

ABBOTS RIPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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A Meeting of Abbots Ripton Parish Council was held on Tuesday 28th August 2018 at 7.15pm at the Abbots Ripton Village Hall

**Present: Cllr G Richardson (Chair), Cllr S Brown, Cllr J Leaver (Vice Chair), Cllr J Hemsley, Cllr D Brennan
Cllr S Bywater (County & District), Cllr T Rogers (County) arrived later after attending another PC meeting.
Angela Papworth –Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to Abbots Ripton Parish Council.**

3rd September 2018

Minutes

- 01/08/18** **To receive and approve apologies for absence.**
No apologies were received.
- 02/08/18** **To receive declarations of interest.**
Cllr Richardson -Matters pertaining to the cricket club
- 03/08/18** **Public Participation.**
No Members of the public were present.
- 04/08/18** **To receive and approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 17th July 2018**
Cllr Richardson proposed to approve the minutes Cllr Leaver seconded,
ALL were in favour and it was **Resolved** to approve the minutes.
- 05/08/18** **Matters arising or carried forward from the previous meeting.**
B1090 Road Repairs
Cllr Richardson advised Members that the MP had received a letter from the acting Head of Highways inferring a decision was made to close the road in 2016 and the repairs would take up to 18 months, however they had problems getting to that point.
At a meeting in July 2016 Cllrs were advised that the project would start in Dec 2016 and the road would be closed for 3 months.
County Council applied for a road closure order from 1st Dec 2016 -Nov 2017, however the works were not completed due to communication problems with Network Rail.
Another road closure order was applied for to June 2018.
Cllr Richardson advised Cllr Rogers of his concerns and advised Members that he wrote to the MP hoping the County Council would put pressure on Network Rail. However, he did state that the original road closure was for 18 months from Dec 2016.
A temporary repair would take a short-term risk away but would not last. Cllr Miller had previously advised that cracks have appeared in the land and was concerned that if a crack appeared in the bank it could have devastating consequences.
Cllr Richardson instructed the Clerk to keep the road repair on the agenda.
Road Signs
Cllr Hemsley advised Members that there are many road signs not visible in and around the villages. He advised he will update under the Health & Safety agenda item.
Cllr Brennan advised that he had counted 15 road signs where visibility was poor.
Cllr Bywater advised Members that they can report this to Highways through the portal link.
The Clerk advised she would send the link to Cllr Hemsley.

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PC Tree Ownership

Cllr Miller had advised at the last meeting he would arrange for the Tree Warden to carry out a H&S check on various PC owned trees to see if they needed works doing on them. In Cllr Miller's absence Cllr Richardson confirmed that Cllr Miller had emailed the designated tree warden to complete the check on behalf of the PC.

The Clerk will ask for updates at the next meeting.

Weight Restriction through village

The Clerk advised Members that this is on the planning application agenda re updates.

Elm tree chopped down in village without planning permission

Cllr Richardson advised he had received nothing back from planning and would chase them accordingly and advise updates at the next PC meeting.

Events on the Estate

In Cllr Miller's absence Cllr Richardson confirmed that following on from the meeting of the 19th July the PC will receive updates of future events accordingly.

06/08/18

Reports from County and District Councillors.

Cllr Bywater advised that the proposed planning application for the Dignity Cemetery was going in front of the DMC planning committee on the 17th September for a decision.

Residents of neighbouring villages have requested that the traffic survey is to be reviewed and that a full survey to be carried out. The planning application for the cemetery is like the one in March.

Hunts DC have proposed plans to erect a cemetery with a burial ground next to Jubilee Park. Cllr Bywater advised he will keep the PC updated.

07/08/18

Financial Officers Report to include checking and approval of bank statements

Financial Statement

Members had before them a budgetary control statement for the Revenue (Precept) Account as at 28th August 2018 showing expenditure of £2,839.17 and income of £9,328.51 (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.

Members checked, approved and signed off statements and balances to date.

It was **Resolved** that the Financial Officers report was approved, and **All** were in Favour.

08/08/18

To approve accounts for payment

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| Parish Clerk/Financial Officer | May/June/July 2018 Payroll | 585.55 |
| HMRC | May/June/July 2018 Payroll | 138.51 |
| BEAM | Grass verge cutting service | 152.00 |
| Clerk | Reimbursement Ink re printer | 13.00 |
| Total | | 889.06 |

Cllr Richardson proposed that authorisation of all the above payments were made. Cllr Leaver seconded, all were in favour and it was **Resolved** that payments would be made.

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09/08/18

Planning Application Update.

Planning Applications received: -

18/00437/FUL | Change of use of hard standing from an airfield to B8 vehicle storage with access improvements for a period of ten years and erection of car wash facility and security kiosk | RAF Wyton Airfield Sawtry Way Wyton

As per July 17th 2018 minute reference (06/07/18) The Clerk confirmed she had written to Planning department requesting an HGV ban and weight restriction through Abbots Ripton village to also include an enforcement on the transport companies to stick to the terms of the planning approval.

Planning advised the Clerk that imposition of weight restrictions etc were not covered by planning legislation and that the PC should seek advice from Highways.

Cllr Hemsley advised Members that there is a set route on the planning application stating the route will be A1 turning right onto A141. Members were concerned that there will be lots of right turns.

Cllr Richardson advised Members that the plans state they will not be coming through the village and the only time there will be an issue is if they break the planning terms and conditions on the application.

Cllr Brown disagreed with this and proposed the PC do something about it now. Cllr Richardson advised Members the PC should wait. There is a 10-year license operating under the planning application and if they break the operating terms and conditions then the Enforcement Officer will be advised.

Cllr Hemsley advised that the Clerks comments on behalf of the PC have been logged against the planning application on the planning website.

It was **Resolved** that the PC should wait to see if the terms and conditions of the operating license is not followed to the planning application route. If this happens then the PC will advise the Enforcement Officer accordingly.

18/01577/REM - Land West of The East Coast Mainline Railway and North of Spittals Way Huntingdon – PC decision- No Objections

18/01536/REM- Reserved Matters application for 192 dwellings for appearance, layout, scale, landscape and access in respect of Key Phase 1 pursuant to outline planning permission 1201158OUT. Alconbury Airfield Ermine Street Little Stukeley PE28 4WX-

PC decision- No Objections

18/01710/HHFUL- Hard Standing driveway in block pavements, dropped kerb and crossing over verge and footway. Works are for a disabled facility grant at 3 Audley Cottage Station Rd Abbots Ripton- PC Decision- No Objections with a recommendation that a turning point be implemented to avoid reversing out onto the main road.

18/01670/TREE- Tree works to group 3 8A and 9- on schedule.

TPO 18/007 214 Former girl guides hut- on schedule. The Haunches, Home Farm, Station Rd, Abbots Ripton- PC decision- Noted

18/01750/TREE- Works to a large horse chestnut in rear garden at 2 Dove House Wood Abbots Ripton – PC decision- No objections.

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10/08/18

Local Highway Improvement (LHI) Initiative Update 2017/18 LHI Scheme

The Highways Officer met with Members on the 20th July 2018 to discuss where the MVAS posts needed to be erected. Cllr Richardson asked the Highways Officer about the 40mph buffer speed limit. The Highways Officer advised there would be issues with that and would go back to the Office to speak with the Project Manager.

The Clerk received an email from the Highways Officer advising that he was mistaken about the 40mph buffer speed limit issues and that he would be sending over a preliminary design and map for the Councils comments.

He also advised that as discussed at the meeting the current interactive sign on Station Rd. (western approach) would cost £2,000 to unplug and make safe. This has not been included in the LHI scheme application therefore the PC would have to pay for this to be removed. Members agreed that if the sign and pole was not a H&S issue they would not to remove it due to the cost implications. The Clerk confirmed she would advise the Highways Officer accordingly.

The Clerk advised she had received a map from the Highways Officer outlining the proposed 40 mph buffer speed limit positions.

Members advised the Clerk that the 40-mph speed limit reduction zone showing on the map was not what they had discussed with the Highways Officer and they marked the map as was discussed. The Clerk advised she would send the map back with the amended route to the Highways Officer.

2018/19 LHI Scheme

The Clerk advised Members that she had sent the LHI application off and had received an acknowledgment from the Highways Project team.

They confirmed that an officer will be in contact with the PC during feasibility stage to discuss further. The Clerk advised Members she will update them accordingly.

11/08/18

Traffic & Highways Issues

The Clerk advised Members that there is nothing to report that hasn't been discussed under other Agenda items.

12/08/18

Police Matters; To receive an update

The Clerk advised there was nothing to report.

Cllr Brennan advised he was at the scene of a motorbike accident at the traffic calming western side of the village. The rider hit the entry post demolishing it and it now needs replacing.

Members advised that this is a Highways matter and the Clerk to advise them accordingly.

13/08/18

Alconbury Plans Update

Cllr Leaver advised there is nothing to report.

14/08/18

Health & Safety: To receive an update

Cllr Hemsley advised Members that the pond is in a good state however, the road sign needs cutting back of trees and hedges.

The salt bins are $\frac{3}{4}$ full. The one outside the post office has a cracked lid which will need replacing next year as it isn't leaking water at the moment.

The noticeboards and seats will need treating before the winter. Cllr Hemsley advised he will get a quote for the works to be carried out.

Several road signs in and around the villages are dirty and need cleaning, some are twisted round facing the wrong way and many signs are not visible.

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Cllr Bywater confirmed that this is a Highways responsibility and that the PC should report each sign individually through the Highways portal link. There is also trees and hedges that need cutting back from various signs.

Cllr Hemsley advised he would contact Cllr Miller to arrange the cutting back of the trees and hedges as the estate had done these works in previous years. Cllr Hemsley also advised he would report the signs to Highways through the portal link.

The Clerk confirmed she would email Cllr Hemsley with the link.

15/08/18

Neighbourhood Forum/Joint Local Committee Update

Cllr Rogers advised the next meeting will be in October at the Bury Village Hall.

Cllr Bywater advised that the Tour of Cambridge cyclist organiser will be speaking at the meeting about a new route and the event itself. They are looking into making the tour a 100-mile course instead of the present 75 miles course.

Cllr Bywater advised Members it is a great event for Cambridge bringing in lots of revenue and at the same time getting young people involved.

Cllr Rogers advised Members of the Bikeability funding and how the County Council have levied the fund, so it goes back into getting young people involved etc.

Cllr Rogers also advised Members of increased HGV movements around the villages and as more houses are being built there will be more HGV vehicles on the roads. Warboys have plans for 500 houses to be built which will further add to the HGV increases.

16/08/18

Parish Council Policies

The Clerk advised this is working progress.

17/08/18

Parish Plan

Cllr Richardson advised Members that he has been looking into Defibrillators for the village. Members agreed that it is a good idea and that the PC should get more information about them. Cllr Rogers advised Members that Warboys, Wistow, Earith & Somersham have all got them and if the PC needed any advice or information to contact the Parish Councils mentioned above.

18/08/18

Correspondence & Communications

The Clerk advised Members that she had received an email with a letter attachment from the St Andrews Church Secretary and Churchwarden to the PCC.

The letter apologised for any misunderstanding regarding an item in the church annual report referring to dissatisfaction of the amount of the PC donation to the church council. The Secretary confirmed that it has been a breakdown in communication and that the impression of dissatisfaction was not the case.

She confirmed that the PCC was very grateful for the donation received from the PC and was extremely sorry for any offence caused to the PC.

Members noted the contents of the letter and acknowledged the apology accordingly.

19/08/18

Network Rail Four Tracking Project Update

<https://www.networkrail.co.uk/running-the-railway/our-routes/line-and-em/east-coast-mainline-route-upgrade/huntingdon-to-woodwalton/>

20/08/18

To receive verbal reports from Parish Councillors on matters arising (AOB)

Cllr Richardson asked Cllr Rogers if he had anything to report as he came into the meeting half way. Cllr Rogers confirmed he had nothing to report.

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21/08/18 **Proposed dates for Parish Council meetings: Abbots Ripton Village Hall,**
9th Oct 20th Nov

22/08/18 **Items for next agenda**
B1090 Repair
LHI Scheme update

CLOSE OF MEETING 8.45