

ABBOTS RIPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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A Meeting of Abbots Ripton Parish Council was held on Thursday 28th September 2017 at 7.15pm at the Village Hall.

Present: Cllr G Richardson (Chair), Cllr J Leaver (Vice Chair), Cllr D Brennan, Cllr J Hemsley, Angela Papworth –Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to Abbots Ripton Parish Council. Cllr Rogers (Cambs County Councillor).

2nd October 2017

Minutes

- 384-09/17 To receive and approve apologies for absence.**
Cllr Howe (District Councillor) –Other Commitments
- 385-09/17 To receive declarations of interest.**
Cllr Richardson -Matters pertaining to the cricket club
Cllr Brennan- Matters pertaining to the church
Cllr Hemsley- Matters pertaining to the Secret Garden Party
- 386-09/17 Public Participation.**
Rob Usher from Lawn in Order who keeps the Jubilee Gardens cut and tidied introduced himself to Councillors and asked what can be done to make it better. There had been complaints from residents, however Cllrs assured Rob that the complaints had nothing to do with the work he was doing there. Cllr Richardson advised that once Rob had got the gardens back to a proper condition he was doing an excellent job with no issues regarding any alterations to the work that was being done already. All Cllrs agreed. Cllr Richardson went on to say that Council would be inviting tenders for the maintenance of the Jubilee Gardens next year.
- 387-09/17 To receive and approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on held on 25th July 2017.**
Cllr Richardson proposed that the minutes from the meeting held on the 25th July 2017 were a true copy and should be approved Cllr Leaver seconded, all were in favour and it was **Resolved** to approve the minutes.
- 388-09/17 Matters arising or carried forward from the previous meeting.**
There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

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389-09/17 Finance

389-09/17.1 To approve accounts for payment 28th September 2017

Abbots Ripton School STARS	Solar Farm Grant Money towards community events and playground trim trail/keep fit wellness classes	4,300.00
Abbots Ripton Farming Co Ltd	Footpath verge grass cutting	300.00
Business Services t CAS Ltd	Parish Council annual Insurance renewal	238.87
BEAM	Grass verge cutting Abbots Ripton Village July-Sep cuts	456.00
St Andrews Church	Grant towards churchyard maintenance S.137	750.00
R Usher	Grass cutting at Jubilee Gardens	322.50
A Papworth Parish Clerk	Payroll July Aug Sept	558.05
HMRC	Payroll July Aug Sept	106.76
PKF Littlejohn	External; Auditor	120.00
Total		7,152.18

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.

Cllr Hemsley asked if we had received Paul Yates invoice from June for clearing debris from the Wennington pond, the Clerk confirmed she had not seen the invoice so Cllr Hemsley advised he would chase. All Cllrs approved the works completed in lieu of the invoice being received so payment could be made by return.

389-09/17.2 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.

Cllr Richardson reminded Cllrs that the precept budget would need to be considered at the next full council meeting it was proposed that the Clerk should send Councillors the budget for 2016/17 for their information in lieu of the next full council meeting.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk would send the 2016/17 budget out to all Cllrs as proposed.

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390-09/17.3 External Auditors Report

Cllrs had before them the completed external auditors report along with the Accounting Statements duly signed off and approved by the external auditors with no other matters noted. The Clerk advised that the notice of conclusion and sections 1, 2, and 3 needed to be on public display by the 30th September 2017. The Clerk confirmed that on Council approval the necessary documents would be put on the Council Website under Finance and that hard copies would be put into the village's notice boards.

Cllr Richardson approved the external auditors report, Cllr Leaver seconded, all were in favour and it was **Resolved** that the report be approved.

391-09/17 Co-option for Casual Vacancy

Cllrs were advised that the Clerk had received two requests to be considered for co-option onto the Council for the vacancy due to Cllr Pickard resigning.

Cllr Wilkinson then resigned due to work commitments making a second vacancy on the Council. The statutory period for electors to request an election to fill the vacancy due to the resignation of Councillor Wilkinson did not expire until C.O.B. 29th September.

Cllr Richardson proposed to hold an extra-ordinary meeting for the co-option of both vacancies as long as an election wasn't called on the second vacancy, all Cllrs agreed to this. The Clerk advised Cllrs that another co-option notice would need to go on public display for a reasonable time and that the extra-ordinary meeting should not take place before wk. commencing 9th October.

It was **RESOLVED** that the meeting was provisionally booked for the 12th October at 7.15 for co-option of the two vacancies and that the Clerk would advise Cllrs as soon as Elections department confirmed if an election had been called.

392-09/17 LHI Scheme MVAS

Cllr Richardson proposed that the LHI application should be for 3 MVAS, 2 to be positioned 1 at each end of the village. And 1 on the Huntingdon Rd between junction 1090 and Huntingdon Rd. Cllr Hemsley seconded and all Cllrs agreed. Cllr Richardson also proposed as previously discussed that Council should enquire about extending the area for speed reduction through the village from the northern/western end of the B1090 to the other side of the railway bridge and the C115 from its existing position back to the roadway and houses. Also Cllr Richardson said if we applied the 20mph through the village do we do the whole project as a complete package and do we restrict it to the school or go right the way through the village. Cllr Hemsley proposed that the reduced speed limit should be extended to the whole area and not just up to the school.

Council asked Cllr Rogers if this could be done and who would deal with it. Cllr Rogers advised that the Abbots Ripton Council would need to apply for a road traffic order which is costly, however; the Highways Officer would be able to advise us accordingly. Cllr Rogers went on to say that if there was street lighting going into the village this would also need to be extended too. Cllrs confirmed that there was no street lighting in the area of the proposed speed reduction. Cllr Rogers confirmed the cost of doing the speed reduction goes towards road closures, signs diversions etc.

Cllr Brennan proposed that Council should seek guidance before making any decisions on the speed reduction.

Cllr Leaver advised that the Urban Civic trigger points for the 106 traffic calming measures is 3 years away and so there is no point in waiting for that to come through.

The Clerk asked if the 3 MVAS were to be movable units or static. Cllr Hemsley proposed the most efficient and cost effective way.

It was **RESOLVED** that the LHI scheme application would be for the 3 MVAS and the Clerk would completed the application form asap as the deadline for applications is 15th October.

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The Clerk would make enquiries with the Highway officer for advice with regards to the proposed speed reduction scheme.

393-09/17

Alconbury Plans Update

Cllr Leaver advised Cllrs that there is now 50 homes in occupation, 70 pupils at the school and there is a shop, park and community centre, gym open. The cricket ground will be completed in 2019 and the Watch Tower is to be refurbished, meanwhile sales are continuing.

The railway station plans have been put back due to the team moving away, however Urban & Civic are putting money into the project and are waiting for a new team to take over. Urban & Civic are proposing a southern access connection with access from behind Vindis and the railway line. Nothing has formalised yet.

More commercial buildings are going up and industrial units are being taken.

Section 106 trigger points included pressure from horse riding groups and ramblers association requesting a right of way to Great Fen through Abbots Ripton.

Cllr Brennan asked where all the pupils are from for the new school, Cllr Leaver confirmed they were from the new houses.

Cllr Rogers confirmed that a new Special Needs school will be going in attached to the current school.

Cllr Richardson advised that residents had complained about heavy goods vehicles turning into Clay Lane and finding it difficult to turn round causing a road hazard. He proposed that a "No Access to Heavy Goods Vehicles" sign should be put up at the end of Clay Lane. Cllr Leaver advised he would email Urban & Civic to request a sign and bring the problem to their attention.

The next meeting is 21st November 2017.

It was **RESOLVED** the report was noted by Council.

394-09/17

Neighbourhood Forum/Joint Local Committee Update

Cllr Rogers asked Councillors if they would be interested in resurrecting the meetings. He advised that Wistow and Woodwalton are keen and he was going to approach Ramsey Bury & the Stukeleys. Meetings would occur every 3 months and updates would be received from District and County Councillors. All Cllrs agreed they would like the meetings to be resurrected and would attend accordingly.

Cllr Rogers advised they were looking for the first meeting to take place in January and that he would keep Councillors up to date with progress.

395-09/17

Planning Application Update.

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The deadline date for a decision on the above planning application was 21st September and Cllr Richardson requested an extension of time so the application could be discussed at the council meeting. Councillors were advised that the Parish Council were turned down by Planning for an extension of time to give their decision on the above planning application. Three Councillors objected to the planning application due to the retail element of the application. The Clerk emailed the decision to planning department before the deadline date given.

Cllr Richardson advised council that the dog kennels/walking business in Moat Lane has still not applied for planning permission. Cllr Richardson advised he will send an email to planning department chasing this.

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396-09/17

Police Matters: To receive an update.

The Clerk informed Cllrs of various incidences around the Huntingdonshire area but nothing directly in Abbots Ripton or Wennington.

397-09/17

Health and Safety: To receive an update

Cllr Richardson advised that all assets in reasonable order therefore nothing to report. Cllr Hemsley advised that the Wennington notice board needed a bit of TLC and would take a look at it, He also advised that the pond in Wennington is covered in green algae and would keep an eye on it. Colin Miller in the public forum advised that it can't be treated until the spring and would look into sorting it then.

398-09/17

Secret Garden Party 2017

Cllr Leaver advised that the wash up meeting has not been held yet therefore Hunts DC has given no official report on the crime or sound limit. Cllrs requested the Clerk to email Cllr Howe enquiring when the wash up meeting would be taking place.

399-09/17

Parish Plan

Cllr Richardson advised he has made a definitive list of items from the Parish Plan to be discussed and would send the list out to all Cllrs and the Clerk. He advised that we needed to start working through the list to get reports done and out to residents. Cllr Brennan proposed that items that are being looked into at the moment should be referenced to show that we have started work on the Parish Plan. All Cllrs agreed.

400-09/17

Correspondence and Communications.

Cllrs had a list of correspondence which they received prior to the meeting.

03/08/17

HDC – Notice of Election May 2018 - Noted

08/09/17

Network Rail Huntingdon to Woodwalton Four Tracking Project

Clerk to invite them along to next meeting

07/09/17

John W Archer enquiry re Army search light exact position

Cllr Richardson was informed that the search light location was between Huntingdon and Abbots Ripton in a field called Campfield. Colin Miller advised Councillors that he would check the location of Campfield and advise the Clerk who will let Mr Archer know accordingly.

27/09/17

Cambs CC Street works Road closure B1090

Cllr Hemsley concerned about the rat run through Wennington and what means would be taken to stop it, Cllr Richardson advised that signs would be put up in various places to stop the rat run.

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22/09/17 **Balfour Beatty PC01 Pole bracket fault**

The Clerk advised Cllrs that an email had been received from Balfour Beatty advising they had found a fault on PC01 and that it wasn't on their contract list. If the Parish Council required them to fix it then they would need to charge. Cllrs advised that Balfour Beatty's list must be wrong as they understood all the street lights in Abbots Ripton were under the maintenance contract. Cllr Hemsley advised he will send the list to the Clerk and the Clerk will act accordingly.

27/09/17 **HDC- Town & Parish Council; Conference invite All 09/10/17**

Cllrs noted the date and would try and attend.

19/09/17 **Cambs CC Street Works Road Closures various**

All road closures were noted by Councillors.

19/09/17 **War Memorials News**

Noted

401-09/17

Reports from County and District Councillors.

Cllr Rogers advised Councillors that Auditors should have been signing Cambs CC accounts off on Friday 29th September but this has been postponed until Tuesday 3rd October 2017. He also advised that there is a pension meeting on 2nd October regarding the pooling and the LG Pension amalgamating with various other counties making 30 billion pounds pooled together as opposed to 3 billion that Cambs CC have alone. A report will be out updating all Councils shortly.

Cllr Rogers advised that Managers will be appointed next March for the general purposes committee and Children services have adopted a scheme called the hub and space system.

402-09/17

To receive verbal reports from Parish Councillors on matters arising (any other business)

Cllr Howe's report was read out to Council by Cllr Richardson.

Cllr Richardson was concerned with regards to the Wyton development in view of planning permission being granted at Buckden and if Wyton was granted planning permission and a new road put in it would have a serious effect on traffic.

403-09/17

Items for next agenda

Budget Precept 2018/19

404-09/17

Date of next Parish Council meeting: Abbots Ripton Village Hall, 7.15 p.m.

30th October 2017

Meeting Closed 21.00