

ABBOTS RIPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Annual General Meeting Minutes 10th May 2022.

A Meeting of Abbots Ripton Parish Council was held on 10th May 2022 at 19.30pm in Abbots Ripton Village Hall.

Present – Cllr G Richardson (chairman), Cllr J Leaver (vice chairman), Cllr S Brown, Cllr J Hemsley, Cllr C Miller, Cllr D Carter, Cllr S Bywater (district), Cllr R Martin (district), Colombe Flint (Secret Garden Party), Freddie Fellows (Secret Garden Party), Rev Mandy Flaherty and four members of the public.

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

17/05/2022

- 01/05/22 Election of Chairman.**
Cllr J Leaver proposed Cllr Richardson to stand for Chairman, Cllr J Hemsley proposed Cllr J Leaver to stand for Chairman, Cllr C Miller seconded Cllr G Richardson for Chairman. Cllr Richardson was appointed the position of Chairman of Abbots Ripton PC.
- 02/05/22 Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.**
Cllr Richardson accepted and thanked Members accordingly and has signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
- 03/05/22 Members Declaration of Office.**
Cllr S Brown, Cllr J Hemsley, Cllr C Miller and Cllr D Carter has signed their declaration of acceptance of office.
- 04/05/22 Election of Vice Chairman.**
Cllr Richardson proposed Cllr Leaver to stand for Vice Chairman, Cllr J Hemsley seconded. Cllr Leaver accepted the position of Vice Chairman and thanked Members accordingly and has signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
- 05/05/22 To receive declarations of interest.**
Cllr Miller – matters pertaining the estate.
Cllr Leaver – matters pertaining the village hall.
Cllr Hemsley – matters pertaining the estate.
- 06/05/22 To receive and approve apologies for absence.**
No apologies were received.
- 07/05/22 Appointments to Outside Bodies**
Drainage & Flooding – Cllr C Miller
Alconbury Weald – Cllr J Leaver
Village Hall – Cllr S Brown

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Health and Safety – Cllr J Hemsley & Cllr S Brown
Speed Monitors – Cllr D Carter

08/05/22

Public Participation.

Members of the public raised their concerns regarding the potential residential development that lies just outside Abbots Ripton boundary near Home Farm Close. Their two main concerns are the proposed development would be situated outside the built-up area of Abbots Ripton Village and would adversely affect the existing and long-established character of the village as a conservation area and it would inevitably increase the risk of flooding. Members of the PC advised the PC can't comment on the development until a planning application has been received, however they have listened to their concerns and invite them to another PC meeting when the planning application has been received.

09/05/22

To receive and approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 5th April 2022.

All were in favour and it was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 5th April 2022.

10/05/22

Financial Officers Report.

Appended is a budgetary control statement for the Revenue (Precept) Account as at 06/05/2022 showing expenditure of £1,477.64 and income of £11,002.89 (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.

All were in favour and it was **RESOLVED** to approve the Financials Officers Report.

11/05/22

To approve accounts for payment

Payee	Description	Amount £
Cambridgeshire Countryside Watch	Annual membership 2022-2023	£60.00
Huntingdon DC	Elections - 2018	£90.00
ICO	Annual membership 2022-2023	£35.00
Drax	Electricity bill April	£66.58
Clerk	Payroll May	£263.16
HMRC	Payroll May	£65.60
Little Ran	Donation	£150.00
Total		£730.34

All were in favour and it was **RESOLVED** to approve the accounts for payment.

12/05/22

Planning Application Update.

None Received

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

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13/05/22

To approve the purchase of two benches for Jubilee Gardens.

It was agreed and approved for the purchase of two benches for Jubilee Gardens, the cost of each bench is £580.00.

It was agreed and approved for the quotation of 2x slabbed base of 2.4 meters x 2.4 meters, the cost for each base is £1000.00.

14/05/22

Correspondence and Communications.

- A report from Colombe Flint was given regarding the Secret Garden Party (see below) –

Following a 5 year break the Secret Garden Party is due to return this summer to Grange Farm, Abbots Ripton.

The tickets for the event were sold out in minutes: many people registered for them in advance and they received a questionnaire which was used to filter undesirable attendees from those invited to purchase a ticket. Tickets were sold in pairs only to discourage groups of youths which had potential for undesirable behaviour.

The demographics of the people attending are largely from socio economic groups A-C and are an older audience than in previous years- less than 600 tickets have been sold to people aged 18-21, and no under 18s are permitted. The site has reduced in size slightly and has only 2 arenas instead of the previous 3.

We have a license for 32,000 people on site but we have only sold around 20,000 tickets, considerably under our maximum allowance. Otherwise, the license granted by HDC remains unchanged.

We have attended two SAG meetings with the council, Environmental health, Traffic and Emergency Services to go through our Event Management Plan plus the appendices in great detail. We will be submitting the final version on 20th May but there are very few changes that have been requested.

We have a full and very thorough provision from our Security contractor; there will be roving teams at all times in the surrounding villages as well as on site. The Police service have chosen to provide their policing support primarily outside of our event perimeter this time (in line with current practice) so there will be a 24hr roaming police presence in the surrounding villages also.

Sound will be monitored as per the guidance in our License and monitoring equipment will be placed in the appropriate positions in the villages as always.

Traffic will be brought onto site via Jubilee Park this time in order to bypass the MBR Acres protest following guidance from Traffic Control at the council. We have ensured provision on site for getting customers through the gates and off the road quickly to minimise disruption to the road.

The Crematorium have been informed of the event.

We will be hand delivering a letter to each of the homes and businesses in Abbots Ripton, Kings Ripton, Wennington, The Raveleys and Broughton informing residents of an opportunity to purchase tickets at a greatly reduced rate. We will communicate also the opening/closing dates and times and some details of the license. There will be a dedicated concerns hotline number manned 24hrs: **01480 589206**.

We are introducing green initiatives at the event. We are only permitting traders to use compostable serve ware; all food and serve ware waste will be taken to one of only 2 depots that can do this.

Single use plastic is extremely limited: water is sold in aluminium cans and the use of reusable bottles encouraged.

We operate a litter bond scheme which encourages customers to leave no trace.

Our generators run on reused cooking oil. We are investing in long term set and

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props which can be used again in the future, made, where possible for repurposed materials and movie props. We are trialling electric cargo bikes for Raleigh to see if they are a potential replacement for in-festival transport. Public transport is encouraged as well as the coaches that have been engaged, offering discounts with traders to those who have used them. We have recognised the need for an enhanced Harm Reduction focus and are providing welfare support of all customers and crew within the event. We will follow any guidance suggested by the health authorities on Covid safety; currently there is no guidance and it has been written into our infectious disease practice but we are keeping up to date with any changes. We will ensure a regime of cleaning of frequently touched surfaces and have ensured that handwashing and showering provision is enhanced. The medical team have a separate Covid treatment tent.

- The clerk advised members of the PC she has been in contact with Joe Hudson (Local Highways Officer) regarding the broken road sign along the B1040 and he has advised he is waiting on a quote from a contractor to replace the two posts and then re attached the existing sign.
- Local Highways have advised they will replace the broken salt bin in Abbots Ripton in late October.

15/05/22 **Proposed 2021 dates for Parish Council meetings.**
28th June, 2nd August, 13th September, 8th November.

16/05/22 **Items for next agenda**

CLOSE OF MEETING – 20:20pm