

ABBOTS RIPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes 12th January 2021

Due to the Covid -19 Virus, Full Council meetings have been suspended UFN following the Government's Guidance.

An on Line Zoom Meeting of Abbots Ripton Parish Council was held on 12th January 2021 at 7.15pm. The Meeting was held for the purpose of approving any Planning Applications received and Schedule of payments for January. Other business updates will be discussed on existing items that will be notified in advance. A set of minutes will be published on the website and ratified along with all the agenda items at the next full Council Meeting.

Present: Cllr J Leaver (Vice Chair, acting Chair), Cllr S Brown, Cllr C Miller, Cllr J Hemsley, Emily Bolton (Climate Change Officer).

Emily Moore – Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to Abbots Ripton Parish Council.

31/01/2021

- 01/01/21 To receive and approve apologies for absence.**
The Clerk received apologies from Cllr Richardson.
- 02/01/21 To receive declarations of interest.**
Cllr J Leaver -Matters pertaining to the Village Hall Refurb
Cllr C Miller – Matters pertaining to the Estate
Cllr J Hemsley – Matters pertaining to the Estate
- 03/01/21 Public Participation.**
No Members of the public joined the meeting.
- 04/01/21 Charge Points for the Village – General Introduction from Cambridgeshire County Council.**
The Climate Change Officer from Cambridgeshire County Council joined the meeting to present to Members of the Council a general introduction on Electric Charge Points in the village and its benefits. Members were advised what grants were available to the PC and the criteria the PC needed to meet to be able to successfully apply for these grants. Members of the Council agreed the information given was very useful and would keep this in mind for future discussion.
- 05/01/21 To receive and approve the minutes of the previous meetings held on the 24th November 2020 and extra ordinary meeting held on 09th December 2020.**
All were in favour and it was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the 24th November 2020 meeting and the extra ordinary meeting held on 9th December 2020.
- 06/01/21 Matters arising or carried forward from the previous meeting.**
None
- 07/01/21 Reports from County and District Councillors.**
Nothing to report.

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08/01/21 Financial Officers Report.

Members had before them a budgetary control statement for the Revenue (Precept) Account as 9th January 2021 showing expenditure of £12,970.37 and income of £16,406.63 (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.

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

09/01/21 To approve accounts for payment.

Payee	Description	Amount £
Haven power	Street lighting Dec20 and Jan21	£130.64
Clerk	Reimbursement of stationery and ink	£38.42
Clerk	Reimbursement of Zoom meetings for Dec20 and Jan21	£28.78
Merlin International Ltd	Supply and instal Christmas tree lights and replace power supply cabinet	£1,920.00
Cambridgeshire ACRE	Renewal of Membership	£57.00
Clerk	Payroll Dec20-Jan21	£349.54
		£2,524.38

It was **Resolved** that the schedule of payments was approved and **All** were in Favour.

10/01/21 Planning Application Update.

No Planning Applications Received

11/01/21 LHI Application 2021/2022

The Clerk advised Members that she had received an email from Jo Challis (Highway Projects & Road Safety Officer) confirming that Highways were agreeable to the PC amending its LHI 21-22 scheme application as outlined and agreed at the meeting held on 9th December (Minute Number 03/12/20).

Jo Challis advised that based on the amended application the estimated costs could be up to £8,000.00 or slightly more depending on the required depth of the manhole and size pipe required.

Members of the Council agreed this was acceptable and based on this estimated cost the PC's 10% contribution to the LHI 21-22 scheme application would be approx. £800.00.

All were in Favour.

12/01/21 Village Playground

The Clerk advised she had received a response from Freddie Fellowes in regards to the information the Councillors requested from the meeting held on 24th November 2020 (Minute Number 12/11/20).

Mr Fellowes advised the following information: -

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- The approximated cost for a basic playground, which would include slide, fort and swings would be £40,000.00 - but as previously stated hoped to bring that cost down. To be able to do this in phase one of the build it would need funding of 75% of the capital cost.
- The materials that would be used are wood and this would be sourced from Raveley Wood.
- The Pub Co. would be responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the playground.
- The Pub Co. would be responsible for the playground's safety inspections.
- The playground would be aimed at children from the ages of 2+ years of age.

After reviewing the information Mr Fellows provided, Members of the Council agreed the Parish Council are not in a financial position to fund 75% of the works for the village playground at this time. However, Members of the Council agreed to keep this as a discussion for the future as Councillors do support the idea of having an open access playground in the village.

13/01/21

Alconbury Weald Update

Cllr Leaver advised he had a Zoom meeting with Urban & Civic on the 2nd of December and advised the following updates:

- Urban & Civic are being taken over by the Welcome Trust but there would be no difference to the operation or personnel.
- Key Phase 1 extension for the next 1000 homes and new education campus has been approved by Huntingdon District Council.
- Magpas now have planning consent for its site and construction will be imminent.
- Home builders are likely to start on site for the next phase in summer 2021
- SEN and Secondary schools are planned for opening in September 2023.
- An infrastructure plan is with Huntingdon District Council regarding drainage and a decision is expected soon.
- A Planning Application is expected in March 2021 for a convenience store and a nursery to be sited at the end of the Boulevard.

14/01/21

Health and Safety: To receive an update

Nothing to report.

15/01/21

Correspondence and Communications.

It was raised that there are huge concerns about the amount of flooding in Abbots Ripton and Wennington. It was agreed a letter would be sent to Huntingdon District Council to raise concerns about the increase level of water flowing through the village which is causing significant flooding.

16/01/21

Proposed 2020 dates for Parish Council meetings

23rd February 2021, 13th April 2021, 18th May 2021 (APM AGM)

29th June 2021, 24th August 2021, 19th October 2021, 30th November 2021

17/01/21

Items for next agenda

CLOSE OF MEETING