

ABBOTS RIPTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES 28th February 2023.

A Meeting of Abbots Ripton Parish Council was held on 28th February 2023 at 19.15pm in Abbots Ripton Village Hall.

Present: Cllr G Richardson (chairman), Cllr J Leaver (vice chairman), Cllr C Miller, Cllr S Brown, Cllr D Carter, Cllr J Hemsley, Cllr S Bywater (District), one member of the public.

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

07/03/2023

- 01/02/23** **To receive declarations of interest.**
Cllr C Miller – matters pertaining the Estate.
- 02/02/23** **To receive and approve apologies for absence.**
Cllr S Corney (County) and Cllr R Martin (District) sent their apologies.
- 03/02/23** **Public Participation.**
Daisy Smallpage gave members of the PC a presentation on installing a pedestrian crossing along Station Road. The PC agreed to contact Karen Lunn from Highways regarding this and would investigate applying for the crossing under Local Highways Initiative 2024/2025. It was also raised the white zig zag lines outside Abbots Ripton School have faded, the clerk advised she will report this to Highways.
- 04/02/23** **Reports from County and District Councillors.**
Cllr S Bywater advised the following –
- 3.31% increase in Council Tax for 2024/2025 for band D properties.
 - HDC are looking at the possibility of charging residents for the green bin waste, this could be from 2024/2025.
 - Funding is available under the Community Chest Grant for community spaces.
 - Leisure Industry continues to struggle and is currently running at a deficit.
 - Peterborough and Cambridgeshire Combined Authority have charged each household an extra £12.00 per year on their Council Tax bill for public transport.
- 05/02/23** **To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 10th January 2023.**
It was agreed to approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 10th January 2023; all were in favour.
- 06/02/23** **Financial Officers Report.**
Appended is a budgetary control statement for the Revenue (Precept) Account as at 25/02/2023 showing expenditure of £12,499.49 and income of £12,240.73 (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 to approve the financial officers report, all were in favour.

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07/02/23 **To approve accounts for payment.**

Payee	Description	Amount £
Clerk	Payroll February 2023	£280.43
HMRC	Payroll February 2023	£70.00
Drax	Energy Bills – Feb	£66.58
Cambs Acre	Membership	£60.00
Zen	Annual domain renewal	£107.84
Total		£584.85

It was agreed to approve the above schedule of payments, all were in favour.

08/02/23 **Planning Application Update.**

23/00119/HHFUL - 1 New England Cottages Wennington Road Wennington - Erection of single storey rear extension, removal of existing dormer, internal alterations. – **Abbots Ripton PC have no objection to this planning application.**

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

09/02/23 **Woodwalton Parish Council.**

An email has been received from Huntingdon DC advising yet again they are facing a situation with Woodwalton Parish Council where three out of their four existing Parish Councillors have resigned leaving them inquorate yet again. The Parish Council has been through a succession of Parish Clerks, both permanent and temporary, and are again without a Parish Clerk. HDC wish to start a discussion with neighbouring PC of the possibility of grouping the parish with a neighbouring parish to allow a common parish council to be formed. This is an exercise that would need the consent of all parties to take forward through a Community Governance Review. Abbots Ripton PC agreed this is not something they wish to take forward, all were in favour.

10/02/23 **Alconbury Weald Update.**

Cllr J Leaver advised the following update on Alconbury Weald -

- Key Stage 3 will start in 2024, this will contain Co – Op Store, outdoor markets, 2000 dwellings, primary and secondary school.
- MAGPAS works has now started and is due to open in 2024.
- AM Fresh will have an 8000 square meters warehouse.
- A developer has been appointed for the Country Park phase.
- Phase 1 of the plan will deliver 1700 homes.
- Cllr Leaver advised he raised the Bury Brook that runs through Abbots Ripton is very high and there is still a high risk of flooding at Abbots Ripton, a meeting will hopefully be set up soon to discuss this with U&C.

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Website upgrade.

The clerk advised she is waiting for the quotation for the PC website upgrade, this will be added to April's agenda.

12/02/23

Balfour Beatty Quotation – Streetlight PC05.

The clerk advised she is waiting for the quotation from Balfour Beatty, this will be added to April's agenda.

13/02/23

Correspondence and Communications.

- Cambridgeshire County Council 20mph application –Abbots Ripton PC agreed to apply for this application, it was agreed to start a petition and obtain support from residents. The decision for the location of the 20mph speed limit will be agreed at April's meeting.
- County Broadband – a green box has been installed on the grass verge which is owned by the PC. The clerk advised she is seeking legal advice regarding this and will update members of the PC at April's meeting.

14/02/23

Health and Safety Update.

Cllr J Hemsley advised the following –

- A new salt bin outside the village shop is needed.
- B1090 (as you come into Abbots Ripton) the road is in a poor condition.
- Road signs in the village have been turned around.
- Both verges on the C119 road are in poor condition.

The clerk advised she will report the above to Highways.

15/02/23

Proposed 2023 dates for Parish Council meetings.

11th April 2023, 9th May 2023 (AGM & APM)

16/02/23

Items for next agenda.

- Website Upgrade.
- CCC 20mph application.
- Balfour Beatty Quotation.

CLOSE OF MEETING – 21:00