

ABBOTS RIPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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A Meeting of Abbots Ripton Parish Council was held on Tuesday 8th October 2019 at 7.15pm at the Abbots Ripton Village Hall

Present: Cllr G Richardson (Chair), Cllr J Leaver (Vice Chair), Cllr J Hemsley, Cllr S Brown, Cllr D Brennan, Cllr Miller, Cllr S Bywater (County & District)

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

10/10/2019

Minutes

- 01/10/19 To receive and approve apologies for absence.**
Apologies were received from Cllr Tuplin (District) & Cllr Rogers (County).
- 02/10/19 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
- 03/10/19 Public Participation.**
No Members of the public were present.
- 04/10/19 To receive and approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 27th August 2019**
Cllr Richardson proposed to approve the minutes Cllr Leaver seconded,
ALL were in favour and it was **Resolved** to approve the minutes.
- 05/10/19 Matters arising or carried forward from the previous meeting.**
Abbots Ripton Village Phone Box
The Clerk advised Members that she had not received any updates from BT regarding the completion date for the contract hand over. She advised that she had chased and would update them at the next meeting.
- 06/10/19 Reports from County and District Councillors.**
Cllr Bywater advised that Cambs County Council have a full Council meeting on Wednesday 9th October which the Mayor will be attending. He said he will be asking the Mayor what proposals are being considered for this side of the County.
3 Audley Cottage
Cllr Richardson advised that the Enforcement Officer had emailed stating that there has been no breach of planning control and would shortly be closing the case. The Enforcement Officer advised that she had seen emails from the Aborticultural Officers stating that the hedges could be removed. Cllr Richardson asked Cllr Bywater if the system had changed regarding planning permission in a conservation area and asked if he could look into this for the PC.
The Clerk advised she would send the details of this case over to Cllr Bywater to investigate.

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07/10/19 **Solar Farm Grant Fund New Bid Process**

The Clerk opened the bids for the Solar Farm Grant fund. There were 6 tenders received and 2 emailed proposals. Cllr Richardson called for an extra-ordinary meeting to deal with the tenders and a date was set for 7pm on the 29th October 2019 at Grange Farm. Cllrs Leaver & Richardson declared an interest therefore would not be attending the meeting or be part of any decision making. Cllrs Brennan, Brown, Hemsley & Miller confirmed they had no declarable interests therefore it was agreed they would deal with the tender bids and decide how the grant money should be allocated. Cllr Richardson proposed Cllr Miller should chair the meeting and **All** were in favour.

08/10/19 **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 7th October 2019 showing expenditure of £7,600.86 and income of £10,177.48 (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.

09/10/19 **To approve accounts for payment:**

Cllr Richardson proposed that authorisation of all the payments listed below should be approved. Cllr Leaver seconded, all were in favour and it was **Resolved** that payments would be made.

Parish Clerk/Financial Officer	Aug/Sep/Oct 2019 Payroll	399.72
HMRC	Aug/Sep/Oct 2019 Payroll	92.00
Beam	Village grass cutting service 9 th & 10 th cut 2019/20	304.00
Capalc	Clerks Cilca training course	400.00
Zurich Municipal	Parish insurance renewal	167.44
Clerk Reimbursement	Little Ran Advert	10.00
Clerk Reimbursement	Printer Ink	24.00
Total		1,397.16

10/10/19 **Draft Precept**

Clerk to draft a Precept and send out to Cllrs for their comments and input. Final draft to be approved at the full council meeting of 19th November 2019. The final completed approved Precept needs to be returned to Hunts DC by Friday 12th December 2019.

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11/10/19

Planning Application Update.

Planning Applications received: -

19/80094/CON Alconbury Airfield Weald Ermine Street- Conditional Information for 1201158OUT: Condition 9 Amended key phase 1 definition. Condition 10 Amended key phase Framework a) Design Code b) Indicative Sequencing Plan c) Archaeological Investigation d) School Site Plan e) g) Delivery Plan h) Site Wide Strategy Supplements (Water, Ecology & Code of Construction Practice) and i) Sustainability Statement. **PC comments- No objections**

3 Audley Cottage Enforcement Case 19/00172/ENPLAN

This was discussed at item 6/10/19 of the minutes.

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

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

12/10/19

Local Highway Improvement (LHI) Initiative Update 2018/19 (Abbots Ripton Mvas, speed reduction)

Cllrs Richardson, Leaver & Miller attended the Mvas training day on the 26th Sept 2019. They collected the Mvas from the depot but were unable to set the equipment up as the battery plugs that came with the Mvas unit were the wrong sort. Highways were contacted and advised they would send the adaptor as soon as possible. Cllr Miller advised as soon as he receives the adaptor, he will arrange for the Mvas to go up.

13/10/19

Local Highway Improvement (LHI) Initiative Update 2019/20 (Wennington Mvas)

Highways have confirmed they do not support moving the 30mph sign to accommodate a new post for the Mvas. Cllr Hemsley advised he would see if there was another possible position the third post could go and would advise the Clerk accordingly.

14/10/19

Local Highway Improvement (LHI) Initiative consider new application for 2020/2021

The Clerk advised Members that she was still waiting for confirmation from Highways to confirm if the PC had been successful or not in its application. She would chase and advise at the next meeting.

15/10/19

Street Lighting Parish Energy Handover from County Council.

The Clerk advised Members that she had received three estimated quotations from electricity suppliers that Utility Aid had received along with 9 other quotations. Utility Aid recommended the 4-year lock in quote from Haven as opposed to two 12-month quotes; one from Haven at £711 per annum and the other from Eon at £798, both with annual reviews. The quotations were estimated based on historic usage. The estimate for a 4-year term was £746 per annum. This is an increase of approximately £250 compared to the 2017/18 lighting bill from Cambs CC. The 2018/19 bill has not yet been received. The increase was inevitable as when Cambs CC managed the energy lighting on behalf of the Parish & Town Councils they subsidised the cost, hence the reason why they have passed the energy lighting contract onto the individual Parish & Town Councils. Members agreed to go for the 4-year contract as it would save money & time annually in the Clerk's admin costs comparing new rates and suppliers and as there are only 9 lights in the village the usage is minimal.

The Clerk advised Members she would do the necessary paperwork to complete the handover process.

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- 16/10/19** **Police Matters; To receive an update**
The Clerk advised that Members had received all correspondence as it was received and that there was nothing to report.
- 17/10/19** **Alconbury Plans Update**
Cllr Leaver advised Members that he attended the meeting on the 3rd October. Attendees were advised that: -
A Secondary school would be finished by September 2022
Special Needs school by the end of October 2020
Application for an independent public house to be built for 2020
No decision had been made for the Magpas application
Brexit is causing delays
Nothing happening with the Railway
No update on Southern Access from Cambs CC.
Organisers noted Cllr Leaver's question regarding a Cycle route from Alconbury Weald to Huntingdon. They said they would look into it.
Drs Surgery being proposed for 2025
278 families have moved in to date. When asked how many houses had actually been sold, they didn't comment.
The next meeting is 5th November 2019.
- 18/10/19** **Health & Safety: To receive an update**
Following on from a letter received from a Moat Lane resident Cllr Hemsley advised that 3 lampposts in Moat Lane have weeds and foliage growing up them. It was proposed that the residents whose weeds and foliage are around the lampposts should be written to asking them to remove this from the posts. The road has been repaired and the overhanging trees have been reported.
Cllr Miller advised that the Estate was drawing up a list of such overhanging trees that needed trimming and he would add these trees in Moat Lane to the list if Highways haven't already trimmed them back.
- 19/10/19** **Neighbourhood Forum/Joint Local Committee Update**
The next meeting is on Wednesday 16th October at 7pm at Warboys Village Hall.
Cllr Richardson advised Members he would be attending.
- 20/10/19** **Traffic & Highways Issues**
Cllr Leaver advised Members that Station Rd (corner of the school to the village shop) was covered in grain and debris due to the grain lorries going through.
The Clerk advised she would report this to Highways.
No other issues were raised.

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21/10/19

Correspondence & Communications

All correspondence received has been circulated to Members prior to the meeting.

The Clerk advised Members that she had received a letter from a resident who was under the impression that the PC had complained about a mirror that he had put up on the grass verge outside his property. He had received a letter from Cambridgeshire County Council asking him to take the mirror down. His letter to the Clerk stated that after discussions with the "Council" he was told he could leave the mirror in place.

The resident asked for the minutes that had been recorded at the meeting when this matter was discussed.

As the PC had not discussed this matter there were no minutes recorded. However, as it had now been brought to the attention of the PC, Members decided it needed confirmation in writing from Highways that they had agreed to let the resident leave the mirror in place just in case an accident happened in the future caused by sunlight reflection from the mirror. The Clerk advised that she would write to Highways asking for this confirmation and also would write back to the resident acknowledging his letter and answering the questions he had outlined in his letter.

22/10/19

To receive verbal reports from Parish Councillors on matters arising (AOB)

None received

23/10/19

Proposed 2019 dates for Parish Council meetings: Abbots Ripton Village Hall, 19th November

Extra-ordinary meeting re Solar Farm Grant Bids to be held on the 29th October 2019 at 7pm at Grange Farm Abbots Ripton.

24/10/19

Items for next agenda

Solar Farm

Precept

CLOSE OF MEETING 21.00