

# ABBOTS RIPTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

**A Meeting of Abbots Ripton Parish Council was held on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 19.15pm in Abbots Ripton Village Hall.**

**Present** – Cllr G Richardson (chairman), Cllr J Leaver (vice chairman), Cllr S Brown, Cllr J Hemsley, Cllr D Carter, Cllr R Martin (district), Cllr S Corney (county).

Minutes taken by Cllr J Leaver as clerk was unavailable

13/07/2022

- 01/06/22**      **To receive declarations of interest.**  
Cllr Hemsley – matters pertaining to the Estate.
- 02/06/22**      **To receive and approve apologies for absence.**  
Cllr C Miller & Cllr S Bywater sent their apologies.  
E Pacey (clerk) – absent due to maternity leave.
- 03/06/22**      **Public Participation.**  
No members of the public attended the meeting.
- 04/06/22**      **Reports from County and District Councillors.**  
Cllr Martin advised that letters are to be sent out to households from the District Council outlining the £150 payment to council tax payers from bands A-D.  
The new council members were settling into their new roles.  
Cllr Corney also indicated that newly elected councillors were settling in to their roles and at present most decisions were being dealt with by the Officers of the Council – A clear outline of how the new Council and their agenda would operate was awaited.  
There had been an underspend by the Highways Dept. of £6million which has been placed in reserves. This caused much discussion amongst Parish councillors particularly concerning the poor condition of the Wennington Road. Cllr Hemsley will follow up on this matter and write to the County accordingly.
- 05/06/22**      **To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022 (AGM & APM).**  
It was agreed and approved for the minutes of the meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022 was approved (AGM&APM).
- 06/06/22**      **Financial Officers Report.**  
Appended is a budgetary control statement for the Revenue (Precept) Account as at 17/06/2022 showing expenditure of £4,092.48 and income of £12,130.44 (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.  
  
It was agreed for the Financial Officers Report to be approved.

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**07/06/22 To approve accounts for payment.**

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
Beam	Grass cutting - order 2&3	£304.00
Beam	Grass cutting - order 4	£152.00
Balfour Beatty	Year 2 - maintenance contract	£259.20
E Moore	Reimbursement of 2x benches	£1,250.00
Clerk	Payroll May	£263.16
HMRC	Payroll May	£65.60
HDC	Uncontested election - 2022	£117.58
Clerk	Stationery	£83.20
<b>Total</b>		<b>£2,494.74</b>

It was agreed and approved for the above payments to be made.

There was a brief discussion on whether it would be appropriate for the Parish Council to have a debit card. The Chairman will discuss this with the Clerk.

**08/06/22 Planning Application Update.**

**21/02632/FUL** - Manor Farm Wennington Road Wennington - Conversion of former agricultural farm buildings to 7 residential dwellings. Revised scheme to planning application 17/02307/FUL (part implemented) – **Abbots Ripton PC approve this planning application.**

**22/00774/FUL** - Public House The Abbots Elm Moat Lane - Erection of an outdoor temporary moveable structure. - **Abbots Ripton PC approve this planning application.**

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

**09/06/22 Update on LHI 2021-2022.**

The Chairman and Cllr Miller recently met with a Highways Officer to discuss the 21/22 Local Highways Initiative proposals and an alternative scheme by the Highways Dept. will be circulated to the Parish Council for consideration at a reduced cost. There was a brief discussion on the local plastic piping company (?) based in St Peters Road not using the road through the village as a short cut to the A1. The Clerk to write a polite letter asking the company to refrain.

**10/06/22 Quotation for Street Light Upgrades.**

Discussion took place on the report from our contractors Balfour Beatty concerning the upgrading and condition of Abbots Ripton street lights.

Further information was requested from Balfour Beatty concerning the cost of the lamp column replacement in Station Road to match the new Lamp recently installed. This will be discussed again at our next meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> August. Clerk to request this information.

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- 11/06/22**      **Direction of the PC, Short and Long Terms Plans/Aims.**  
Cllr Carter raised the issue of a play park in the village as mentioned in the Parish Plan. Cllr Carter was given the background information concerning the siting /supervision/costings of our previous investigations.  
It was suggested that he might canvas opinions in the village on this topic and bring any information to the Parish Council in due course.
- 12/06/22**      **Correspondence and Communications.**  
Brief discussion on a new broadband Company (County Broadband) wishing to come to the village. There will 10 minutes at next PC meeting to explain their offer.
- 13/06/22**      **Health and Safety Update.**  
Health and Safety report will be completed before the next PC meeting.
- 14/06/22**      **Proposed 2022 dates for Parish Council meetings.**  
9<sup>th</sup> August, 13<sup>th</sup> September, 8<sup>th</sup> November.
- 15/06/22**      **Items for next agenda.**

**CLOSE OF MEETING – 21:00**