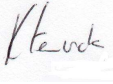
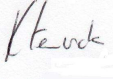
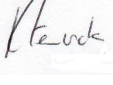


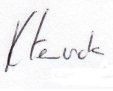
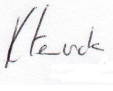
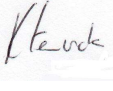


# Abthorpe Parish Council

# Constitution

Issue No.	Date Accepted	Signed	Print Name	Changes
1	7 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2011		K Fenwick	None
2	9 <sup>th</sup> May 2011		K Fenwick	None
3	28 <sup>th</sup> May 2012		K Fenwick	None
4	20 <sup>th</sup> May 2013		S Noble	None
5	19 <sup>th</sup> May 2014		S Noble	None
6	18 <sup>th</sup> May 2015		K Fenwick	None
7	23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2016		K Fenwick	None
8	15 <sup>th</sup> May 2017		K Fenwick	None

## **ABTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL CONSTITUTION**

**Abthorpe Parish Council** consists of seven councillors elected every four years. South Northants District Council maintains the Register of Electors. Three members must attend to constitute a quorum. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman are to be elected annually at the Annual General meeting of the Parish Council. If, for any reason, the number of Councillors falls below seven, the Parish Council is empowered to co-opt additional councillors for the remainder of the year.

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Abthorpe Parish Council's vision is "to ensure Abthorpe continues to be a vibrant rural village with a strong community spirit, where everybody matters. The aim is for Abthorpe to be a prosperous, safe and attractive place in which to live and work for the present generation and for generations to come".

The purpose of the Parish Council is to work within its statutory powers to maintain and enhance the village's public amenities, and to help the people of Abthorpe to improve their quality of life, in accordance with the Council's vision, and to work in partnership with South Northants District Council and Northamptonshire County Council.

The Parish Council will exercise all its powers and duties in accordance with the law and this Constitution, and utilise its limited budget to achieve the greatest good for the community.

Councillors agree to follow the Code of Conduct, which is overseen by the Standards Board for England.

Councillors accept and adopt the NALC "Standing Orders", and "Powers and Duties"

The Parish Council's administrative affairs are dealt with by the Parish Clerk who is a part time employee of the Parish Council, and will normally fulfil the role of Responsible Financial Officer.

The Parish Council meets in public on a Monday, approximately every six weeks, (dates below), in the Old School, School Street, Abthorpe at 7.45pm except when this is a Bank Holiday, when alternative arrangements are made. If a Planning Application is received, and observations are required before the next scheduled Council Meeting a additional meeting is called giving three working days notice.

The Parish Council is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the Village Green, and the Street Lighting within the village. It is consulted on any Planning Application within the Parish, and any Highways issues controlled by the County Council.

The Council operates a freedom of information policy and publishes its agendas and minutes on the parish notice board. Any member of the public can inspect Council papers and attend Council meetings. They may also inspect the Council's accounts and make their views known to the external auditor.