Abbots Ripton Parish Council

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A meeting of Abbots Ripton Parish Council[1] was held on Tuesday 25th November 2025 at 7.00pm at: Abbots Ripton Village Hall, Abbots Ripton, Huntingdon PE28 2PF

Present; Steve Brown (SLB) – Chair, Miranda Eastbury (ME), Kevin Mills (KM), John Kelly (JK)

Members: 6 Quorum: 3

MINUTES

0077/11-25 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Cllr Victoria Wilson and Cllr Darren Carter - Accepted

0078/11-25 To receive Disclosable Interests Declarations.
None

0079/11-25 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.

No public present.

0080/11-25 Reports from District and County Councillors
District Council has gone for Option E – Huntingdonshire Unitary Council

0081/11-25 To approve minutes of the meeting on 28th October 2025

Minutes circulated to all Councillors prior to meeting.

Approved unanimously.

0082/11-25 Matters arising from minutes of 28th October

0082/11-25.1 Website Status
Website is updated and ready for launch to the public. Training for Cllr Eastbury and Cllr Brown. Clerk has a call with the company on the 26th November 2025 to discuss.

0082/11-25.2 Jubilee Park Playground
Cllr Brown has made contact with Alconbury Weald's playground project manager and will share the contact details of Cllr Kelly for further liaison. Land address change to be chased by clerk. Consultation document to be sent in the new year. Consultation to be available both online and hard copy.

0082/11-25.3 Rail Disaster Update
Story board received and to be installed in the new year. Invitation letter to be created by Cllr Brown and sent by the Clerk during December.

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

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0083/11-25 Appointments to Outside Bodies – Councillor Reports

0083/11-25.1 Village Hall
Cllr Kelly confirmed that the lease is in place til 2028. Harvest supper was a success. All normal bookings in place.

0083/11-25.2 Flood Forum
Bury brook is currently in discussion at the forum.
Current planning proposed in the local plan is within the Bury Brook flooding zone. Cllr Brown proposed that the council respond to the plan with a concern for the flooding of the local area and the current water management system.

0083/11-25.3 Alconbury Weald
1200 House occupied. On schedule – health centre due to open in March 2026. Additional business planning in place.

0084/11-25 Finance

0084/11-25.1 Monthly bank reconciliations
Reviewed and signed the bank reconciliation for October 2025.

0084/11-25.2 To review and approve the budget for 2026/27
Councillors reviewed the initial budget and have approved an amended version.
Appendix A.

0084/11-25.3 To propose and approve the precept for 2026/27
£13925 proposed precept following the approved budget.
Cllr Kelly Proposed
Cllr Mills Seconded
All in Favour
Approved

0085/11-25 To discuss further speed signs within the village and upgrading the current signs to Solar Powered

Cllr Brown proposed a quote for a new unit and solar panels for each panel and 2 brackets.

0086/11-25 Correspondence received

The Elm have asked if they can use the grit from the broken grit bin. Cllr Brown proposed that this is approved so that the broken bin can be replaced. All in favour.

Election 2026 – Dates have been circulated.

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0087/11-25 Matters as agenda items for future consideration

No decision can be made under this item[2]
Phone box painting.
Street light – Clerk to chase again.
Sparx energy

0088/11-25 To note the dates of the next Parish Council meetings.

- Tuesday 13th January 2026
- Tuesday 10rd March
- Tuesday 7th/28th April

Closed 2017

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