

ABBOTS RIPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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A Meeting of Abbots Ripton Parish Council was held on Monday 31st October 2016 at 7.15pm at Abbots Ripton Village Hall.

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

18th November 2016

MINUTES

- 270-10/16 To receive and approve apologies for absence.**
Cllr M Tew – Work commitment
Cllr J Leaver – Work commitment
- 271-10/16 To receive declarations of interest.**
Cllr G Richardson – Cricket Club
Cllr R Pickard – Abbots Ripton Estates
- 272-10/16 Public Participation.**
None present.
- 273-10/16 To receive and approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19th September 2016.**
Cllr Richardson proposed that the minutes from the meeting held on 19th September were a true copy and should be approved all were in favour and it was **resolved** to approve.
- 274-10/16 Matters arising or carried forward from the previous meeting.**
None
- 275-10/16 Finance**
275-10/16.1 To approve accounts for payment 31st October 2016

Date	Cheque No.	Payee	Description	Amount
31.10.16		BEAM	Grass Cutting	£152.00
31.10.16		LCR	Subscription	£17.00
31.10.16		Cilca	Training	£420.00
31.10.16		Community Action Suffolk	Insurance	£234.61
31.10.16		PFK Littlejohn	External Audit	£120.00
31.10.16		ARFCO	Hedge Cutting	£300.0
31.10.16		V Pryce	September & A/L allowance	£237.19
31.10.16		HMRC	PAYE	£49.10

- 275-10/16.2** Finance position and statements to be presented and approved.
Cllr Brennan and Cllr Hemsley reconciled the bank statements to the cash sheet and signed all bank statements.

- 275-10/16.3** Budget 2017

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A draft budget was circulated to all Councillors for their consideration – to be carried forward to the next Parish Council meeting.

- 276-10/16 Solar Farm Funding**
At a meeting with Ian Dewar (Cpalc) the Council were advised that they did not have the power to award money to the School after the School changed the community element of its project. The Council were advised through Ian Dewar that they could award money to the School for community projects that benefitted the whole community. Cllrs agreed that the Church should be advised how the Parish Council could also support them within its existing powers. Cllr G Richardson agreed to meet with both parties.
- 277-10/16 Alconbury Plans Update/Wyton Update.**
Cllrs continue to voice concerns on water movements. Cllr Pickard advised that two thirds of the water catchment has the potential to affect Abbots Ripton. Cllr Richardson advised that there was a possibility that home insurance in certain areas of Abbots Ripton could be affected.
- 278-10/16 Parish Plan Update.**
Cllr Hemsley advised that he would be attending the next Parish Plan meeting and would report back to the Council following the meeting.
- 279-10/16 Neighbourhood Forum/Joint Local Committee Update.**
Cllr Tew had circulated information with regard to a November meeting prior to the Council meeting and would keep the Council updated.
- 280-10/16 Planning Application Update.**
16/02013/REM – Alconbury Weald
Cllr Richardson discussed the business operating at Moat Lane and noted that the increased traffic movements up and down the lane. Cllr Howe advised to email the officer at Huntingdon District Council for an update.
- 281-10/16 SGP 2016: To receive an update.**
Cllr Howe advised that although there were no graphs or sound data circulated as yet but would be available before the meeting being held on 22nd November. Cllr Howe reported that the event had received the least amount of complaints in its history.
- 282-10/16 Police Matters: To receive an update.**
Cllr Hemsley reported concerns regarding travellers illegally staying near Tesco at Huntingdon, he also reported that there had been an increased number of HGV's travelling through Wennington village. Cllr Richardson reported that there had been a road traffic accident on Wennington turn and the road had been closed for 3-4 hours on the B1090 due to a lorry in a ditch. Cllr Brennan advised that there had been another accident on the B1090 involving two cars. Cllr Hemsley asked if it would be worthwhile bringing in further speed restrictions. Cllr Howe advised that it is a subject that the Community Plan was dealing with and all of the information would be available to the Council within the next six months.
- 283-10/16 Health and Safety: To receive an update**
Cllr Hemsley advised that the tree at Wennington was too large for him to pollard. Cllr Richardson recommended that it be left until spring. Cllr Richardson proposed that the Council accept the quotation for the treatment of benches and noticeboards, Cllr Pickard seconded all were in favour and it was **resolved** that the quote be accepted. Cllr Hemsley was tasked with ensuring that the work was carried out. Cllr Richardson noted that the salt bin near the village shop had been moved

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but suggested if it was not returned to its original position, when the salt has been used the Councillors would move it back. Cllr Richardson advised that Jubilee Gardens had been fertilised.

284-10/16

Correspondence and Communications.

All out Elections – Cllr Howe advised that he will be lost as a Cllr to both Abbots Ripton and Woodwalton and that he would be standing in a new ward. All Councillors will be standing for re-election in 2018 across Cambridgeshire. Cllr Howe advised that 50MPs will lose their seats. The Boundary changes are on the HDC website for information. Cllr Hemsley asked why the Council were not receiving notifications of planning applications, Cllr Howe suggested that the Clerk register for notifications on the HDC website. Cllr Howe discussed the Parish Conference being held on 18th November and recommended attendance as it was seeking to improve networking between the District, County and Parish Councils.

285-10/16

Reports from County and District Councillors.

Cllr Howe advised that the cabinet would be voting in November for the Devolution deal. Government will pass legislation in December 2016 and a new Mayor would be appointed in May 2017. Cllr Howe discussed the planning infrastructure strategy and advised on plans for housing and skills and education. Cllr Howe will be involved in the fiscal policy and responsible for financial strategies. Cllr Howe advised of various infrastructure requests in and around Huntingdon including an upgrade for the A141 Spittals Interchange, a river crossing from Hartford to Godmanchester, an upgrade for the road towards St Ives from Hartford Way through to the A14 and past guided busway junction. Cllr Howe also advised of a masterplan for St Neots to encourage a more vibrant economic element to the Town through the LEP.

286-10/16

To receive verbal reports from Parish Councillors on matters arising.

Cllr Richardson advised that the roadworks planned for outside the Fellowes Arms were not taking place on the date reported in the Hunts Post and that they would be beginning in January as previously advised. Cllr Pickard requested that the Clerk contact Cllr Tew for an update on the proposed works. Cllr Howe advised that the main sewerage works in Woodwalton were scheduled to begin in November/December and would complete in spring. Cllr Howe also advised that work would be commencing on the 4 track rail upgrade and that the embankment would be completely rebuilt. Cllr Richardson informed the Council that he had received information from the shop owners and would be writing to the Member of Parliament and to our County Councillor. Cllr Hemsley confirmed that the road between Abbots Ripton and Tesco was not on the gritting route for this year – Clerk to write and request that it remains on their schedule. Cllr Hemsley advised that he had reported a pothole on Wennington Road. Cllr Pickard reported that the tree at the village shop was to be trimmed and that the tree planting will be taking place at the back of Home Farm. Cllr Pickard advised that Lord De Ramsay was considering contributing towards the upgrade of the speed signs in the village. Clerk to contact Highways to ascertain the costs of new signage.

287-10/16

Date of next Parish Council meeting: 19th December 2016 Abbots Ripton Village Hall, 7.15pm.

CLOSE OF MEETING 21.05pm