

Abbots Ripton Parish Council

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A meeting of Abbots Ripton Parish Council¹ was held on Tuesday 30th July at 7.00pm at: Abbots Ripton Village Hall, Abbots Ripton, Huntingdon PE28 2PF

Present; John Hemsley (JH – Chairman), Victoria Wilson (VW), Darren Carter (DC), Steve Brown (SB), Samantha Sharp (SS – Clerk and RFO), John Kelly (JK), 2 members of the public and 1 District Councillors – Cllr Martin.

Members: 6 Quorum: 3

MINUTES

0028/07-24 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

All Councillors present.

Councillor Bywater sent apologies.

0029/07-24 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

Meeting Closed - 1902

0030/07-24 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.

Meeting Opened – 1903

The Council resolved that item 0039/07-24 would be moved to follow item 0030/07-24
Cllr Hemsley proposed
Cllr Brown seconded

0031/07-24 To consider the co-option of parish councillors (one vacancy).

1 application received from a local parishioner.

Kevin Mills presented his nomination to the Council.

JH Proposed the acceptance of Kevin Mills

JK Seconded

All in Favour

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

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Councillor Mills signed the declaration of office and will return the register of interest to the District Council.

0032/07-24 To receive an update from the Local County Councillor.

None received.

0033/07-24 To receive an update from the Local District Councillors.

New government appointed since the last meeting.

September – New revised local plan being proposed. Ensure that the Parish response is inline with the wants and wishes of the Parish.

Community Health and Wealth Strategy is a current project of the County Council and requests the support of Parish Council.

Parish Forum in October 24th at The Burgees Centre in St Ives.

0034/07-24 To approve minutes of the meeting on 26th June 2024.

SB Proposed
VW Seconded
All in Favour
RESOLVED

0035/07-24 Matters arising from minutes of 26th June 2024.

0035/07-24.1 Street Light for Station Road – Clerk

Maintenance requested by the Clerk. Clerk to chase this request.

0035/07-24.2 County Broadband – Cllr Hemsley

Due to the land being common land, the rental offered to the Council is £500 a year. Cllr Hemsley will have this figured confirmed.

0035/07-24.3 Website migration – Clerk

No further update – Clerk to contact the company and research other options.

0035/07-24.4 School Boundary – Cllr Carter

Cllr Carter has requested 3 quotes and additionally went out for a further 2 quotes. 2 quotes received of various values.

Company 1

£1160 for vegetation removal

£2300 for vegetation removal and fencing repair

Company 2

£680 for vegetation maintenance

Cllr Carter will meet with Company 1 to discuss the exact requirements on site.

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0035/07-24.5 New School Signs – Clerk

Cllr Bywater chased this issue on behalf of the Council. No further communication received from the Highway Team.

0035/07-24.6 Property Maintenance – Cllr Hemsley

No update from the management company. Cllr Hemsley will continue to chase this issue with the company and request an onsite visit.

0037/07-24 Finance

0037/07-24.1 To approve accounts for payment.

July 2024

Date	Payee	Description	Amount
31/07/24	Samantha Sharp	Clerk Salary – July 2024	Confidential
31/07/24	HMRC	Clerk Tax and NI	£70.10
31/07/24	Samantha Sharp	Working From Home Allowance	£25.00

August 2024

Date	Payee	Description	Amount
31/08/24	Samantha Sharp	Clerk Salary – August 2024	Confidential
31/08/24	HMRC	Clerk Tax and NI	£70.10
31/08/24	Samantha Sharp	Working From Home Allowance	£25.00

0037/07-24.2 Monthly bank reconciliations –April, May and June 2024.
All reconciliations approved and signed by the Chairman.

0038/07-24 Councillor Reports

0038/07-24.1 Chairman – Councillor Hemsley

Parish Bench has been broken in the village. The bench was in place for the Golden Jubilee. Cllr Hemsley has requested a local carpenter researched to repair the current bench. Clerk to research.

0038/07-24.2 Alconbury Weald – Councillor Brown

Parishioner complaint received and signposted to the correct contact at Alconbury Weald.

0038/07-24.3 Village Hall – Councillor Wilson

Cllr Wilson was unable to attend. Cllr Kelly attended and gave a report. Bookings to be chased for future bookings and bookings in quieter months. Newly received electric quote - £2,000
Harvest supper – 19th October 2024
De Ramsey family member still awaiting appointment.

0039/07-24 To discuss and resolve the potential use of CiL funds held by the Parish Council

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***Current CIL Funds are £3653.09 to be spent by March 2025.
Additional funds also available from the Solar Farm - £8,000.***

The Chairman of the Village Hall gave a presentation to the Councillors. This includes;

Floor to ceiling cupboards, replacement Fridge and Freezer.

Within the main hall the split flooring will be removed, yet to be confirmed which option they wish to go for.

Repaired and refurbish the spring flooring.

All bathrooms to be updated and refurbished.

Outside, patio and pergola.

Quotes received;

Kitchen - £15,000

Bar - £6,000

Internal Doors - £3,000

Toilets – £20,000

Flooring - £8,000

Pergola – £6,000

Patio - £16,000

Combined the current storage rooms and potentially rename it 'The De Ramsey Room'.

Cllr Hemsley proposed that the Solar Farm funds to be spent on the village hall and their current works list – up to the value of £8,000.

JH Proposed

SB Seconded

All In Favour

RESOLVED

Cllr Hemsley proposed that the CIL funds to be spent on the infrastructure of the village including the School Boundary land, chicane maintenance and street light elements up to the £4,000.

JH Proposed

SB Seconded

All In Favour

RESOLVED

0040/07-24 Matters as agenda items for future consideration

No decision can be made under this item²

Compost – Council has been offered 5tonnes of compost.

Secret Garden Party – Clerk to request an update regarding the recent event.

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

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Investigate other areas of common land.

0041/07-24 To resolve the date of the next Parish Council meeting.

- Wednesday 4th September – 7pm at Abbots Ripton Village Hall

Meeting Closed - 2100