

Minutes of Abthorpe Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 12 August 2019
in the Old School, Abthorpe

Present: Councillors Chairman Greenhalgh, Councillor K Fenwick, A Hammon, F Noble, D Cambray, R. Stevens,
Parish Clerk T Emerton

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies received and accepted from Councillor C Zachar

2. Members declaration of interest for items on the agenda

No declarations of interest were raised.

3. To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 1 July 2019

These were accepted and signed.

4. To note any matters arising from the minutes

Action No.	Description	Action
March 2017 – 001	New cable for the speed sign	Councillor Fenwick will purchase a new cable to enable the software to be updated
May 2019 - 008 001	Hedge in Brackley Land	Clerk to contact owner to cut back the hedge - Awaiting a response
July 2019 - 005 001	Solar Farm Money	At the next meeting the Clerk to agenda the Old School Funding request - It was agreed to fund the Roof repairs at £950 and the soft furnishing at £977.72
August 2019 - 005 001	Parking at the entrance to the village	Clerk to contact the Highways to understand what options there are
August 2019 - 005 002	Electric car charging point	Clerk to investigate the Government Scheme for funding
August 2019 - 007 004	Equipment for presenting Planning Applications	Clerk to complete the Grant Application
August 2019 - 007 005	Right of Way Improvement Plan	Clerk to contact the council to suggest using the old railway as a cycle route or a footpath to Towcester
August 2019 - 009 001	West Northamptonshire Strategic Plan	Clerk to inform them that Chairman Greenhalgh will attend on Tuesday 6th September
August 2019 - 009 002	Next meeting	Clerk to change the date with the Old School Committee for the next meeting to 16th September

5. Public Forum - Opportunity for residents to bring along points they would like to discuss with the council

- It was discussed that there are potential problems when cars or vans parked on School Lane outside Elizabeth Cottage resulting in large vehicles such as Ambulances and Fire Engines not being able to pass. A suggestion was could we have yellow lines to prevent parking.
- It was asked if the council has considered an electric charging point for electric cars as people without a drive will never be able to purchase an electric car, there is also a Government Scheme to help fund this.

6. Finance

1. Cash in bank as of 31/08/19

- Treasurer's Account - £8064.88 including VAT repayment of £1366.93
- 30 Day Business Account - £5881.54
- Petty Cash - £31.00

The balances were agreed.

2. Invoices for payment

Item no.	Payment to	Description	Net	VAT/ TAX	Total
6.2.1	EON	Street Light Usage	90.74	4.54	95.28
6.2.2	Geoff Gilbert	6 hours clearing path out of 2 days	155.00		155.00

The invoices were agreed to be paid.

7. Specific items for discussion

1. Budget review

The budget verses spend was reviewed and agreed the balance was healthy.

2. Old School Hall Funding

It was agreed unanimously to fund the repairs to the roof at £950 and the funding for the soft furnishings at £977.72.

3. Northants CALC Conference & AGM, which will be held on Saturday 5 October 2019 at Moulton Community Centre in Moulton with business starting at 10:00 a.m. and ending at 1:00 p.m.

No Councillors are able to attend this meeting.

4. Electronic Planning Consultations - Community Grant

It was agreed that we will apply for the grant for equipment to present the plans rather than receiving the paper copies of the planning applications.

5. Right of Way Improvement Plan

This was discussed along with written observations from the path warden. The following points were discussed:

- Any lost footpaths should be reported
- Could the old railway be changed into a cycle route or a foot path to Towcester

6. Dog Fouling

We have not received any further reports that this is an issue.

8. Correspondence

No Correspondence.

9. Any other business

1. West Northamptonshire Strategic Plan – Issues Consultation Briefing - Chairman Greenhalgh will attend on Tuesday 6th September.
2. Date of the next meeting will be moved to Monday 16th September at 7.45pm.

10. Close

Meeting closed at 8.34pm

Signed
(Chairman)

Date

Next meeting dates

- Monday 16th September 2019
- Monday 4th November 2019
- Monday 16th December 2019
- Monday 27th January 2020
- Monday 9th March 2020
- Monday 20th April 2020