

Abbots Ripton Parish Council

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Meeting of Abbots Ripton Parish Council¹ held on Tuesday 21st May at 7.30pm at:
Abbots Ripton Village Hall, Abbots Ripton, Huntingdon PE28 2PF

Members: 6 Quorum: 3

MINUTES

**This meeting was delayed due to the overrun of the Annual Meeting of the Electorate –
the meeting began at 1955**

Present; John Hemsley (JH – Chairman), Victoria Wilson (VW), Darren Carter (DC), Steve Brown (SB), Samantha Sharp (SS – Clerk and RFO) and 0 members of the public.

**0001/05-24 To elect the Chairman of the Council for the municipal year until the
Annual Meeting in 2025, and receive the Chairman’s declaration of
acceptance**

JH Self-nominated

SB Seconded

All in Favour

RESOLVED

**0002/05-24 To elect the Vice Chairman of the Council for the municipal year until
the Annual Meeting in 2025, and receive the Vice Chairman’s declaration
of acceptance**

SB Self-nominated

JH Seconded

All in Favour

RESOLVED

0003/05-24 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

None Received

0004/05-24 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.

None Declared

Meeting Closed - 2007

0005/05-24 Public participation.

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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.

Meeting Opened - 2007

0006/05-24 To receive an update from the Local County Councillor.

None received

0007/05-24 To receive an update from the Local District Councillors.

Appendix A

0008/05-24 To approve minutes of the meeting on 19th March 2024.

PR Proposed

RR Seconded

All in Favour

RESOLVED

0009/05-24 Matters arising from minutes of 19th March 2024.

0009/05-24.1 Street Light for Station Road – Clerk

Street light - nothing further to report at this time.

Electricity is still at being charged at an exceptional rate. Cllr Hemsley has researched several options for a fairer rate for the existing street lights.

0009/05-24.2 County Broadband – Cllr Hemsley

Contact has been received from County Broadband but still requires to prove the ownership of the land. Cllr Hemsley will continue to investigate.

0009/05-24.3 Website migration – Clerk

Nothing further to report at this time

0009/05-24.4 School Boundary – Clerk

Nothing further to report at this time

0009/05-24.5 Traffic PPE – Clerk

Nothing further to report at this time

0009/05-24.6 New School Signs – Clerk

Nothing further to report at this time

0010/05-24 To resolve the use of the General Power of Competence for the municipal year until the Annual Meeting in 2025

JH Proposed

DC Seconded

All in favour

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0011/05-24 To discuss the bus timetable changes and resolve any further action required

Parishioner believed to see a bus within the area, however no bus routes are scheduled to pass through Abbots Ripton.

0012/05-24 To discuss Village appearance, including but limited to pathways, hedges and planters

Maintenance of the village is of grave concern for the Council and Parishioners. A working party to come together and organise several events was proposed by Cllr Brown.

1st priority area is the school lane area, to include strimming, and removal of broken fencing. Cllr Brown, Carter and Wilson will work together to action this.

Audley cottages – the maintenance of the verge, front gardens and gates of the property – Cllr Brown to draft a letter.

Village Sign – Clerk to research options.

0013/5-24 Finance

0013/05-24.1 To approve accounts for payment.

May 2024

Date	Payee	Description	Amount
31/05/24	Samantha Sharp	Clerk Salary – May 2024	Confidential
31/05/24	HMRC	Clerk Tax and NI	£70.10
31/05/24	Samantha Sharp	Working From Home Allowance	£25.00

June 2024

Date	Payee	Description	Amount
30/06/24	Samantha Sharp	Clerk Salary – June 2024	Confidential
30/06/24	HMRC	Clerk Tax and NI	£70.10
30/06/24	Samantha Sharp	Working From Home Allowance	£25.00

0013/05-24.2 Monthly bank reconciliations – March and April.
Appendix B

0014/05-24 Matters as agenda items for future consideration

No decision can be made under this item²
Health and Safety to be added as a future item.

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

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Alconbury Weald – to be added as a future item. Next phase of housing has been confirmed. Cllr Brown has a meeting with the parish liaison officer. Noise complaints have been a reoccurring theme. Report to be affixed to the minutes and uploaded to the website.

Appendix C

Co-Option – the Clerk informed the Council of the co-option policy and the next steps following the official vacancy being advertised.

20mph – Update on the process added to the agenda.

0015/05-24 To resolve the date of the next Parish Council meeting.

- Tuesday 25th June 2024 – 7pm at Abbots Ripton Village Hall – AGAR Meeting and review of Internal Audit
- Tuesday 30th July 2024 – 7pm at Abbots Ripton Village Hall
- Tuesday 10th September – 7pm at Abbots Ripton Village Hall

Meeting Closed – 2124

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Appendix A

AGM ANNUAL REPORT FOR PARISH COUNCILS - SAWTRY & STILTON DIVISION **COUNTY COUNCILLOR SIMON BYWATER April 2024**

I am continually amazed by the unwavering dedication of our local voluntary groups who continuously step up to support individuals and communities within our area. To each and every one of you, I extend my heartfelt gratitude.

Since my last annual update, it has been a bustling year, marked by the recent budget decisions made by both Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC) and Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC), reflecting in the council tax bills you've recently received. Regrettably, both councils opted for the maximum increase in their portions of the council tax bills. Considering the financial strains many households face, I could not in good conscience support this decision by the joint administrations. I also stand firmly against the 200% increase in the Mayor's precept for residents, and I remain sceptical about how this will genuinely enhance bus services for all of us in this part of North West Cambridgeshire.

I wish to draw attention to a recent CCC budget vote concerning the allocation of funds for Highways Maintenance. Despite efforts to boost the budget by an additional £21 million, the proposed budget amendment I endorsed was unfortunately not approved. This decision was made by the Liberal Democrat, Labour, Independent coalition-led administration. It's disheartening to note that this coalition has consistently opposed increased funding for Highways Maintenance over the past three years, despite the urgent need for improved road repairs and the very Cambridge City centric led approach the CCC has.

I acknowledge that many of you have observed the deteriorating state of our roads and the perceived lack of accountability from contractors. It's clear that there are issues surrounding the allocation and management of funds. Despite significant frustrations, I have achieved some local victories in ensuring the treatment and repair of certain roads and pavements. However, it remains an ongoing battle to ensure our voices are heard and that our local roads, as well as areas under the responsibility of the County Council, receive the necessary attention.

I urge you to continue reporting any highways issues to the CCC, as your feedback is invaluable in addressing these concerns. You can report any highways issue here <https://highwaysreporting.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/>

Throughout the year, I've engaged with a diverse range of individuals, partners, and stakeholders to ensure both councils are striving to deliver their best for our communities. This includes my work on the Fire Authority.

Rest assured, I am committed to persistently working at the local level, advocating for residents, and especially ensuring that the joint administrations overseeing our councils are held accountable.

Best wishes

Simon

Cllr Simon Bywater

"Be motivated, Be adventurous, Be efficient and Be Excellent"

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Appendix B

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RAF ALCONBURY - BACKGROUND NOISE MONITORING REPORT

REPORT PREPARED BY JOHN F HUNT LTD

Report Reference:	002	Author:	Tom Seath
Report Date:	23.04.24	Authorised by:	Jonathan Cooper
Core Site Working Periods:	Weekdays – 08:00 hrs to 18:00 hrs Saturdays – 08:00 hrs to 13:00 hrs	Monitoring Period:	29.04.24

Monitoring Locations and Work Area



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Noise Policy and Further Information

Equivalent Continuous Sound Pressure Level, or Leq/LAeq, is the constant noise level that would result in the same total sound energy being produced over a given period. It is the average during the time period. The 1 hour trigger levels are higher than the 10 hour, as if we exceed the 1 hour levels then we will reduce noisy working times or stop works altogether, which will reduce the overall noise average.

British Standard BS 5228-1:2009: 2014 Code of practice for noise and vibration control on construction and open sites – Part 1 Noise, provides guideline levels for assessing the effects of noise on humans.

Table E.1 Example threshold of significant effect at dwellings

Assessment category and threshold value period (L_{Aeq})	Threshold value, in decibels (dB)		
	Category A ^{A)}	Category B ^{B)}	Category C ^{C)}
Night-time (23.00–07.00)	45	50	55
Evenings and weekends ^{D)}	55	60	65
Daytime (07.00–19.00) and Saturdays (07.00–13.00)	65	70	75

NOTE 1 A significant effect has been deemed to occur if the total L_{Aeq} noise level, including construction, exceeds the threshold level for the Category appropriate to the ambient noise level.

NOTE 2 If the ambient noise level exceeds the threshold values given in the table (i.e. the ambient noise level is higher than the above values), then a significant effect is deemed to occur if the total L_{Aeq} noise level for the period increases by more than 3 dB due to construction activity.

NOTE 3 Applied to residential receptors only.

^{A)} Category A: threshold values to use when ambient noise levels (when rounded to the nearest 5 dB) are less than these values.

^{B)} Category B: threshold values to use when ambient noise levels (when rounded to the nearest 5 dB) are the same as category A values.


^{C)} Category C: threshold values to use when ambient noise levels (when rounded to the nearest 5 dB) are higher than category A values.

^{D)} 19.00–23.00 weekdays, 13.00–23.00 Saturdays and 07.00–23.00 Sundays.

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<p>Monitoring Site 1 5 Minute Recording 08/05/24</p>		<p>Measurement 1 – Facing Demolition Works 48.6dB</p> <p>Measurement 2 – Facing Building Works 61.7dB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Works occurring on site during monitoring.

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Monitoring Site	Pictures of Monitoring Site	Results of Noise Monitoring	Contributing Factors and works at Monitoring Site
Monitoring Site A 5 Minute Recording 08/05/24		49.1dB	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Delivery Lorry entering at Location A

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Monitoring Site	Pictures of Monitoring Site	Results of Noise Monitoring	Contributing Factors and works at Monitoring Site
Monitoring Site A 5 Minute Recording 08/05/24		53dB	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Delivery Lorry entering at Location A – Vehicle Reversing

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<p>Monitoring Site A 5 Minute Recording 08/05/24</p>		<p>43.51B</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Hammering occurring on site during monitoring.

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Monitoring Site	Pictures of Monitoring Site	Results of Noise Monitoring	Contributing Factors and works at Monitoring Site
Monitoring Site A 5 Minute Recording 08/05/24	 A photograph showing a hand holding a TOPTES noise meter. The meter's screen displays '45.2B'. The background shows an outdoor area with a fence and some vegetation.	45.2B	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Normal Background Noise

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Monitoring Site	Pictures of Monitoring Site	Results of Noise Monitoring	Contributing Factors and works at Monitoring Site
Monitoring Site C 5 Minute Recording 08/05/24		79.6B	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hammer in Operation

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