

# ABBOTS RIPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**A Meeting of Abbots Ripton Parish Council was held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 7.15pm at the Abbots Ripton Village Hall**

Present: Cllr G Richardson (Chair), Cllr J Leaver (Vice Chair), Cllr S Brown, Cllr J Hemsley, Cllr Miller, Cllr Tuplin (District). Cllr Rogers (County).

**Angela Papworth –Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to Abbots Ripton Parish Council.**

15/08/2019

## Minutes

- 01/07/19 To receive and approve apologies for absence.**  
Apologies were received from Cllr S Bywater (County & District) & Cllr D Brennan,
- 02/07/19 To receive declarations of interest.**  
Cllr Richardson -Matters pertaining to the cricket club  
Cllr J Leaver -Matters pertaining to the Village Hall Refurb  
Cllr Miller-Matters pertaining to the Estate
- 03/07/19 Public Participation.**  
No Members of the public were present.
- 04/07/19 To receive and approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> June 2019**  
Cllr Richardson proposed to approve the minutes Cllr Leaver seconded,  
**ALL** were in favour and it was **Resolved** to approve the minutes.
- 05/07/19 Matters arising or carried forward from the previous meeting.**  
**Village Phone Box**  
The Clerk asked Members if they would give their approval for the go ahead with the adoption process of the village phone box. Hunts Planning department had confirmed that the PC would not need planning permission to change the use of the phone box from a working phone to house a defibrillator. The Clerk advised Members that she would check with the conservation team to see if it needed their permission. The Clerk advised Members that she would update them on progress at the next meeting.
- 06/07/19 Reports from County and District Councillors.**  
Cllr Bywater sent an email advising the Clerk of the following: -  
The Planning Inspector granted Dignity's planning application for a crematorium... despite strong representations being made.  
Cllr Tuplin added that the Inspector stated that Huntingdonshire could manage two Crematoriums. Hunts DC incurred £50,000 costs as they lost the hearing.  
HDC is no longer in tilted balance.  
Cllr Rogers attended the Tour of Cambs Cycle race wash up meeting where organisers did a presentation.

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The organisers advised it was a great success, there were 2000 more participants than previous years. They admitted the food station wasn't properly manned and the loss of communication was due to illness.

Riders feedback and the villages turnout was good. There were 1300 overseas riders participated bringing good economy to the county.

There were 25 complaints, a quarter of these were the same people as last year. The complaints were about early road closures. There were 12 complaints last year.

Cllr Rogers proposed a meeting in February 2020 with Parish & Town Council's and then another meeting to be held three weeks prior to the race. Parish's and Towns can then be informed of the final route, times, procedure, road closures, etc so they can let the villagers know what to expect. Cllr Richardson advised that there was a meeting this year where issues were raised but no follow up meeting.

Cllr Rogers advised they will run a course for volunteers to help with the race. Cllr Brown said they should stick with the agreed route. Cllr Rogers advised the route was changed so they could include Alconbury in it. Cllr Hemsley said it was bad management with the change of route. It shouldn't be changed within at least 3-4 months of the date of the race. Cllr Leaver asked how many racers participated and Cllr Hemsley asked if the entrance fee covered the cost of the county's expenses. Cllr Rogers said he would find out and advise Members at the next meeting.

**07/07/19**

### **Boundary review**

Cllr Richardson asked Members if they were happy with the village boundary.

Cllr Rogers & Cllr Tuplin advised Members that the County & District review was done two years ago.

Members confirmed they were generally happy with the County & District boundary therefore wouldn't need to make a representation.

**08/07/19**

### **Solar Farm Grant Fund New Bid Process**

Due to the village hall refurb committee withdrawing its original application, Members agreed that notices should be put on the villages notice boards, the Little Ran magazine and the P.C. website advising villagers that there would be a new bid process for the Solar Farm Grant money, inviting them to give ideas on how they would like to see the grant money spent to benefit the villages. It was agreed that a deadline of the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019 would be set for ideas to be received. The Clerk advised Members she would organise this accordingly.

**09/07/19**

### **Financial Officers Report to include checking and approval of bank statements**

Members had before them a budgetary control statement for the Revenue (Precept) Account as at 14<sup>th</sup> July 2019 showing expenditure of £4,702.02 and income of £9,026.32 (includes a full year's precept income) compared with budgets, along with a bank reconciliation statement and a summary statement of reserves and funds balances. Members checked, approved and signed off statements and balances to date.

It was **Resolved** that the Financial Officers report was approved, and **All** were in Favour.

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### 10/07/19 To approve accounts for payment:

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.

Parish Clerk/Financial Officer	June 2019 Payroll	588.34
HMRC	June 2019 Payroll	139.20
Beam	Village grass cutting service 6 <sup>th</sup> 2019/20	152.00
Cambs County Watch	Subscription renewal	52.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>931.54</b>

### 11/07/19 **Street Lighting Parish Energy**

The Clerk advised Members that Cambs CC were handing over the street lighting Parish energy contract to the individual Parish & Town Councils. This means that the PC would have a direct contract to the supplier instead of the County buying the energy on the Parish's behalf then recharging them.

The Clerk advised Members that she needed to provide UK Power Networks with all the Parish's street lighting information and a preferred supplier by the middle of October.

The County had emailed a list of preferred suppliers over. Cllr Richardson advised he would look at this with the Clerk to ensure the information was sent over within the timescale.

### 12/07/19 **Planning Application Update.**

**Planning Applications received: -**

**19/01320/S73 KP 2 The Country park (Hybrid Element) Alconbury Weald-**  
Variation of conditions- PC comments- No objections

**19/01341/OUT- Alconbury Weald-** Outline planning permission for a mixed-use development- PC comments- No objections

Cllr Richardson advised Members that the work carried out to date at 3 Audley Cottage is not in accordance with the approved planning application. He proposed that the PC should raise concerns with the Hunts DC Enforcement Officer requesting a site visit. Cllr Leaver advised that he had received complaints from Parishioners and agreed this should be raised as an issue.

It was agreed by all that this should be raised with Planning as the works have not been completed in accordance with the approved planning application and does not reflect the plan. The Clerk advised Members she would contact Planning accordingly and would update Members at the next meeting.

**For planning application searches please click and control the following link below: -**

<https://publicaccess.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/online-applications/>

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- 13/07/19 Local Highway Improvement (LHI) Initiative Update 2018/19 (Abbots Ripton Mvas, speed reduction)**  
Cllr Richardson advised Members that an email he received from Highways on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018 clearly stated that the Mvas posts would be put in at the same time the 40mph works were carried out. To date the posts have still not been done. Cllr Richardson and the Clerk are chasing every week to get dates for completion. Highways blame the contractors and are unable to give the PC definite dates. Cllr Rogers advised Members he would chase Highways and advise on any updates.  
The Clerk advised Members that a one to one training course has been arranged on the 26<sup>th</sup> September at the Hunts Depot for operational training on the Mvas. The Clerk advised Members this was the first available date and the next available date is in January 2020. The Mvas is at the Hunts Depot ready for collection.
- 14/07/19 Local Highway Improvement (LHI) Initiative Update 2019/20 (Wennington Mvas)**  
The Clerk advised Members that she had received no further updates with progress of this LHI. Members agreed that Cllr Hemsley should meet with the Highways Officer to establish where the Mvas posts need to go. The Clerk advised Members she would arrange some mutually convenient dates for the site meeting.
- 15/07/19 Local Highway Improvement (LHI) Initiative consider new application for 2020/2021**  
The Clerk advised Members that completed applications for the 2020/2021 LHI bid needed to be submitted to the County Council Highways Local Projects team by the 4<sup>th</sup> August 2019. Cllr Hemsley proposed a change of priority through the village. Cllr Brown proposed to apply for a weight limit through the village as the HGV vehicles that use the village for a short cut create hazards & accidents waiting to happen. It was agreed by all that the LHI application for 2020/21 should be to apply for a weight limit through the village. The Clerk advised Members that she would complete the application accordingly.
- 16/07/19 Police Matters; To receive an update**  
The Clerk advised that Members had received all correspondence as it was received.
- 17/07/19 Alconbury Plans Update**  
Cllr Leaver advised Members that he will be attending the next meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September and will update Members at the Council meeting in October.
- 18/07/19 Health & Safety: To receive an update**  
Cllr Hemsley reported that most things in the villages were ok other than there are lots of signs covered by trees. Cllr Leaver advised that the sign needed replacing on the posts at the gated entrance into the village from Tesco end. Cllr Miller advised that he would look into all the above. Cllr Miller also brought to the contractor's attention who were working on the roads in the village, the sizeable pot holes at the layby near the shop. They said they would deal with them.
- 19/07/19 Neighbourhood Forum/Joint Local Committee Update**  
Cllr Richardson advised there is nothing to report as there had been no meetings. He said he would contact Cllr Rogers to see if there is a date set for the next meeting and would update Members accordingly.

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- 20/07/19**      **Traffic & Highways Issues**  
Members had all correspondence regarding this and there were no additional issues to report.
- 21/07/19**      **Correspondence & Communications**  
All correspondence received has been circulated to Members prior to the meeting.
- 22/07/19**      **To receive verbal reports from Parish Councillors on matters arising (AOB)**  
Cllr Miller advised Members that he attended a meeting with regards to Affordable Housing in the area. He advised that local Landowners were being approached and he asked if it would be the sort of thing the village would look kindly to.  
Cllr Brown advised that in the Parish Plan there was strong support for more affordable housing in the village to bring a balance to the community.  
Cllr Leaver advised that some Parishioners were looking to downsize, with Affordable Housing there could be the possibility of building smaller houses.  
Cllr Hemsley asked Cllr Miller if the Estate land would be used for development would the Estate share a plan of what they would be looking at re potential sites.  
Cllr Miller assured Members that he would keep the PC informed of any updates and potential plans going forward.
- 23/07/19**      **Proposed 2019 dates for Parish Council meetings: Abbots Ripton Village Hall,**  
27<sup>th</sup> August, 8<sup>th</sup> October, 19<sup>th</sup> November
- 24/07/19**      **Items for next agenda**

**CLOSE OF MEETING 21.00**