

ABBOTS RIPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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A Meeting of Abbots Ripton Parish Council was held on Thursday 5th November 2015 at 7.15pm at Abbots Ripton Village Hall.

Present: Cllr G Richardson (Chairman), Cllr J Leaver (Vice-Chair), Cllr C Wilkinson, Cllr D Brennan, County Cllr M Tew, V Pryce (Clerk)

7th November 2015

DRAFT MINUTES

136-11/15 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

District Cllr Howe – Work Commitments
Cllr Pickard – Private
Cllr Hemsley – Work Commitments

137-11/15 To receive declarations of interest.

None.

138-11/15 Public Participation.

None.

139-11/15 To receive and approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17th September 2015.

Cllr Richardson proposed that the minutes from 17th September be approved, Cllr Leaver seconded and it was **resolved** to do so.

140-11/15 Matters arising or carried forward from the previous meeting.

Photographs of all Cllrs were taken for the website.

141-11/15 Finance

141-11/15.1 To approve accounts for payment 5th November 2015

| Date | Cheque No. | Payee | Description | Amount |
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| 08.10.15 | 000770 | PFK Littlejohn | Audit | £120.00 |
| 05.11.15 | 000771 | Countryside Watch | Subscriptions | £40.00 |
| 05.11.15 | 000772 | V Pryce | Clerk Wages Sept/Oct/A/L | £392.70 |
| 05.11.15 | 000773 | HMRC | PAYE | £82.68 |
| 05.11.15 | 000774 | RAN | Contribution | £250.00 |

142-11/15.2 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, statements were signed and approved.

143-11/15 Budget 2016/17

Cllrs had received the proposed budget figures prior to the meeting. Cllr Leaver questioned if the Council would continue to receive a grass cutting grant from HDC, Cllr Tew advised no decision had yet been made but it would be looked at. Cllr Richardson acknowledged the

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potential issue of the Parish having to fund the entire grass cutting budget. Cllr Richardson proposed that the precept remain at £9,500, Cllr Leaver seconded all were in favour and it was **resolved**.

- 144-11/15** **Huntingdon District Council Elections - email**
Cllr Leaver raised concerns following receipt of the email. Cllr Richardson suggested the Council await further information before further discussions took place.
- 145-11/15** **Alconbury Plans Update**
Cllr Leaver attended a meeting on 23rd September. He advised that more transport assessments were taking place and some remodelling. The Environment Agency were carrying out risk assessments on the River Ouse and would expect an update in due course. House building was due to start in November with the first occupants expected in Summer 2016. The Transport & Work Act had been renewed for 4/5 years, Cllr Leaver has requested that Abbots Ripton is given 1st priority regarding information relating to the railway station. The next meeting is being held on 24th November.
- 146-11/15** **Parish Plan Update.**
Cllr Richardson advised that following a successful day at the Village Hall the Parish Plan team had unfortunately lost 2 members of its team. Cllr Richardson advised that it was important that the committee remained balanced and that they were looking to replace these members as soon as possible. Cllr Tew advised that Upwood had launched their Parish Plan in October and that it would be beneficial to have a look at it.
- 147-11/15** **Neighbourhood Forum/Joint Local Committee Update.**
Cllr Tew will be beginning joint meetings with several parishes and suggested holding these meetings at the Abbots Ripton Village Hall. Cllr Richardson is to approach Mrs Parkin from the Stukeleys Parish to invite them to attend.
- 148-11/15** **Planning Application Update.**
Application 15/01549/HHFUL – approved by HDC
Application 15/0194/Tree – received
- 149-11/15** **Police Matters: To receive an update**
Cllr Tew suggested that the Clerk make contact and request a PCSO to attend a Parish Council meeting. Cllr Brennan advised that there had been racing activity in Clay Lane, the police would require number plates of vehicles in order to follow this up. Clerk will start emailing alerts received from the police to the RAN for information.
- 150-11/15** **Health and Safety: To receive an update.**
Cllr Leaver reported that the school flashing sign on Rectory Farm had been knocked down and never replaced. Cllr Tew suggested the Clerk email Brian Murdoch of the Highways Agency to get actioned urgently. Cllr Brennan that the school had issued a letter to parents regarding inconsiderate parking. Cllr Richardson to contact the RAN to place an advert regarding the volunteer gritters scheme in addition to the advert at the shop.
- 151-11/15** **SGP 2015: To receive an update.**
Cllr Richardson had received graphs relating to the sound levels, the graphs showed that there had been periods during the night that the sound levels had exceeded the agreed level. Cllr Howe will send further updates when he is in receipt of them. Cllr Leaver asked why tarmac had been laid on stretches of road when there were other areas of road in the

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village that were in desperate need of attention such as the road by the Fellowes Arms. Cllr Tew requested an email be sent to him with the details of badly affected roads and he would take the information to the Highways Agency.

152-11/15

Correspondence and Communications.

Community Gritting Scheme
Riparian Flood Risks
Wyton Parish Council – re Crest Nicholson
Local Government Boundary
Carriage Maintenance

153-11/15

Reports from County and District Councillors.

Cllr Tew advised that the council had to save £41 million with social care to be cut by £26 million. During a meeting Cllr Tew attended it was suggested that Council Tax be increased by 5% and that the effects of the cuts will start to be seen in May 2016.

154-11/15

To receive verbal reports from Parish Councillors on matters arising.

Cllr Richardson advised that he had attended a meeting regarding the next Tour of Cambridge. During the meeting they apologised for their previous mistakes, informed the attendees that they will be travelling the same route again next year but would be sending a letter to those people affected. They also advised that they would be using a new traffic management company to avoid lengthy road closures. Cllr Richardson to put a notice in the RAN. Cllr Richardson acknowledged the difficulty that Cllr Howe had in attending the Parish Council meetings as he had other meetings that clashed on a Thursday night in order to ensure Cllr Howes attendance at future Parish Council meetings Cllr Richardson suggested moving Abbots Riptons meetings to a Tuesday evening and it was **resolved** to do so. Cllr Brennan advised that he had spoken to the Church, School and Village Hall regarding the website with the possibility of joining them up – progress was on going. Cllr Richardson requested that in the New Year the successful Solar Farm bids update the Parish Council on the progress of their proposed projects

155-11/15

Date of next meeting: 10th December 2015 Abbots Ripton Village Hall, 7.15pm.

CLOSE OF MEETING