

# ABBOTS RIPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021

**Due to the Covid -19 Virus, Full Council meetings have been suspended UFN following the Government's Guidance.**

**An on Line Zoom Meeting of Abbots Ripton Parish Council was held on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 7.15pm.**

Present: Cllr G Richardson (Chairman), Cllr J Leaver (Vice Chairman), Cllr S Brown, Cllr J Hemsley, Cllr S Bywater, Liam Cook (Community Sales Executive for County Broadband), Matthew Fido (Chairman of Village Hall).

Emily Moore – Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to Abbots Ripton Parish Council.

26/04/2021

**01/04/21 To receive and approve apologies for absence.**

No apologies received

**02/04/21 To receive declarations of interest.**

Cllr J Leaver -Matters pertaining to the Village Hall Refurb

Cllr J Hemsley – Matters pertaining to the Estate

Cllr Richardson -Matters pertaining to the cricket club

**03/04/21 Public Participation.**

No Members of the public joined the meeting.

**04/04/21 County Broadband Presentation.**

Liam Cook from County Broadband joined in the meeting to present to Members of the Council a general introduction about County Broadband. He advised their plan is to build and provide full-fibre broadband access in Abbots Ripton and Wennington.

He advised full-fibre is a service that has been identified to kick-start economic growth in the UK, and is seen as the future-proof provision of broadband to UK homes and businesses.

Liam confirmed there has been an uptake of 10 properties out of 191 that have registered so far. He advised for this project to start he will need 40-45 % of properties to sign up.

He advised he will be in Abbots Ripton and Wennington on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April to talk to residents about their project.

**05/04/21 Solar Farm Fund – Refurbishment of Village Hall toilets.**

Members of the Council had received an email from Matthew Fido the Chairman of the Village Hall requesting the release of £1,835.06 from previously approved solar funds. He advised these funds will be used to instal LED lighting and refurbish both male and female toilets that are in the village hall.

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**06/04/21 To receive and approve the minutes of the previous meetings held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021.**

All were in favour and it was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021.

**07/04/21 Matters arising or carried forward from the previous meeting.**

Column outside 8 Station Road – The clerk advised Members the funds from the insurance claim to replace the light column has now been received.

She advised that Balfour Beatty have now been instructed to complete the works.

**08/04/21 Reports from County and District Councillors.**

Cllr S Bywater advised the following:

- Cambridgeshire County Council are still having ongoing discussions with Anglian Water regarding flooding.
- Abbots Ripton have been successful in their LHI application for 2021-2022.
- Huntingdonshire District Council's Cabinet has agreed to progress Civil Parking Enforcement in Huntingdonshire. This move will see the District Council assume parking enforcement responsibility for on-street (yellow line) offences.

**09/04/21 To approve accounts for payment.**

Havenpower	Street lighting energy - March and April 2021	£126.41
Balfour Beatty	Column replacement outside 8 Station Road	£4,537.18
Capalc	Annual Subscription Charge	£199.00
Clerk	Reimbursement of Bullguard internet security	£49.99
Clerk	Reimbursement of Ink	£40.75
Clerk	Payroll March - April	£598.12
Clerk	Zoom meeting for March and April 2021	£28.78
A Leaver	Little Ran - April 2021	£9.00
Beam	Grass verge cutting order 1	£152.00
IPSL	Materials for refurbishment of toilets at the Village Hall	£906.07
C West	Labour for refurbishment for both male and female toilets at the Village Hall	£1,080.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>£7,727.30</b>

It was **Resolved** that the schedule of payments was approved and **All** were in Favour.

**10/04/21 Consideration and approval of Annual Governance Statement Part 1 (Agar 2020/21)**

The Annual Governance Statement sets out the assurances that Members are required to attest to in Section 1 of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return 2020/21 (otherwise known as the AGAR), together with qualification of each section to enable the Council to provide the required assurance over the signatures of the Chairperson and the Clerk.

This was considered and approved in advance of the Accounting Statements- Section 2 of the AGAR.

It was **RESOLVED** that: -

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The Annual Governance Statement as detailed was considered and approved by the Members for signature by the Chairman and the Clerk prior to the approval of the accounting statements.

## **11/04/21 Approval and consideration of Accounting Statements, Annual Return and Certificate of Exemption (Part 2 Agar 2020/21)**

The purpose of this report was to recommend approval of the Accounting Statements - Section 2 of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return for 2020/21 (otherwise known as the AGAR 2020/21), to approve the Certificate of Exemption & to deal with the content of the Annual Return for the year to the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

The Accounting Statements (Section 2 of the AGAR) was to be considered and approved after the approval of The Annual Governance Statement (Section 1 of the AGAR).

It was **RESOLVED** that: -

**[i]** The detailed accounts and analyses for 2020/21, as submitted, was approved.

**[ii]** The Accounting Statements Section 2 of the AGAR was certified by the Financial Officer and endorsed by the Chairman on approval after the approval of the Annual Governance Statement Section 1 of the AGAR.

**[iii]** The Certificate of Exemption was certified by the Financial Officer and endorsed by the Chairman.

The Clerk confirmed that the approved end of year documents would be sent to the internal auditor for him to carry out his audit checks and report.

## **12/04/21 Planning Application Update.**

2 Rectory Farm - Ref 20/01691/LBC

Members of the council raised their concerns that the colour of the roof tiles that are being used for the above planning application doesn't match the roof tiles of the existing building. It was agreed for the clerk to raise this with the planning department.

## **13/04/21 Wennington Pond.**

Cllr Hemsley advised Wennington Pond needs some maintenance as the grass is overgrown and tress have fallen down. He advised he has received a quotation of £350.00 for these works to be carried out.

Members of the Council **AGREED** for these works to be carried out.

## **14/04/21 Face to Face Meetings From 8<sup>th</sup> May 2021.**

The Clerk advised Members that from 8<sup>th</sup> May 2021 Council meetings will need to be face to face again as the Government have not extended regulations regarding remote meetings.

## **15/04/21 A141 Long Term Development**

No update

## **16/04/21 Health and Safety: To receive an update.**

No update

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**17/04/21**

**Correspondence and Communications.**

- Cambridge Comedy Festival – The clerk advised members that she will email Brian Cleary (Managing Director) to see if there is an update.
- Cllr Leaver advised he and Cllr Miller had a meeting with Hilary Elis from Cambridgeshire County Council regarding issues relating to flooding in the surrounding villages and the issues of water from Alconbury Airfield. He advised Hilary will be having discussions with Urban and Civic regarding this. Cllr Leaver advised he will email Hilary for an update.
- Cllr Hemsley raised the MVAS in Wennington needs to be turned round.

**18/04/21**

**Proposed 2021 dates for Parish Council meetings.**

*4<sup>th</sup> May 2021 (APM AGM), 29<sup>th</sup> June 2021, 24<sup>th</sup> August 2021, 19<sup>th</sup> October 2021, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021.*

**19/04/21**

**Items for next agenda.**

**CLOSE OF MEETING**