

Abbots Ripton Parish Council

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A Minutes of Abbots Ripton Parish Council¹ meeting held on Tuesday 10th October 2023 at 7.30pm at: Abbots Ripton Village Hall, The Green, Abbots Ripton, PE28 2PF

Present; Steven Brown (SB – Vice Chairman, Colin Miller (CM), Victoria Wilson (VW), Samantha Sharp (SS – Clerk and RFO), Ross Martin – District Councillor

And 8 members of the public.

Members: 6 Quorum: 3

MINUTES

0035/10-23 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Cllr Hemsley, Cllr Carter and Cllr Richardson

The Council Accepted these apologies.

0036/10-23 To receive Disclosable Interests Declarations.

Members of the Council are subject to the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interest) Regulations 2012. All dispensation requests must be made to the Clerk prior to the meeting.

CM – Abbots Ripton Estate

Meeting Closed - 1931

00037/10-23 Public participation.

To allow up to 10 minutes (2 minutes per person) for any members of the public and councillors declaring the existence and nature of a prejudicial interest to address the meeting in relation to the business on this agenda.

Parishioner highlighted a lack of events at the Village Hall. Cllr Wilson will take this to the next Village Hall committee meeting, scheduled for the 1st November 2023.

Meeting Opened - 1933

0038/10-23 Reports from District and County Councillors

£57.50 charge for all green bins is being implemented across the whole Huntingdonshire District. Letters will be sent to all households during December 2023.

0039/10-23 To receive a report on the Secret Garden Party.

¹Local Government Act 1972, schedule 12, paragraph 7 (2).

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Appendix A

0040/10-23 Appointments to Outside Bodies – Councillor Reports

0040/10-23.1 Village Hall

0040/10-23.1.1

Report from Councillor Wilson
Recently appointed as the Parish Council representative.
Meeting on the 25th September was cancelled, the next meeting is 1st November 2023.

There are 2 appliances that need replacing in the kitchen.

A gift of £330 was proposed to the WI for a projector and speaker. Cllr Wilson challenged this request, although this was already promised by the committee to the WI.

Meeting minutes, standing orders and financial regulations have been requested by Cllr Wilson, however this is yet to be received.

0040/10-23.1.2

Regularity and record of Village Hall Committee Meetings and AGM

The Deed of Trust states the regularity of meetings and yearly AGM's.

Cllr Brown requests for the minutes of the AGM of 2023, if no meeting has been held, then a meeting should be called at the earliest convenience in line with the Deed of Trust.

Village Hall Committee meetings are held every 6 weeks, with the next scheduled for 1st November 2023.

0040/10-23.1.3

Denial of village resident request for a regular event booking.

Cllr Brown requests that within the forementioned letter, the Chairman is asked to reconsider the denied booking. Under Schedule 1, there appears to be no conflict of interest or reason to deny the booking.

0040/10-23.2 Flood Forum

Cllr Miller - No meetings have taken place since the last meeting.

0040/10-23.3 Alconbury Weald

Cllr Brown – Joint Parishes Meeting was held during September. A face to face meeting has been requested and will be held prior to the next Parish Council Meeting.

0040/10-23.4 Speedwatch

Cllr Carter – Unavailable for the meeting.

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The new chicane that has been installed is for pedestrian safety.

0041/10-23 To approve minutes of the meeting on 11th July 2023.

Minutes have been circulated among all Councillors and will be signed at the next meeting.

0042/10-23 Matters arising from minutes of 11th July 2023.

0042/10-23.1 Street Light for Station Road

Cllr Carter and the Clerk will work on researching the options as the original quote was significantly more than expected.

0042/10-23.2 County Broadband – Installation of equipment

Cllr Hemsley and the Clerk will request a monthly rental fee from County Broadband.

0042/10-23.3 Coronation Mugs

Still outstanding. Due to the time taken, it was resolved to retract this initiative.

0042/10-23.4 Wooden boundary along School Lane

The wooden fence is now rotten and leaning.

Cllr Miller will research the land registry regarding who owns the land so that a request can be made to remove the post and fence.

0043/10-23 Finance

0043/10-23.1 Update on accounts to date

Unity Trust Bank account in process of being set up.

NatWest Business Current Account - £14,158.31

NatWest Business Reserve Account 1 - £26,055.25

NatWest Business Reserve Account 2 - £15,278.04

0043/10-23.2 To approve accounts for payment

Zurich Insurance - £257.60

0043/10-23.3 Monthly bank reconciliations

Due to the change of bank accounts, the reconciliation will be deferred to the next meeting.

0044/10-23 To ratify the insurance decision for Abbots Ripton Parish Council – Expires 1st October 2023

Zurich Insurance - £257.60

SB Proposed
VW Seconded

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All in Favour

RESOLVED

0045/10-23 **Update Council Standing Orders and Policies**

All policies, standing orders and financial regulations require reviewing yearly. The Clerk will do this ready for the 30th January 2024.

0046/10-23 **Update on Current LHI Bids and 20mph Zoning**

Cllr Brown confirmed that the 20mph application was submitted but the Council has heard nothing. The Clerk will contact the Council and ask the reason behind the decline in funding.

LHI isn't until the end of October. A belisha beacons has been previously quoted at between £50,000 and £55,000. An LHI Bid will only cover up to £25,000 with the rest payable by the Parish Council. Cllr Brown proposed that this is made a full agenda item with a full Council in November 2023.

0047/10-23 **Website and Email Addresses for Councillors**

Councillor specific email addresses are required.

The Clerk was given delegated powers to get this actioned as soon as possible. The Clerk will speak to the Chair and Vice Chair prior to submitting.

0048/10-23 **Correspondence and Communications**

The estate has requested a full update on all action regarding the Village Hall.

0049/10-23 **Matters as agenda items for future consideration**

No decision can be made under this item²

No items for future consideration raised.

0050/10-23 **To resolve the dates of the next Parish Council meetings.**

- Tuesday 28th November 2023 – 1930 (Budget and Precept)
- Tuesday 30th January 2024 – 1930
- Tuesday 19th March 2024 – 1930 (Annual Meeting of the Parish)
- Tuesday 21st May 2024 – 1930 (Annual Council Meeting)

Meeting Closed - 2042

² Local Government Act 1972, s12 10(2) (b)

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Appendix A



The Secret Garden Party took place on Grange Farm from Jul 20th-23rd July.

We hosted about 17,000 people on the site.

The event was largely very successful, with a great deal of complimentary press and personal reviews following.

Very few incidents occurred, and our security provision was exemplary, and the police worked with us in a collaborative manner to ensure that any reports of crime were dealt with quickly and effectively.

There were no reported issues caused by the increase traffic on the roads.

The litter was minimal and cleared away very quickly.

There were only minor issues of any medical or welfare nature and our very full provision dealt with those quickly and effectively – there was no negative impact on the emergency services.

There were a small number of calls regarding sound levels. Sound was carefully monitored and remained within our licensed levels but nevertheless any calls were answered, and consideration given.

The festival goers were able to swim in the Main Lake for the first time in many years as Blue Green Algae was not an issue for us this year – we are continuing to closely monitor the lake which is clean and free from excessive nutrients.

Although the weather was not on our side the land has not suffered unduly and will make a speedy recovery.

All About Love Festival took place from 2nd-7th August.

This was the first event on our site at Grange Farm under the new event license.

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We hosted about 3000 people on our site. This was a wellness and healing festival which was alcohol free.

The event passed without issue. There was no impact to traffic and none to our emergency services.

There were a couple of calls with regards to sound, the monitoring showed that the sound was within limits and each case given consideration.

One concern was raised that we had not communicated to the local residents that it was to be one of our 3 permitted larger/late licensed events – we will ensure that in the future that is conveyed in the letter to local residents.

Future Events

We have submitted an Event Management Plan to licensing for a seasonal Winter event in December. This is to be an event under our small events permission, therefore the finishing times for licensable activity will be 11pm daily, although it is likely to be earlier on most days. It is hoped that this event will run Thursday-Sunday from 7th December-31st December. The purpose is to provide a seasonal event for local families and groups of friends to enjoy lights, food, drinks and entertainment. Maximum of 100 attendees are likely at any one time. It is expected that the impact on local residents will be negligible as there will be no sound systems that could have any impact and traffic will be staggered. Footpaths will remain open and usable.

We are in the process of establishing an events calendar for 2024- Secret Garden Party is planned for July 25th-28th 2024 and it is hoped that there will be a number of additional events, most of which will be curated 'in-house.'

Signed by Chairman_____