

Minutes of Abthorpe Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 19 October 2020  
Via Zoom Video

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

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

Apologies received and approved from Councillors Noble and Hammon.

**2. Members declaration of interest for items on the agenda**

There were no interests declared

**3. To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 7 September 2020**

These were approved

**To note any matters arising from the minutes**

Action No.	Description	Action
March 2020 - 007 006	Village Website	We are reviewing using the same website as Wappenham Parish Council. An update will be given at the next meeting. Councillor Fenwick sent the council a link to the new website which was agreed to be used. Councillor Fenwick will handover the website management to the clerk
July 2020 - 008 001	Abandoned car	The MOT and Tax are expired. DVLA have suspended removal of cars throughout COVID. This will be followed up next year.
September - 007 002	Recruitment of a Councillor	Agreed by all to co-opt Max Kellner. Clerk will contact Max to organise his application and send him the date for the next meeting and the paperwork he needs to complete before joining.
September - 008 001	Cars parking on the green	An article will be put in the next Abtalk asking residents not to park on the green, if possible It was agreed the information NCALC shared with the council is not appropriate for our village. Leaflets will be produced by the clerk to place on cars parked on the green
October - 005	Car speeding through the village	(See below first) Clerk to update residents on Facebook on the plan to control the speed, also asking for 10 volunteers to be trained on Speedwatch. Councillor Stevens to contact Speedwatch to set up. Councillor Fenwick will download the speed data from the speed sign and move the speed sign to the other side of the road. Clerk to contact the Police Liaison Officer once we have the speed data and to also organise the trimming of the hedge as its obstructing the 30MPH speed sign entering the village
October - 006 - 002	Invoices for payment	The invoices were agreed to be paid. Clerk will purchase a sign for the telephone box to advertise the difibrullator
October - 008	Risk assessment for Remembrance Sunday Service on the green	Clerk to respond to the PCC that the council are happy for the service to go ahead and that they will act as Marshalls for social distancing. Clerk will send the risk assessment to SNC

## 5. Public Forum

### Opportunity for residents to bring along points they would like to discuss with the council.

Two residents joined the meeting and discussed the problem of speeding through the village. It was noted that on two occasions speeding cars had hit a parked vehicle of a resident in the village. This occurred when children were being put into the parked car, the mother who was dealing with the child was injured requiring attendance at Accident and Emergency with a nasty bruised wrist. The damage to the resident's vehicle on the first occasion showed significant bodywork scratches with some denting. In the second incident the wing mirror was smashed. The big issue is the speed of the vehicles and the risk of serious injury or worse to residents and more worryingly their children.

The residents asked the council what could be done to control the speed of traffic through the village. It was suggested that we could move the speed camera to the other side of the road, and if we can get 10 volunteers who are willing to be trained, we could complete a speed watch activity again. Speed watch measures the speed of cars and if speeding, sends letters to the drivers. If there is a repeat offence it may lead to prosecution. It was also discussed that the hedge should be trimmed coming into the village as the 30 speed sign is not visible. Councillor Fenwick will download the speed information from the speed cameras to help show that the cars travelling through the village are speeding. Once we have the council will contact the community liaison offers to see if they can help with any suggestions. The clerk will update residents on Facebook on what we are doing and to ask for volunteers to help. Councillor Stevens will organise Speed Watch once we have the volunteers.

## 6. Finance

### 1. Cash in bank as of 30/09/20

- Treasurer's Account - £6821.59 inclusive of Precept repayment of £2000.00
- 30 Day Business Account - £5884.76
- Petty Cash - £48.00

The balances were agreed.

### 2. Invoices for payment

Item no.	Payment to	Description	Net	VAT/ TAX	Total
6.2.1	G Gilbert	Weeding and moss removal of wall and paths	414.45		414.45
6.2.2	P Berry	Petrol for lawn mower	10.27	2.05	12.32
6.2.3	EON	Electical light usage	91.74	4.59	96.33
6.2.4	EON	Street Light Maintenance	18.00	3.60	21.60
6.2.5	HMRC	Tax		72.60	
6.2.6	T Emerton	Clerks salary	289.90		289.90
6.2.7	G Gilbert	Replacement of glass signs on telephone box	109.19		109.19
6.2.8	T Emerton	Replacement glass for telephone box	132.20	26.44	158.64
6.2.9	Duncan Oliver	Repair drain cover on village green	345.00	69.00	414.00

The invoices were agreed to be paid

## 7. Specific items for discussion

### 1. Recruitment of a Councillor

The council received one application for the role of councillor from Max Kellner. The council unanimously agreed to accept the application of a councillor from Mr Kellner. The Clerk will send him the date of the next meeting and the necessary paperwork he needs to complete before he joins.

## **2. Parking in the village**

Danny Moodys information was discussed and felt it wasnt appropriate for the village. It was discussed that we would produce leaflets to place on cars to help reduce the issue. The clerk was asked to get an update on the planning permission for the yellow lines at the entrance to the village.

## **3. Review Parish Council budget versus spend**

The spend versus the agreed budget was reviewed and there were no issues to report. **Chairman Greenhalgh** discussed that the donation for music for the village VE event will be returned from the School Hall committee.

## **8. Correspondence**

A request from the PCC to review the risk assessment for the Remembrance Sunday Service on 8th November on The Green. The council reviewed this and were happy to proceed.

## **9. Any other business**

There was no any other business

## **10. Close**

The meeting closed at 8.23pm

Signed  
(Chairman)

Date

## **Next meeting dates**

- 30th November 2020
- 11th January 2021
- 22nd February 2021