

ABBOTS RIPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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A Meeting of Abbots Ripton Parish Council was held on Monday 27th June 2016 at 7.15pm at Abbots Ripton Village Hall.

Present: Cllr G Richardson (Chair), Cllr J Leaver, Cllr J Hemsley, Cllr C Wilkinson, County Cllr M Tew, V Pryce (Clerk)

15th July 2016

DRAFT MINUTES

- 229-06/16 To receive and approve apologies for absence.**
Cllr R Howe – Work Commitments
Cllr R Pickard
- 230-06/16 To receive declarations of interest.**
Cllr Hemsley – Matters pertaining to the SGP
Cllr Richardson – Matters pertaining to the Cricket Club/Board
- 231-06/16 Public Participation.**
None
- 232-06/16 To receive and approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16th May 2016.**
Cllr Richardson proposed that the minutes from the meeting held on 16th May were a true copy and should be approved all were in favour and it was **resolved** to approve.
- 233-06/16 Matters arising or carried forward from the previous meeting.**
None.
- 234-06/16 Solar Farm Funding – Abbots Ripton C of E School**
Colombe Flint attended the meeting representing Abbots Ripton School. She advised that the only variance to the previously submitted application was that the school was now rated 'good' by ofsted. She advised that there were no conditions previously regarding a shared community play area. Ms Flint advised the Council that the initial plan estimated to spend appx £15,000 this had now increased to £27/28,000 but not all suggestions would be included. The Council were informed that the school was looking to become a 'forest school'. Cllr Hemsley asked if a change of access was included which meant benefits to children in the community. Ms Flint advised that the plans only included use for the pupils of the school and pre-school. Cllr Richardson advised that the minutes of the meeting clearly stated that the school had proposed that their project would benefit community children as well as the pupils at the school. Ms Flint advised that a new experienced head teacher had been appointed who had advised that they would be unable to ensure or safeguard the equipment if available to the public and there were concerns about members of the public accessing the school site. Cllr Leaver agreed that these issues can be a real problem. Ms Flint explained that they were seeking further funds from various sources. Cllr Richardson informed the Council that as he was abstaining from any vote and that the Council were not at quorate to vote therefore the matter would be an agenda item in a forthcoming meeting.

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Cllr Wilkinson arrived at the meeting at 7.35pm therefore the Council was at quorate Cllr Wilkinson was advised on the previous discussions, the matter of whether the Parish Council would continue to support the schools application which had now been revised to exclude use by the general community out of school hours was debated. Cllr Leaver and Cllr Hemsley voted in favour of the Council supporting the Schools bid for Solar Funding. Cllr Wilkinson voted against the School receiving funding.

235-06/16

Finance

236-06/16.1

To approve accounts for payment 27th June 2016. The Council were advised that HDC had previously made a payment to Abbots Ripton for £1273.99 for CIL money, since receipt HDC had invoiced the Council and explained that this had been a mistake. The Council acknowledged that they had not expected any CIL funding and agreed that this was an error on the District Councils part. Cllr Richardson proposed all payments be approved, seconded by Cllr Hemsley all were in favour and it was **resolved** that the below payments be made.

Date	Cheque No.	Payee	Description	Amount
27.06.16	000799	HDC	Incorrect CIL payment	£1273.39
27.06.16	000800	HMRC	PAYE	£32.13
27.06.16	000801	V Pryce	Wages	£160.48
27.06.16	000802	BEAM	Grass Cutting	£304.00

237-06/16.2

Finance position and statements to be presented and approved. The cheque book, finance sheet and bank statements were presented to the Councillors for their perusal, bank statements and finance sheet signed and approved.

238-06/16

Alconbury Plans Update/Wyton Update.

Cllr Leaver informed the Council that a new housing app for about 170 houses being built by Morris Homes would be submitted soon with supporting infrastructure. The regular parish meeting had been cancelled and is now being held on 20th of July. **Cllr Wilkinson arrives at meeting 7.35pm.**

239-06/16

Parish Plan Update.

Cllr Richardson advised that the information that the team had received had now been processed and entered on to Survey Monkey and the results of the survey would soon be available. Cllr Hemsley questioned if the Parish Plan team were going to remain within their budgets. Cllr Richardson advised that the team had indicated that they could and any information that further clarified the situation would be passed on to Cllr Hemsley. Cllr Leaver stated that it was important that any public event being held by the team should be held when most people will be responsive

240-06/16

Neighbourhood Forum/Joint Local Committee Update.

Cllr Tew advised that he will be holding a forum at the end of July. He had been unable to arrange previously due to purdah. It will be held at Upwood, Cllr Tew will advise a date and time. Cllr Tew advised that he would be taking about the devolution deal for the County regarding the proposed Cambridge and Peterborough Mayor and the finances that would be made available through devolution. Cllr Tew explained that this was being debated at Cambridgeshire County Council and a decision would be made on the 4th/5th July

241-06/16

Planning Application Update.

Planning Applications:

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16/01066/REM – No comment but would like to be informed of any progress.

16/01148/REM – No comment but would like to be informed of any progress.

242-06/16

SGP 2016: To receive an update.

Cllr Richardson discussed the travel movement plan and advised that the B1090 at the New England Bridge would be accessible for local traffic. Cllr Richardson also advised that the sound levels had been agreed with the licensing authority. Cllr Hemsley reported that ticket distribution seemed to have been successful.

243-06/16

Police Matters: To receive an update.

Cllr Hemsley reported a single car accident in the area. Cllr Richardson advised a low loader had collided with a double bend the previous week which had caused traffic issues during the garden show. Cllr Leaver advised that fake letter boxes were being put up outside houses and business. Cllr Leaver also reported that illegitimate sellers on Ebay were encouraging customers to purchase items through a false accounting system leading to fraud.

244-06/16

Health and Safety: To receive an update

Cllr Richardson reported that all street lights were in order and advised that there were trees growing within close proximity of a bench, Cllr Richardson would speak with Cllr Pickard to ascertain responsibility.

245-06/16

Correspondence and Communications.

Cllr Richardson advised that a Network Rail Poster had been received by the local shop, but no contact had been made and no information had been received by the Parish Council. It was further advised that a meeting was being held at Abbots Ripton Village Hall on 9th July. Cllr Richardson also commented that in light of an incorrect CIL payment that the Clerk needed to establish how the money is allocated.

246-06/16

Reports from County and District Councillors.

Cllr Tew reported that there were further discussions taking place regarding devolution. Cllr Howe had submitted a previous report which was read by the Chairman, Cllr Howe gave updates on the Secret Garden Party, the Wyton Development and Devolution. **Cllr Tew exits the meeting 8.30pm**

247-06/16

To receive verbal reports from Parish Councillors on matters arising.

Cllr Richardson advised that the premises in Wennington where the Parish Council notice board is erected and post box is attached has now been sold. Cllr Richardson will liaise with the Estate to establish the Councils position.

248-06/16

Date of next Parish Council meeting: 19th September 2016 Abbots Ripton Village Hall, 7.15pm.

CLOSE OF MEETING at 8.50pm