regarding Health & Safety for the Council and that in fact the WI had organised a ‘Clean for the Queen’ which the Council fully supported.

**196-03/16 Finance**

**197-03/16.1** To approve accounts for payment 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016. Cllr Richardson proposed all payments be approved, seconded by Cllr Hemsley all were in favour and it was **resolved** that the below payments be made.

Date	Cheque No.	Payee	Description	Amount
24.03.16	000787	Cambs County Council	Electricity	£381.13
24.03.16	000788	HMRC	PAYE	£58.33
24.03.16	000789	V PRYCE	Wages & Exp Jan/Feb	£316.70
24.03.16	000790	Balfour Beatty	Street Lights	£241.81
24.03.16	000791	ARFCO	Fertiliser	£33.09

**198-03/16.2** 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. Cllr Richardson presented the receipts for the money that had been used by the Local Plan team and advised the Council that they had run over by £1.07 and requested a cheque be raised for

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Caroline Hannah to reimburse her. The Council were all in favour and it was **resolved** to do so.

### **199-03/16 Parish Council Financial Regulations**

The updated financial regulations had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the Council Meeting and suggested amendments were made. Cllr Richardson proposed that the Council adopt the final draft of Financial Regulations, Cllr Hemsley seconded all were in favour and it was **resolved** to do so. The Clerk will ensure these are entered onto the Parish Council website.

### **200-03/16 Grass Cutting Tender**

Quotes had been received from two interested parties. Andy Davis who has the current tender has declined an invitation to tender again. A further two tenders are to be requested and the Council shall make a decision on receipt of these tenders via email if necessary dependent upon the requirement, but no later than at the Annual Parish Meeting.

### **201-03/16 Reserves – School Parking**

Consideration was requested for the Council to improve school parking by adding double yellow lines. Cllr Hemsley requested that further discussion should take place before any decisions were made with regard to the reserves. Cllr Howe suggested that the Parish Council wait until the questionnaire from the Local Plan team is complete and consider the ideas and suggestions that the questionnaire returns.

### **202-03/16 Alconbury Plans Update/Wyton Update.**

Cllr Howe reported that the decision regarding the Wyton development had been delayed as the original traffic model had been incorrectly assembled and therefore the Council were waiting for a new traffic infrastructure model to be presented. The District Council would make a decision by the end of 2016. Cllr Richardson advised the biggest issue for Abbots Ripton was the traffic movements. Cllr Howe suggested that enquiries were made to the inclusion of an east-west road inside Alconbury Weald which would relieve traffic through Sawtry Way.

Cllr Richardson reported that at the Alconbury Weald there had been an issue with water movements but that Cllr Leaver and Cllr Pickard were dealing with this. Cllr Howe advised that a £10m grant had been given for a new technology college to be built at the Alconbury Weald aiming to equip young people with skills for jobs that the Alconbury Weald would provide.

### **203-03/16 Parish Plan Update.**

Cllr Richardson reported that Caroline had sent information which has been circulated to all Cllrs. Cllr Howe confirmed that the Parish Plan team had done a really good job. Cllr Brennan added that the questionnaire would be added to facebook and Cllr Richardson advised that it would also be available on SurveyMonkey. Cllr Howe advised that a Neighbourhood Plan was only required in areas where houses are being built and where Councils have to manage CIL money which was not the case for Abbots Ripton. Cllr Howe concluded that the Local Plan has a very important part to play and that the team had taken part in a very worthy role and this work could be migrated into a Neighbourhood Plan if later on, Abbots Ripton were threatened with development.

### **204-03/16 Neighbourhood Forum/Joint Local Committee Update.**

Cllr Tew spoke of the numerous boundary changes that were happening, not just throughout the District but differing for the County. Cllr Richardson confirmed that the Council would

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still like to be a part of the Neighbourhood Forum. Cllr Richardson to contact Stukeley Parish Council and ask if they would be interested in joining.

### **205-03/16 Planning Application Update.**

16/00262/NMA – The Council responded on 2<sup>nd</sup> March to advise that they have no comment at this stage but wish to be kept up to date with matters.

### **206-03/16 Police Matters: To receive an update.**

Cllr Hemsley had received reports of a car on the railway outside the Fellowes Arms. Cllr Richardson reminded the Council that the condition of the road had been reported to the Highways on numerous occasions. Cllr Tew advised the Council that the matter was in hand and that the highways were carrying out tests on the road.

### **207-03/16 Health and Safety: To receive an update.**

Cllr Richardson advised that whilst ascertaining lamppost numbers for maintenance he had uncovered a hydrant sign on a lamppost that would be very difficult to see and find. Cllr Richardson advised that the fire brigade used to paint these signs yellow and maintain them. Clerk to write to Fire Service.

### **208-03/16 SGP 2015: To receive an update.**

Cllr Richardson had attended a meeting with regard to the sound levels from 2015. It was reported that on occasions due to varying wind directions the noise had been difficult to monitor accurately. HDC and the Environmental Officer were happy with the report but were to continue monitoring the sound in future. Complaints had been received regarding the road system which had been set up for residents from surrounding areas. Parish Councils involved are to ensure these residents are made aware of the use of roads available. There were reports of ticketing issues for residents which were to be resolved.

### **209-03/16 Correspondence and Communications.**

List of correspondence received circulated to all Councillors prior to meeting. Cllr Richardson raised the issue of the HMRC communication as a fine was outstanding which he was dealing with due to a late hand over of paperwork. These matters are in hand.

### **210-03/16 Reports from County and District Councillors.**

Cllr Tew raised the subject of devolution – he declared that he had voted against this as there were no planning costings and he had concerns regarding a new Eastern Mayor and the staff costings. Cllr Tew also advised of the Older Peoples Health system which was to be online from April. The system links into a multi-agency support hub to provide useful support. Cllr Tew also requested that any requests of the Highways Agency were sent via email due to the number of Highways Officers available.

### **211-03/16 To receive verbal reports from Parish Councillors on matters arising.**

Cllr Hemsley raised the construction at Hill Farm, he stated that residents had been affected by the burning of rubbish in the area and advises if residents have complaints to contact the Environment Officer at Huntingdon District Council.

### **212-03/16 Date of next meeting: Annual General Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016 Abbots Ripton Village Hall, 7.15pm.**

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**CLOSE OF MEETING 8.50PM**