Abbots Ripton Parish Council

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A Meeting of Abbots Ripton Parish Council[1] held on Tuesday 24th March 2026 at 7.00pm at: Abbots Ripton Village Hall, Abbots Ripton, Huntingdon PE28 2PF

Members: 6 Quorum: 3

MINUTES

Present; Victoria Wilson, Kevin Mills and John Kelly

0101/03-26 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Cllr Brown, Cllr Eastbury and Cllr Carter - Accepted

0102/03-26 To receive Disclosable Interests Declarations.
None

0103/03-26 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.

0104/03-26 Reports from District and County Councillors
Local Council Reorganisation closes on the 26th March – encouragement to complete the survey. Online guide from Cllr Martin available.
Increase of fly tipping – report it.
Sawtry Swimming Pool – Now open, please use it.
Freedom of Huntingdonshire given to Sir John Major.
Food caddy starts from the 1st April.
Council tax increased by the maximum.

0105/03-26 To approve minutes of the meeting on 13th January 2026

Minutes circulated to all Councillors prior to meeting.

Approved unanimously.

0106/03-26 Matters arising from minutes of 13th January 2026

0106/03-26.1 Website Training – Deferred til the next meeting
0106/03-26.2 Jubilee Park Playground – Discussed under item 109
0106/03-26.3 Street Light Maintenance – Details forwarded to Councillors. Further details required.

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

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0107/03-26 Appointments to Outside Bodies – Councillor Reports

0107/03-26.1 Village Hall
AGM at the end of January. Full committee still in post.
Children's movie night discussed.
Priority to be given to residential hire.
Weekly bookings are on the agenda.

0107/03-26.2 Flood Forum – Nothing to report

0107/03-26.3 Alconbury Weald – Nothing to report

0108/03-26 Finance

0108/03-26.1 Monthly bank reconciliations
Reviewed and signed the bank reconciliation for January and February 2026.

0108/03-26.2 Discuss and resolve the Belfour Beatty quotations
Defer til next meeting

0108/03-26.3 To approve outstanding payments
CAPALC membership

0109/03-26 To discuss the outcome playground consultation

Consultation result circulated to all Councillors. Response rate of 14%.

Report to be shared on the website.

Cllr Wilson proposed a 2nd consultation to be done with Parishioners regarding the land and flooding risk.

0110/03-26 To discuss and resolve on the response to be given to HDC regarding the licence's of Abbots Ripton Estate.

Cllr Wilson wrote a full response which was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. No amendments suggested. Appendix A.
Cllr Wilson Proposed
Cllr Kelly Seconded
All in Favour - RESOLVED

0111/03-26 Correspondence received

None

0112/03-26 Matters as agenda items for future consideration

No decision can be made under this item[2]
Defibrillator for Wennington and training.

0113/03-26 To note the dates of the next Parish Council meetings.

- Tuesday 28th April

Meeting Closed – 1943

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

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Appendix A

Subject: Representation from Abbots Ripton Parish Council – Premises Licence Application – Abbots Ripton Hall

Dear Sir/Madam,

Abbots Ripton Parish Council wishes to submit a representation regarding the premises licence application for Abbots Ripton Hall.

The Parish Council has supported events at Abbots Ripton Hall in the past and recognises that well-managed events can bring positive benefits to the area. However, that support was given on the understanding that the licence would be time-limited so that the impact of events could be monitored and reviewed with the local community.

The current application seeks to grant the licence in perpetuity. The Parish Council is concerned that removing the review period would remove an important safeguard for residents, particularly given the scale of permissions sought, including events with capacities of up to approximately 15,000 attendees.

In the context of a small rural parish with limited road infrastructure, events of this scale have the potential to create cumulative impacts for residents. The application does not specify limits on the number of major events that may take place annually or whether such events could occur over consecutive weekends, which could lead to prolonged disruption within the village.

The Parish Council also notes that a premises licence attaches to the premises rather than the current operator. While events held to date have generally been well managed, granting a licence in perpetuity would allow these permissions to continue unchanged should the premises be sold or operated by different organisers in the future.

The Parish Council wishes to make clear that it supports events at Abbots Ripton Hall but must also represent and respect the interests of the village community. For this reason, the Council believes that retaining a time-limited licence, subject to periodic review, provides an appropriate balance between supporting events and safeguarding the wellbeing of local residents.

Yours faithfully,

Clerk
Abbots Ripton Parish Council