

# ABBOTS RIPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**A Meeting of Abbots Ripton Parish Council was held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7.15pm at the Abbots Ripton Village Hall**

**Present: Cllr G Richardson (Chair), Cllr J Leaver (Vice Chair), Cllr S Brown, Cllr D Brennan, Cllr Miller, Cllr J Hemsley, Cllr S Bywater (County & District) Cllr R Tuplin (District)**

**Angela Papworth –Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to Abbots Ripton Parish Council.**

21/01/19

## Minutes

- 01/01/19 To receive and approve apologies for absence.**  
Apologies were received from Cllr T Rogers (County)
- 02/01/19 To receive declarations of interest.**  
Cllr Richardson -Matters pertaining to the cricket club  
Cllr C Miller -Matters pertaining to the Estate
- 03/01/19 Public Participation.**  
No Members of the public were present.
- 04/01/19 To receive and approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018**  
Cllr Brown asked the Clerk to amend Minute no 06/11/18 Police Matters & Agenda Link to Facebook to read (the link should be from Facebook to the PC website & on the PC monthly meeting agenda, omitting the phrase a link to the Police matters).  
Cllr Richardson proposed to approve the minutes Cllr Leaver seconded,  
**ALL** were in favour and it was **Resolved** to approve the minutes.
- 05/01/19 Matters arising or carried forward from the previous meeting.**  
**P.C. Owned Tree & Cambs CC owned Trees**  
Cllr Richardson advised Members that he had spoken to Mr Murdoch the Local Highways Officer at Cambs County Council who confirmed that there will need to be a road closure when carrying out work on the 3 diseased trees in the village. Mr Murdoch advised Cllr Richardson that Cambs CC would pay for the road closure and it made sense for the work to be carried out on the PC owned tree at the same time.  
Cllr Miller advised he had obtained 3 separate quotes for the three trees and confirmed that he had sent the quotes for the two Cambs CC trees to Highways for their information.  
Cllr Leaver said that it would be better to do the works in the school half term as there would be less traffic flow, Cllr Hemsley was concerned of the risk to the residents and asked if the work was being treated as urgent. Cllr Richardson advised Members that the official tree report stated that work was not imminent and that no work could be carried out without an order for the road closure. The timescale was in the hands of the Cambs CC Highways Dept and the Conservationist department.

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Brian Murdoch the Highways Local Officer advised Cllr Richardson that he would apply for the road closure and send all relevant paperwork to the Conservationist Officer and would keep us in touch of progress.

**06/01/19**

### **Reports from County and District Councillors.**

Cllr Tuplin advised Members that 2018/19 has been a challenging year for HDC council services with a net forecast overspend of £600K.

Future years budgets have been fundamentally reviewed to bring into line current variances:

Increased in costs for waste collection 324K)

Lower than expected income across One Leisure (in particular for the Burgess Hall) and higher utility costs (426K)

Increase in cost of homeless accommodation (£149K)

These increases have been off set by in year savings:

Additional fee income in Development (50K)

Lower capital financing costs and success of apprenticeship scheme (£276K)

Lower costs from elections and special duty allowances (80K)

Cllr Bywater advised Members that One Leisure are having to be subsidised as it is underperforming. It needs to change its mind set and be more focused on being business driven. This would tackle the problem of the shortfall as it would bring more income into the business.

Cllr Tuplin went on to advise Members of the 2019/20 budget and funding proposals. He advised that it is essential for residents and businesses that the council maintains financial self-sufficiency.

He advised there will be an increase in council tax but this will be pegged to HDC's Conservative Manifesto commitment.

The provisional settlement has reduced council grant for the next year by £600K (4%) making HDC the 4<sup>th</sup> highest negatively impacted council in England.

Cllr Tuplin advised Members that the medium-term financial strategy (MTFS) and future funding for local government and the council included a fair funding review to include rolling together a number of grants, higher and more challenging business rate thresholds and removal of new homes bonus.

Compared to 2018/19, potential cuts of over £3m per annum by the end of the MTFS.

Opportunities for strategic growth, including redevelopment of key sites across the council area. Cllr Tuplin advised that by Financial sustainability over the medium term would aim to close the current MTFS gap of 1.6 m.

**07/01/19**

### **Solar Farm Grant**

The Clerk advised Members that she had received a grant application form from STARS (Support Team Abbots Ripton School). They were requesting £700 towards running costs for a series of events they were looking to run. The aim of these events is to enhance community relationships, develop outreach within the community and raise funds to ensure the school is able to provide the best possible service to the local community.

The Clerk went on to say that there is £700 remaining in the Solar Farm School Activities for village use holding account. The grant application request covers all the PC terms and conditions required therefore the Clerk recommended Members approval.

Cllr Richardson proposed and ALL were in Favour.

It was **RESOLVED** that the STARS grant application for £700 was approved.

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**08/01/19 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 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019 showing expenditure of £8,544.81 and income of £10,483.26 (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.

**09/01/19 To approve accounts for payment**

Parish Clerk/Financial Officer	End Nov/Dec/Jan Payroll	433.82
HMRC	End Nov/Dec/Jan Payroll	96.64
P C OK	payment re Clerks new laptop & accessories	930.00
Zen Internet	Renewal of website domain name	8.39
Parish Clerk/Financial Officer	Reimbursement Little Ran advert	7.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,475.85</b>

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

**10/01/19 Planning Application Update.**

**Planning Applications received: -**

**18/02499/REM Reserved Matters (appearance, access, landscaping, layout and scale) in respect of the construction of a new highway and reuse of existing runway/taxiway to form part of a link from the A141 to key phase 1 and all associated works- Alconbury Weald, Ermine Street Little Stukeley**

PC comments- No objections

**18/02158/LBC Changed 1980's wooden single glazed windows to wooden double glazed – Rivendell House Moat Lane Abbots Ripton**

PC comments- No objections

**For planning application searches please click and control the following link below: -**

<https://publicaccess.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/online-applications/>

**11/01/19 Local Highway Improvement (LHI) Initiative Update 2018/19**

The Clerk advised Members that the Local Highways Officer has confirmed that they are in the process of advertising the speed limit reduction. Once this has gone through Highways will advise of a date for the works to be completed.

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**12/01/19**

### **Local Highway Improvement (LHI) Initiative Update 2019/20**

Cllrs Brown & Leaver advised Members that they attended a panel interview meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> December to put the PC case forward for the proposed LHI scheme. (MVAS in Wennington Village). They advised Members that they put a good case forward and advised the panel that speeding through the village is a real H&S issue due to there not being a footpath for residents to walk on.

The panel showed concerns that the verge wasn't wide enough in places and the linear distance didn't meet the criteria.

Cllrs advised that the Raveley end rd. was the worse and that something needed to be done asap to stop speeding into and through the village.

The panel's decision on all the LHI applications will be reported in March.

**13/01/19**

### **Defibrillator in village**

Cllr Richardson advised Members that he had received a response to his letter he sent to the Cardiologist consultant who lives in the village. He wrote asking his views & advice on having a defibrillator in the village.

Members were grateful for the advice given and the contents of the letter were noted.

Cllr Richardson advised Members that the telephone was not in use in the village phone box, Cllr Hemsley advised that the PC does not own the telephone boxes and therefore would need to gain BT's approval to use the phone box to put the defibrillator in.

Cllr Brennan proposed that the PC should look into buying the phone boxes in Wennington and Abbots Ripton.

The Clerk advised she would enquire and report back at the next meeting.

Cllr Hemsley advised that he had looked at various defibrillator websites and found that Huntingdon First donated a coded access defibrillator to Huntingdon and that they pay a small monthly fee for it. Cllr Richardson advised Members that the Cardiologist advised the defibrillator should have open access at all times. The Clerk also advised Members that the Charity company Defibs 4 All who have installed over 40 defibs in Whittlesey and the surrounding area stated that the best defibrillator to get is one that has open access. The Clerk advised Members she would look into all the above and report back at the next meeting.

Cllr Richardson advised Members that the Landlord of the Abbots Ripton Pub told him there is a defibrillator at the pub.

Cllr Richardson advised Members that he would look into the pub defibrillator access and advise at the next meeting.

**14/01/19**

### **Traffic & Highways Issues**

The Clerk advised Members that before she could report the C119 repair work she needed more information. Cllr Leaver advised the Clerk that he had emailed her before the meeting with all the information she required.

The Clerk advised she would report the repairs accordingly.

**15/01/19**

### **Police Matters; To receive an update**

The Clerk advised that Members had received all correspondence as it was received.

**16/01/19**

### **Alconbury Plans Update**

Cllr Leaver advised Members he would be attending the meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> January and would report back at the next Parish Council meeting.

Following on from the flooding concerns at the last PC meeting; Cllr Miller advised Members that he had arranged for a company to supply information regarding the attenuation of

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water on the site. Cllr Leaver advised Members that Urban & Civics' presentation showed balancing ponds on site managed their water flow. He advised that these were not adequate and that Alconbury Weston have grave concerns regarding the amount of water that runs through the village. Cllr Miller advised Members that he should have the report back by the next PC meeting and would update Members then.

**17/01/19**

**Health & Safety: To receive an update**

Cllr Hemsley advised Members there was nothing to report at this meeting, however; he would be walking round the villages at the weekend to carry out a full H&S check and would report back at the next meeting.

**18/01/19**

**Neighbourhood Forum/Joint Local Committee Update**

Cllr Richardson advised Members that there was nothing to report since the last meeting.

**19/01/19**

**Correspondence & Communications**

All correspondence received has been circulated to Members prior to the meeting.

**20/01/19**

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

Cllr Brown asked if the PC had received any further updates on the village hall refurbishment project. The Clerk and Cllr Richardson advised they had not received any correspondence regarding this. Cllr Miller advised Members that Lord De Ramsey had been contacted by a Member of the village hall committee advising him of a proposed change of plans, however they had nothing to show him at this stage and would go back to him with the proposed updated plans to get his comments and approval.

Cllrs agreed that if the PC does not receive any correspondence with updates for next months meeting then the Clerk should contact Nicola Molloy for an update.

**21/01/19**

**Proposed 2019 dates for Parish Council meetings: Abbots Ripton Village Hall,**

26<sup>th</sup> February, 9<sup>th</sup> April, 28<sup>th</sup> May, 16<sup>th</sup> July, 27<sup>th</sup> August, 8<sup>th</sup> October, 19<sup>th</sup> November

**22/01/19**

**Items for next agenda**

Defibrillator

Final Precept Budget Report

Elm Trees in Village

Grass cutting Contract

**CLOSE OF MEETING 21.00**