

ABBOTS RIPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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A Meeting of Abbots Ripton Parish Council was held on Monday 19th December 2016 at 7.15pm at Abbots Ripton Village Hall.

Present: Cllr G Richardson (Chair), Cllr J Leaver (Vice-Chair), Cllr J Hemsley, Cllr R Pickard, Cllr C Hemsley, Cllr D Brennan, County Cllr M Tew, District Cllr R Howe, V Pryce (Clerk)

9th January 2017

DRAFT MINUTES

288-12/16 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

No apologies received.

289-12/16 To receive declarations of interest.

Cllr G Richardson – Cricket Club

Cllr R Pickard – Abbots Ripton Estates

290-12/16 Public Participation.

No members of the public were present

291-12/16 To receive and approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 31st October 2016.

Cllr Richardson proposed that the minutes from the meeting held on 31st October were a true copy and should be approved Cllr Hemsley seconded, all were in favour and it was **resolved** to approve the minutes.

292-12/16 Matters arising or carried forward from the previous meeting.

MVAS – Moveable Vehicle Activated signs are being considered to replace the old speeding signs in the village. The Council will review the draft Parish Plan and take into consideration any recommendations.

Winter Gritting Routes – Cllr Tew reported that the County Council had agreed to the revert to the previous years winter gritting routes.

293-12/16 Finance

294-12/16.1 To approve accounts for payment 19th December 2016

Date	Cheque No.	Payee	Description	Amount
19.12.16	000819	NALC	Re-issue Chq 812 LCR	£17.00
19.12.16	000820	ARFCO	Fertiliser	£31.25
19.12.16	000821	SLCC	Subscription	£70.00
19.12.16	000822	HMRC	PAYE	£49.45
19.12.16	000823	V Pryce	Oct/Nov Salary	£257.00

A further request from Cambridgeshire Acre in the amount of £54.00 and an expenses receipt in relation to the Parish Plan team for £68.73 were presented at the meeting. All payments were duly authorised.

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- 294-12/16.2** Finance position and statements to be presented and approved.
Cllr Leaver and Cllr Hemsley reconciled the bank statements to the cash sheet and signed all bank statements.
- 294-12/16.3** Budget 2017
Cllr Richardson proposed the precept for 2017/18 be set at £8,500, Cllr Leaver seconded all were in favour and it was **resolved**.
- 295-12/16** **Grant Awarding Policy**
Cllr Richardson proposed that the grant awarding policy be adopted subject to an added footnote stating that any Solar Farm Funding money would be awarded without such restrictions. Cllr Leaver seconded all were in favour and it was **resolved** that the policy would come in to affect.

This agenda item was moved to after agenda number 292/12-16

- 296-12/16** **A Review of the Parish Plan (The Plan)**
Two member of the Parish Plan committee attended the meeting and advised that 104 people from the Parish had taken part in the Survey Monkey questionnaire. From the information gathered they had produced a draft Parish Plan for consideration. The Council will consider the draft document and hold an Extraordinary Meeting in January to give a consolidated response. Cllr Richardson expressed the Councils grateful thanks to all the members of the Parish Plan committee and the support of our District Councillor Robin Howe,
- 297-12/16** **Alconbury Plans Update/Wyton Update.**
Cllr Leaver advised that the next meeting at Alconbury Weald was being held on 12th January. Cllr Howe reported that there was a £10 million investment to build a skills centre on the Weald which would be run by Huntingdon Regional College.
- 298-12/16** **Neighbourhood Forum/Joint Local Committee Update.**
Cllr Tew will forward information with regard to the next local forum. Cllr Howe advised that there would be another local Parish Council event which will concentrate on smaller parishes.
- 299-12/16** **Planning Application Update.**
16/02553/REM – Alconbury Weald – No comments
The planning application for the extension of the Village Hall has been approved.
Cllr Richardson advised that planners had visited the business running at Moat Lane who were establishing if there were any grounds for action.
- 300-12/16** **SGP 2016: To receive an update.**
Cllr Richardson had attended the wash up meeting and advised that he was waiting for electronic documentation which would be forwarded to all Councillors once he had received them. No substantial complaints had been logged. Cllr Howe reported that it was the best performance for the Secret Garden Party on record, that traffic management had been good and that security in landrovers had proved a successful deterrent.
- 301-12/16** **Police Matters: To receive an update.**

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Cllr Hemsley reported that there had been a single vehicle accident which required a number of Emergency Services at the scene.

302-12/16 Health and Safety: To receive an update

Cllr Richardson advised that he had looked around the Parish and that there was nothing to report.

303-12/16 2017 Meeting Dates

It was agreed that Parish Council meetings would continue to take place on a Monday evening with the first being on 13th February, further dates to be agreed.

304-12/16 Correspondence and Communications.

Correspondence was reviewed. Cllr Richardson reported that the work on the road along the East Coast Mainline was due to start in March. Cllr Howe urged the Council to respond to the Windfarm consultation that had been received. Cllr Richardson proposed that the Council do not think that there should be any further windfarm development in Huntingdon, Cllr Hemsley seconded and it was **resolved** as the Councils response.

305-12/16 Reports from County and District Councillors.

Cllr Tew reported that the County had agreed to revert to the gritting scheme of 2015 and that the County Council had agreed to switch street lights back on through the night at a cost of £1.8 million. Cllr Tew advised that the County Council has to save a further £35 million in 2017/18 and that further cuts to services were inevitable. Cllr Tew advised that he will not be the County Councillor for the Parish after May as he was standing in the Ramsey/Bury ward. Cllr Richardson invited any potential candidates standing in the area to attend the Parish Council meeting in March.

Cllr Howe advised that the first Cabinet meeting had been held following the devolution agreement and that potential Mayoral candidates had now applied for the position. The vote for Mayor would be held on the 4th May and the cabinet was in place. Cllr Howe advised that his position was the Head of Fiscal Authority and Deputy Chairman.

306-12/16 To receive verbal reports from Parish Councillors on matters arising.

Cllr Hemsley advised that the benches and noticeboards would be maintained within the next couple of days. Cllr Brennan reported that he had attended the Cambridgeshire Conference and had found there were a number of interesting presentations. Cllr Brennan reported on an innovation fund worth £1million which was available to Parish Councils and that the County Council were looking at ways to keep people safe and well and were awarding grants. Cllr Brennan will investigate further and report back to the Council. Cllr Pickard suggested that a defibrillator would be an asset to the village but would await the Parish Plans recommendations. Cllr Pickard reported that the tree at the village shop was under consideration for further work and that in the last year 6 black poplars had been planted along the brook between Hall Lane bypass and the pumping station. Cllr Richardson advised that he had visited both the school and church with regard to the Solar Farm Funding and the Powers that the Council had to award money in grant form. Cllr Richardson is awaiting clarification on grass cutting governance at the churchyard.

307-12/16 To review Clerks salary in accordance with NALC payscales.

Cllr Richardson advised that the Clerk had not had payrises in line with the NALC payscales and proposed that the Clerks hourly wage be increased in accordance with the pay scales and back dated to 1st April 2016, Cllr Leaver seconded all were in favour and it was **resolved**.

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308-12/16

**Date of next Parish Council meeting: 13th February 2017 Abbots Ripton Village Hall,
7.15pm.**

CLOSE OF MEETING