

ABBOTS RIPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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A Meeting of Abbots Ripton Parish Council was held on Monday 27th March 2017 at 7.15pm at the Village Hall.

Present: Cllr G Richardson (Chair), Cllr R Pickard, Cllr D Brennan, V Pryce (Clerk)

5th April 2017

MINUTES

333-03/17 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Cllr Howe – work commitments

Cllr Tew – work commitments

Cllr Leaver – work commitments

Cllr Wilkinson – work commitments

Cllr Hemsley – work commitments

334-03/17 To receive declarations of interest.

Cllr G Richardson – Cricket Club

Cllr R Pickard – Abbots Ripton Estates

335-03/17 Public Participation.

3 members of the public were present, 2 of which were residents from Kings Ripton. The two residents from Kings Ripton wanted to raise awareness of the proposed crematorium within the Parish of Broughton. Both residents were unhappy with the development and potential effect on traffic in an area which they felt was already congested. Cllr Richardson advised that he would attend the meeting at Kings Ripton Village the following day.

336-03/17 To receive and approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th February 2017.

Cllr Richardson proposed that the minutes from the meeting held on 13th February were a true copy and should be approved Cllr Pickard seconded, all were in favour and it was **resolved** to approve the minutes.

337-03/17 Matters arising or carried forward from the previous meeting.

The Parish Council had received correspondence from the Church requesting funding. Item to be carried forward to the next Parish Council meeting. Cllr Richardson advised that he had today received an email from the school asking for clarification on applying for funding. Cllr Richardson had reiterated the Councils position that they will not fund past events and events funded by the Council must benefit parishioners.

Cllr Richardson to liaise with Alan Scothern with regard to availability of the village hall for the Parish Plan launch and to liaise with the village shop with regard to refreshments.

338-03/17 Finance

338-03/17.1 To approve accounts for payment 27th March 2017

Date	Cheque No.	Payee	Description	Amount
27.03.17	000830	James Tree Care		£360.00
27.03.17	000831	V Pryce	February Salary	£115.11

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27.03.17	000832	HMRC	PAYE	£20.79
27.03.17	000833	Balfour Beatty	Maintenance of Lights	£245.16
27.03.17	00834	ARFCO	Shoot Room Hire	£25.00
27.03.17	00835	BEAM	Grass Cutting	£152.00
27.03.17	00836	P Yates	Bench/Noticeboard Maint	£300.00

339-03/17.2 Finance position and statements to be presented and approved.
Cllr Brennan and Cllr Pickard reconciled the bank statements to the cash sheet and signed all bank statements.

Cllr Richardson proposed that the Council accept the quotation for the removal of a tree in Wennington. Cllr Pickard seconded with the condition that relevant insurance documents were provided prior to any work being undertaken. All were in favour and it was **resolved**.

340-03/17 **Pension Staging Date**
The Council considered a NEST pension contribution against that of LGPS. The Council were advised that the LGPS contribution is 37% and that a NEST contribution was a minimum of 1%. Cllr Brennan proposed the Council agree to joining the NEST scheme with a contribution of 5%, Cllr Pickard seconded but requested that the Council revisit the contribution at a later date. All in favour and it was **resolved**.

341-03/17 **MVAS**
The Council agreed to move the item to the next Council meeting.

342-03/17 **Alconbury Plans Update/Wyton Update.**
No official updates have been received.

343-03/17 **Neighbourhood Forum/Joint Local Committee Update.**
No official updates have been received.

344-03/17 **Planning Application Update.**
17/00435/LBC – Approve
17/00434/FUL - Approve

345-03/17 **Police Matters: To receive an update.**
Cllr Pickard reported that a theft had taken place on the Solar Farm with a motorbike, hand tools and generators taken.

346-03/17 **Health and Safety: To receive an update**
Cllr Richardson advised that Cllr Hemsley and his wife had washed the 'no fishing' sign at Wennington and cleared the vegetation. Cllr Richardson advised that the benches and noticeboards had been stained.

347-03/17 **Correspondence and Communications.**
Cllr Richardson discussed his recent communications with his member of parliament and County Council in relation to the proposed road closure and the effect on the shop. Cllr Richardson advised that he had received correspondence in relation to Community Energy Funding. Cllr Brennan reported that there were a lot of these incentives for energy saving systems currently being offered - Parish Clerk to investigate opportunities for the Village Hall. Cllr Richardson advised that BBC Radio Cambridgeshire had been in contact with him

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and had a radio interview regarding the announcement by the organisers of the Secret Garden Party, that this year would be the last year the event was running.

348-03/17 Reports from County and District Councillors.

None

349-03/17 To receive verbal reports from Parish Councillors on matters arising.

None

350-03/17 CONFIDENTIAL – Personnel

Following receipt of the Clerks resignation it was agreed that the Council would advertise the position to all Clerks via the SLCC and the advert will be placed on the noticeboards. The current Clerk agreed to remain in post until a suitable replacement had been found.

351-03/17 Date of next Annual Parish Council meeting: Abbots Ripton Village Hall, 8th May 7.15pm.

CLOSE OF MEETING