

Abbots Ripton Parish Council

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A Minutes of Abbots Ripton Parish Council¹ meeting held on Tuesday 5th December 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

Members: 6 Quorum: 3

AGENDA

0051/12-23 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Cllr Carter and Cllr Martin - Accepted

0052/12-23 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

00053/12-23 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.

None Present

0054/12-23 Reports from District and County Councillors

Early bird discount for the green bin emptying service from April 2024.
Council Tax Support Scheme to be discussed at full Council week commencing 11th December. This will require a 6% uplift for Parish Councils.
Clarification required from the District Council regarding this cost.

0055/12-23 Appointments to Outside Bodies – Councillor Reports

0055/12-23.1 Village Hall

Cllr Wilson provided a full report on the meeting of the Village Hall Committee on the 14th November 2023. Finances and bookings were discussed during the meeting including the future events calendar of the village hall. Minutes of this meeting can be requested from the Secretary of the Village Hall Committee.

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

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0055/12-23.2 Flood Forum

No meeting requests have been received recently. Clerk will make contact and ensure that we are on the correct mailing lists.

0055/12-23.3 Alconbury Weald

Nothing to report.

0055/12-23.4 Speedwatch

Deferred til the next meeting.

0056/12-23 To approve minutes of the meeting on 10th October 2023.

The minutes were circulated amongst the Councillors prior to the meeting to ensure this is a true and accurate representation of the meetings.

SB Proposed

VW Seconded

All in favour

RESOLVED

0057/12-23 Matters arising from minutes of 10th October 2023.

0057/12-23.1 Street Light for Station Road

Ongoing project. Clerk and Cllr Miller to continue with this.

0057/12-23.2 County Broadband – Installation of equipment

Cllr Hemsley to request £5,000.00 yearly rental fee.

0057/12-23.3 Website and Email Addresses for Councillors

All Councillors have a designated email address. Check that the correct

0058/12-23 Finance

0058/12-23.1 Update on accounts to date

Natwest Accounts are now empty. Action to close the accounts are now with the Clerk. 4 Councillors are currently on the banking mandate. Remaining Councillors will be spoken to by the Clerk as to whether they wish to be on the banking mandate.

0058/12-23.2 To approve accounts for payment

Training payments to CAPALC Ltd.

0058/12-23.3 Monthly bank reconciliations

Current Account - **£3,292.02**

Savings Account - **£50,000.00**

Total - £53,292.02

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0059/12-23 To approve the budget for 2024/25

The budget was circulated amongst the Councillors prior to the meeting for comment.

GR Proposed

SB Seconded

All in favour

RESOLVED

0060/12-23 To approve the precept request for 2024/25

A precept of £13,000 was proposed for 2024/25. This is the same rate that was requested for 2023/24.

GR Proposed

SB Seconded

All in favour

RESOLVED

0061/12-23 To discuss and resolve an application for 20mph Zoning

Application period is the 15th January 2024 til the 15th March 2024.

Cllr Brown proposed that the Council reapplies for this.

VW Proposed

JH Seconded

RESOLVED

0062/12-23 To discuss and resolve an application for an LHI Bid for a Zebra Crossing

Application period is the 30th October 2023 til the 12th January 2024.

Due to the cost implications the Council will pursue further funding aspects to support the significant cost. A Parish Consultation requested to gage the views of the Parish.

0063/12-23 To discuss and resolve an application for footpath widening – Foxenfields and Wennington Lane

The land in question and the school car park are owned by the County Council. The Estate owns the woodland. The fences in question are owned by the County Council. Clerk to report this to highways.

0064/12-23 Planning – To Discuss and resolve the Parish Council comments on the following application

- 23/02276/HHFUL - 7 Station Road Abbots Ripton Huntingdon - Erection of first floor and single storey extension to rear of dwelling

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Parish Council had no concerns over this application and proposed to approve this application.

JH Proposed

SB Seconded

RESOLVED

0065/12-23 Correspondence and Communications

Correspondence from CAPALC Ltd regarding their AGM. Cllr Hemsley will attend on behalf on the Council.

Cllr Brown attended the recent Planning training which was feedback to be worthwhile.

0066/12-23 Matters as agenda items for future consideration

No decision can be made under this item²

Health and Safety – numerous hedges are overgrown and covering road signage. Item to be added to the standard agenda.

0067/12-23 To resolve the dates of the next Parish Council meetings.

- Tuesday 30th January 2024 – 1930
- Tuesday 19th March 2024 – 1930 (Annual Meeting of the Parish)
- Tuesday 21st May 2024 – 1930 (Annual Council Meeting)

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