

ABBOTS RIPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES 11th April 2023

A Meeting of Abbots Ripton Parish Council was held on 11th April 2023 at 19.15pm in Abbots Ripton Village Hall.

Present – Cllr G Richardson (chairman), Cllr J Leaver (vice chairman), Cllr S Brown, Cllr D Carter, Cllr C Miller, Cllr J Hemsley, Cllr R Martin (district), Cllr S Corney and 21 members of the public.

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

18/04/2023

01/04/23 Public Participation.

3 members of the public advised the PC their comments / concerns regarding Grange Farm Events Application 268040..

02/04/23 To receive declarations of interest.

Cllr C Miller – Matters pertaining the estate.
Cllr J Hemsley – Matters pertaining the estate.

03/04/23 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Cllr S Bywater sent his apologies.

04/04/23 Grange Farm Events Application 268040.

Members of the PC raised their comments / concerns on Grange Farm events application 268040.

Cllr J Leaver advised the licence application is very vague and it is very concerning that there is no review date on the application. Cllr D Carter raised his concerns on the level of traffic this would bring into the village. Cllr S Brown proposed that the Application be supported only if it were amended from being open ended, to expiring in two years, ie active for 2023 and 2024 only. This would then require re-application for future events. This compromise would allow the Applicant to demonstrate that the intended events and the execution of the measures mitigating disturbance to the village were effective whilst giving some opportunity for re-evaluation by the community based on experience during 23/24. It was agreed for Cllr S Brown proposal to be passed for comment to the Licensing Department. Cllr J Leaver, Cllr S Brown and Cllr G Richardson were in favour. Cllr D Carter opposed and Cllr C Miller and Cllr J Hemsley did not vote due to declarations of interest.

The clerk advised she will reply with the PC comments to HDC.

05/04/23 Reports from County and District Councillors.

Cllr R Martin advised the following –

- HDC Budget increased by 3.31% and will be increasing for the next 5 years.
- HDC are looking to impose a cost for collection of the green bin waste.
- HDC Local Plan is being updated.

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- Consultation is now open for Call for Sites, this gives an early opportunity for individuals, landowners and developers to suggest sites for development over the next 20 years.

Cllr S Corney advised the following –

- Due to the elections on the 4th May, purdah has been put in place.
- CCC has increased there CTAX cost.
- Combined Authority has added £11.00 for their charge.
- GCP congestion charge through Cambridge has been agreed.
- C2C Cambourne to Cambridge Bus Route has been agreed.
- Cllr Miller raised the issue regarding the increase volume of water from Alconbury Weald and he is very frustrated that there is still no update / solution. Cllr S Corney advised he keeps pushing for an update but he still isn't getting any answers.

06/04/23 To receive and approve the minutes of the previous meetings held on the 28th February 2023.

It was agreed to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 28th February 2023, all were in favour.

07/04/23 To approve accounts for payment.

Payee	Description	Amount £
Clerk	Payroll April	£280.43
HMRC	Payroll April	£70.00
CAPALC	Membership	£217.32
E Pacey	Reimbursement of Norton Membership (laptop)	£49.99
Beam	Grass Cutting	£152.00
Total		£769.74

It was agreed and approved to pay the above schedule of payments, all were in favour.

08/04/23 Consideration and approval of Annual Governance Statement Part 1 (Agar 2022/23)

The Annual Governance Statement sets out the assurances that Members are required to attest to in Section 1 of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return 2022/23 (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: -

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.

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09/04/23 Approval and consideration of Accounting Statements, Annual Return and Certificate of Exemption (Part 2 Agar 2022/23)

The purpose of this report was to recommend approval of the Accounting Statements - Section 2 of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return for 2022/23 (otherwise known as the AGAR 2022/23), to approve the Certificate of Exemption & to deal with the content of the Annual Return for the year to the 31st March 2023.

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 2022/23, 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.

10/04/23 Planning Application Update.

- 23/00516/HHFUL - 1 New England Cottages Wennington Road Wennington - Erection of single storey side extension to form annexe, removal of existing dormer to first floor, new Juliette balcony and skylights at first floor.

The PC have no objection to this planning application.

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

11/04/23 County Broadband – Box installed on PC land.

The clerk advised she contacted Capalc regarding the issue of County Broadband installing an electric box on the PC land and they advised that we should seek legal advice. It was agreed for the clerk to email County Broadband regarding this and the PC should seek rent / compensation for this.

12/04/23 Balfour Beatty Quotation Q4322 - Lantern replacement.

The PC agreed the quotation that has been provided is just for a normal street light and it wouldn't fit within a conservation area. It was agreed to seek a quotation for an ornate style lantern.

13/04/23 20mph speed limit application.

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A petition has been completed for the application of the 20mph speed limit. It was agreed for the application to be the whole of Abbots Ripton and Wennington. Cllr S Brown and the clerk will complete this application within the timescale.

- 14/04/23** **Health and Safety: To receive an update.**
Pot holes and road signs still remain a big issue and Highways still have a massive backlog.
- 15/04/23** **Correspondence and Communications.**
Proposed road closure, Wennington Road - 10/06 – 11/06/2023 and 17/06 – 18/06/2023.
- 16/04/23** **Proposed 2023 dates for Parish Council meetings.**
2nd May 2023 (APM AGM), 27th June 2023 ,22nd August 2023, 17th October 2023, 28th November 2023.
- 17/04/23** **Items for next agenda.**

20:45pm CLOSE OF MEETING