

Minutes of Abthorpe Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 16 September 2019  
in the Old School, Abthorpe

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

**1. To receive and approve apologies for absence**

No apologies received.

**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 12 August 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	Software has been updated - Closed
August 2019 - 005 001	Parking at the entrance to the village	Clerk to contact the Highways Agency to understand if a white line can be painted in the area outside Elizabeth Cottage and also get a cost for a new sign, and the white line.
August 2019 - 005 002	Electric car charging point	Clerk to investigate the Government Scheme for funding - The Northamptonshire Council are investigating the scheme. Clerk to update the Parishioner who raised the suggestion.
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.
September 2019 - 007 003	Financial Regulations	Clerk to update the Financial Regulations and update the website with the new copy.
September 2019 - 007 004	Safety at the crossroads	Clerk to contact the Highways Agency to improve the safety. See below.
September 2019 - 007 005	Maintenance of land	Councillor Noble will review the area on the unadopted land near the notice board to see how we can maintain it.
September 2019 - 007 006	Vehicle speed through the village	Clerk to obtain a costs for an additional speed sign. Also to contact the Highways Agency to see if there is anything that can be done to help alert drivers of the dangerous crossroads and the change of speed from 60 to 30 miles per hour.
September 2019 - 007 007	Planning Application reference S/2019/1697/FUL at 35 Wappenham Road Abthorpe NN12 8QU	Clerk to send the Councils comments on the planning application - No objections were raised.
September 2019 - 009 001	Redecoration of the Telephone Box	Clerk to write to S.Marshall thanking him for doing a fantastic job redecorating the Telephone Box.

**5. Public Forum**

Opportunity for residents to bring along points they would like to discuss with the council  
There was no attendance.

**6. Finance**

**1. Cash in bank as of 6/09/19** - The balances were agreed.

- Treasurer's Account - £5886.88
- 30 Day Business Account - £5881.79

· Petty Cash - £31.00

## 2. Invoices for payment

Item no.	Payment to	Description	Net	VAT/ TAX	Total
6.2.1	Tina Emerton	Ink Cartridge	9.57	1.92	11.49
6.2.2	Geoff Gilbert	Continuation of clearing paths - 10 hours of 2 days	245.00		245.00
6.2.3	Phil Berry	Petrol for mower	6.60	1.32	7.92

The invoices were agreed to be paid.

## 7. Specific items for discussion

### 1. West Northamptonshire Strategic Plan update

Chairman Greenhalgh attended the meeting and discussed that the plan will not affect Abthorpe due to the size of building sites being so large. There will be further plans coming which will be more relevant.

### 2. GDPR

The Council discussed our GDPR regulations and agreed that how we operate is acceptable to meet the regulations.

### 3. NCALC Financial Regulations

The updated regulations were discussed and agreed. The Clerk will update the Abthorpe Parish Councils Financial Regulations with the agreed actions and they will be published onto the website.

### 4. Safety of crossroads just outside Abthorpe

Clerk will contact the Highways Agency to see what can be done to help notify drivers approaching the crossroads to encourage people to slow down. Suggestions are a stop sign, right of way, prominent signage indicating a dangerous crossroads from all directions, cutting back the hedge or a mirror.

### 5. Maintenance of council owned land in Abthorpe

It was discussed that an area of unadopted land near the notice board is overgrown. Councillor Noble will review the area to see what we need to do to maintain it.

### 6. Vehicle speed through the village

A concern was raised about the speed of cars through the village. Clerk to find out how much a second speed sign would cost as they do have an impact on the speed of drivers, and would help having one at each end of the village. The Clerk will also contact the Highway Agency to understand if there is anything that can be done to warn drivers of the change to 30 mph limit, before it happens.

### 7. Official South Northamptonshire Council email : Planning consultation/Information for application reference S/2019/1697/FUL at 35 Wappenham Road Abthorpe NN12 8QU

There were no objections to the planning application.

## 8. Correspondence

- Thank you from The Old School Committee for donation of funding
- Comments on the action to review the feasibility for change of use of the Old Railway line to a path for pedestrians and/or cyclists.
- Abthorpe Road closure 17th - 19th September for works to BT lines
- Cycle route through the village 19th October 8.30am - 2.30pm & vintage cars on Saturday 28th September

## 9. Any other business

**Telephone Box** - The fantastic redecoration of the Telephone Box was discussed, the Councillors wanted to thank S.Marshall who donated his time to the village to redecorate the Telephone Box.

**Village Green Project** - The clearing of the path in Brackley Lane has received lots of positive comments. The path in front of Yew Tree House was agreed to be cleared. The Clerk is to arrange for this to be completed and obtain a quote to spray animal friendly weed killer around the Church wall and path.

## 10. Close - Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed

Date

(Chairman)

### Next meeting dates

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