Abbots Ripton Parish Council

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Meeting of Abbots Ripton Parish Council[1] held on Tuesday 12th August 2025 at 7.00pm at: Abbots Ripton Village Hall, Abbots Ripton, Huntingdon PE28 2PF

Attendees; Chairman Councillor Steve Brown, Vice Chairman Darren Carter, Councillor John Kelly, Councillor Kevin Mills, Councillor Miranda Eastbury, Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer Samantha Sharp.

Members: 6 Quorum: 3

MINUTES

0036/08-25 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Councillor Victoria Wilson – Approved

Cllr Bywater – via Emal - Accepted

0037/08-25 To receive Disclosable Interests Declarations.
Members of the Council are subject to the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interest) Regulations 2012. All dispensation requests must be made to the Clerk prior to the meeting.

None

Meeting Closed - 1902

0038/08-25 Public participation.
To allow up to 10 minutes (2 minutes per person) for any members of the public and councillors declaring theexistence and nature of a prejudicial interest to address the meeting in relation to the business on this agenda.

Meeting Open – 1093

0039/08-25 Reports from District and County Councillors
No reports received in addition to the July Town and Parish Newsletter

0040/08-25 To discuss the potential 'Rail Disaster' memorial feature – With Local Expert Charles Saunders, and resolve the next steps

Charles Saunders attended the meeting and came with several artifacts.

Charles gave a brief outline of the event and why it is important to share this story.

[1]Local Government Act 1972, schedule 12, paragraph 7 (2).

Cllr Brown has created a draft story board which was circulated to Councillors for comment.

Cllr Brown proposed – being the point of contact with Charles to ensure the information is correct. Aiming to get it ready for unveiling in January 2026.

Seconded – Cllr Kelly.

0041/08-25 Appointments to Outside Bodies – Councillor Reports

0041/08-25.1 Village Hall
Local events have been successful and bookings remain stable.

0041/08-25.2 Flood Forum
Nothing further to report.

0041/08-25.3 Alconbury Weald
Nothing further to report.

0042/08-25 To approve minutes of the meeting on 1st July and 21st July 2025

SB Proposed
DC Seconded
All in Favour
RESOLVED

0043/08-25 Matters arising from minutes of 1st July and 21st July

0043/08-25.1 Property Maintenance
Out side of the School is complete and received positive comments.

0043/08-25.2 Street Light in Werrington
No further to report. In progress.

0043/08-25.3 Internal Audit Check List Status
Action List to be attached to the minutes for further discussion in future meetings.

0044/08-25 To discuss the potential 'Playground' and resolve the next steps

The land is currently in the name of Abbots Ripton Parish Council, however this needs to have a change of address.

Cllr Brown proposed that we take the informal advice that the land belongs to Abbots Ripton Parish Council.

Cllr Eastbury – Seconded

Next steps;

Prepare a village consultation document outlining the proposal, and deliver to each household.

Cllr Kelly offered to act as the point of contact for this project. Cllr Carter will assist with the professional contacts he already has contact with.

0045/08-25 To discuss the Abbots Ripton Parish Council Website and resolve the next steps

Clerk explained the situation of the website and requested additional support. Cllr Eastbury will support the Clerk with this.

0046/08-25 To resolve the decision on the purchase of the School Sign Data – Quoted cost of £908.00 – 1 Year

Cllr Brown has written at letter to the Head of Highways and Evans Amoateng regarding this issue. Cllr Brown to send to the Clerk for sending.

0047/08-25 Finance

0047/08-25.1 Monthly bank reconciliations
Budget review – Q1 – Structure to be changed, ready for budget in November.

0047/08-25.2 Bank Mandate – Update
Cllr Kelly and Mills have received their pin numbers and able to login to the system. Cllr Eastbury to send information to the Clerk ready to be added to the system.

0048/08-25 Correspondence received

LHI Survey received and will be responded to by the Clerk.

0049/08-25 Matters as agenda items for future consideration
No decision can be made under this item[2]

Defibrillator in Wennington.

0050/08-25 To note the dates of the next Parish Council meetings.

- Tuesday 16th September
- Tuesday 14th October
- Tuesday 25th November – Budget Approval
- Tuesday 6th January 2026
- Tuesday 3rd March
- Tuesday 14th April

[2] Local Government Act 1972, s12 10(2) (b)

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