

Minutes of Abthorpe Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 27 July 2020
Via Zoom Video

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

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence

No apologies were 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 15 June 2020

An amendment to 9.1 to change the word adopt 'The Draft Code of Conduct' to review.

To note any matters arising from the minutes

Action No.	Description	Action
March 2020 - 007 006	Village Website	We are reviewing the possibility of using the same website as Wappenham Parish Council. An update will be given at the next meeting.
May 2020 - 009 003	Natural Spring on The Green	Members of the council investigated the flood over the drain on the green and rodded the outflow with success. Even though the rod did not go more than a couple of feet down the outflow drain the water stayed down and has continued to flow well. Dyno-rod came a couple of days later to look at the situation. They suggested sending out a tanker to flush the drain and also suck out all the debris and silt at a cost of , £400 plus VAT for half a day and £700 plus VAT for a full day's visit. The work the council completed has seemed to have fixed this issue. It was agreed unanimously not to engage DYNOROD at present, but to wait and see if the water continues to flow well. It was agreed to get quotes for the fitting of a new manhole cover for the drain from a couple of builders, and discuss next meeting.
July 2020 - 006 002	Invoices for payment	The invoices were agreed to be paid.
June 2020 - 009 001	Code of Conduct	Clerk to feedback to NCALC that the council is happy with their work.
June 2020 - 009 002	Telephone Box	Clerk to find out the cost to change the etched glass in the phone box and a cost for a sign to advertise the Defibrillator
July 2020 - 007 001	Planning S/2020/1152/LBC at Springmeadow Farm The Green Abthorpe NN12 8QP	Clerk to feedback the council have no objections to the planning application
July 2020 - 007 004	Donation for South Northants Neighbourhood Watch	Agreed to fund the £20 donation. Clerk to set up payment
July 2020 - 008 001	Abandoned car	Councillor Fenwick will discuss with the owner

July 2020 - 009 001	Village noticeboard	Members of the council agreed for Geoff Gilbert to be asked to fix and new rubberised pinboard to the central section of the village notice board. It was also agreed to pay for Geoff to do a couple of coats of varnish to the whole board as he had suggested, at a cost of £40 plus the cost of any materials. Unanimously agreed.
July 2020 - 009 002	Village Green Event	Clerk to respond to the request of the use of the Village Green to say yes, but to insist on the rules of social distancing to be met during the day.

6. Finance

1. Cash in bank as of 14/07/20

- Treasurer's Account - £4447.06
- 30 Day Business Account - £5884.50
- Petty Cash - £48.00

The balances were agreed

2. Invoices for payment

Item no.	Payment to	Description	Net	VAT/ TAX	Total
6.2.1	Clive Fielding	Pointing of Church Wall	925.00		925.00
6.2.2	Texprep	Village Newsletter	148.40		148.40
6.2.3	EON	Electric Supply	90.74	4.54	95.28

The invoices were agreed to be paid

7. Specific items for discussion

1. Planning consultation/Information for application reference S/2020/1152/LBC at Springmeadow Farm The Green Abthorpe NN12 8QP

The council had no objections to this application.

2. Water pump on the corner of the church opposite Silver Street

The council discussed the location of where the water pump used to be and agreed it looks lovely with the plants that have been placed in this location and wanted to say thank you to the parishioner who has planted these.

3. New Model Code of Conduct

The council was happy with the draft Code of Conduct and the Clerk will feed this back to NCALC.

4. Donation to South Northants Neighbourhood Watch - £20

The council agreed to fund this donation,

8. Correspondence

1. Abandoned car on the Village Green

The car is taxed but does not have a MOT. Councillor Fenwick will investigate who the owner is and discuss it with them.

2. Letter of thanks from PCC

Chairman Greenhalgh discussed the letter from the PCC thanking the council for funding the repointing repair work for the Church wall

9. Any other business

1. Village Notice Board

Chairman Greenhalgh discussed the renovation of the notice board where the central pin board is being replaced. He asked if we should also revarnish the notice board at the sametime, this was agreed.

2. Event on the Village Green

With the Sunflower planting that happened throughout COVID from Michelle, we were asked if the council would be in agreement to allow a childrens activity on Sunday 16th August on the village green around Bill and Ben The Flowerpot Men. The councillors agreed but asked to ensure social distancing is maintained.

3. South Northamptonshire Local Plan Part 2 - Adoption

Further details can be found here

<https://www.southnorthants.gov.uk/info/65/local-plan-part-2-and-evidence/40/local-plan-part-2/12>

4. Yellow lines at the entrance of the village.

SNC are holding public consultations but the feedback is positive so far.

10. Close - Meeting closed at 20.19

Signed
(Chairman)

Date

Next meeting dates

- 7th September 2020
- 19th October 2020
- 30th November 2020
- 11th January 2021
- 22nd February 2021