

Abthorpe Parish Council

13th January 2025 at 7pm

at The Old School, Abthorpe

MINUTES

Attendees. Councillors Greenhalgh, Noble, Humphrey, Stevens, Jones, Parish Clerk L Neasham-
1 guest attended

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies were received and approved from Chairman Berry, Councilor Zacher and Ward Councillor Bambridge

2. Members declaration of interest for items on the agenda

There were no declarations of interest

3. To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18th November 2024

The minutes were approved and signed

4. To note any matters arising from the minutes

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Action No.	Description	Action
August / October 007 006 January 009	CCTV in the village	Councillor Jones will contact highways to see if there is an option to put CCTV on the entrance and exit of the village. However, it was decided to ask the public at the Village meeting
October 007 008 November 009 January 010	Grand Prix traffic and communications with Silverstone track / communicate re crossroads	Councillors to be agreed as to who will attend the meeting with Alison Hill - Councilor Stevens and Noble will attend Meeting 28/02/25
November 007 January 008	Agricultural building Brackley Lane	Councillor Greenhalgh will continue to correspond with WNC
November 011 January 006	Lloyds Bank	Clerk to investigate which bank account to close Most community bank accounts charge, probably best to leave as is
November 008 January 008	The Village Green Project - Kerbing Mower road insurance	Chairman to follow up on the best quote and due diligence Chairman to obtain details or riders - Clerk to organise insurance
November 10	20 MPH Signs	Councillor Humphreys and Stevens to display
November 002 January 010	Local Elections 2025	Clerk to review procedures
January 005	Abthorpe Historical Archive	Councillor Humphreys to work with resident
January 007 002	Vandalism in the village	Resolved. The cones on School Lane have also been repaired
January 007 003	Planning 2024/5215/LBC	Closed
January 007 004	Policy Review	Clerk to review with Chairman Berry
January 007 005	Save Towcester Now	the council agreed to donate £500. Closed
January 007 007	Village Silhouettes	The church are quite happy with the silhouette, they do not want a village name on it
January 007 010	Tree on Brackley Lane	Councillor Noble to report back at the next meeting

5. Public Forum

Historical Archive, one guest attended the meeting, to discuss the historical archive. The guest is about to receive a lot of historical village information from the nephew of Reg Chapman. Other residents of the village have items they would like to contribute to the archive also. It was agreed that a fireproof cabinet will be purchased, Councillor Humphreys to work with the guest to obtain the cabinet and the archive boxes. The cabinet will sit in the chimney place of the little room in the old school. A full catalogue of each item will be retained and maintained for public use.

A note will be put in the next issue of Abtalk and on the village Facebook site, to gather further interest in the project.

6. Finance

1. Cash in bank as of 28/12/24 Total = £11601.01 statement [here](#)

- Treasurer's Account - £9158.96
- 30 Day Business Account - £2442.05

2. Invoices for payment

Item no.	Payment to	Date	Description	Net	VAT/ TAX	Total
6.2.1	YU Energy	9/12/24	Electrical usage (direct debit- paid)	16.77	0.84	17.61
6.2.2	YU Energy	9/12//24	Electrical usage (direct debit- paid)	60.53	3.03	63.56
6.2.3	T Emerton	30/11/24	Christmas Tree £45.00 (20% discount)	30.00	6.00	36.00
6.2.4	Abthorpe PCC	28/12/24	Church donation	100.00		100.00
6.2.5	WNC		Statutory Declaration for reclassification of the grass verges to The Green https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/rights-way-and-searches/definitive-map-team-charges-legal-work	80.00		80.00
6.2.6	Tove Garden and Machinery Limited	3/12/24	Service for the ride on mower (PAID)	300.00	60.00	360.00
6.2.7	YU Energy	1/1/25	Electrical usage (direct debit- paid)	62.93	3.15	66.08
6.2.8	YU Energy	1/1/25	Electrical usage (direct debit- paid)	17.14	0.86	18.00

The invoices were agreed to be paid

7. Specific items for discussion

1. Ward Councillor Bambridge update

UPDATE REPORT FROM Ward Councillor Bambridge [here](#)

Regarding your PC meeting next week, unfortunately I have a meeting which clashes which I have to attend - so my apologies. However, I have nothing to report as such but at the moment I am trying to sort out delays with school buses because of the road works on the A43, where they are building the new roundabout to link with the Towcester Relief Road. If anyone in the village has related problems please let me know

2. Vandalism in the village

Councillor Stevens had been in touch with the local community police, who were very happy to arrange a meeting to discuss the situation and meet the offenders. However, Councillor Noble explained that the TYF had dealt with the situation, and because of the time lapse, it seemed unnecessary to involve the police. We have received a letter of apology, the four youths named have each donated £100 to the Abthorpe Parish Council in order to rectify the damage. Clerk Neasham will report the broken cones on Fix My Street, and Councillor Stevens will communicate with Policeman Mat.

3. Planning Applications

a. Planning consultation/Information for application reference 2024/5215/LBC at The Old Bakehouse The Green Abthorpe NN12 8QP [here](#)

The Parish Council Supported the Planning application.

4. Policy Review [here](#)

The clerk to review the policies with Chairman Berry asap

5. Save Towcester Now Appeal

It was agreed to support STN, and a donation of £500 was agreed. The clerk will email for the bank details and arrange the payment for approval.

6. Lloyds bank charging

The clerk will ring Lloyds bank and ask the question regarding the charges etc.

7. Blakesley, Litchbourough and other village Silhouettes [here](#) [here](#)

The clerk will chat to the church to see if they still have the details from where the silhouettes were bought from and to see if it is possible to add the village name to them, and find out the cost.

8. Agricultural building Brackley Lane update

No update, Councillor Greenhalgh will follow up.

9. CCTV in the village

Councillor Jones explained that there was not much to update, she will contact Highways to see about the possibility of having CCTV on the lamp posts at both entrances to the village. It was agreed to include it on the AGM for the village meeting to see what the residents felt about CCTV being installed around the village. It was agreed to put an piece in the next Abtalk also, for feedback.

10. Grand Prix traffic and communications with Silverstone track / communicate re crossroads and Meeting with Alison Hill re GP

Councillor Stevens will arrange a meeting with Alsion Hill, either online or in person and Councillor Noble will also attend.

11. Interpretation Panel

It was agreed to put this on hold for the moment.

12. Strengthening Standards - As per Danny Moody NCALC

It was agreed that our standards and procedures are working well, and nothing further needs to be done.

13. Future Meeting dates

In a year of ordinary elections a parish council must hold its annual meeting within 14 days of the day on which councillors come into office. The window is therefore 6 May to 20 May 2025

8. Village Green Project

- Updated quotes
- Agree plan for new kerbing
- Mower road insurance
- With Chairman Berry being away, this will be revisited at the next meeting.

9. Correspondence

- Vandalism in the village - 3 residents

10. Any other business

Election 2025

The dates for the Annual Village meeting and the AGM must be agreed. The clerk will send out some proposal dates.

Councillor Noble has reported that a tree planted on Brackley Lane, at the entrance to the garages, is causing problems. Councillor Noble will look into the matter and report back at the next meeting.

Next meeting Thursday 6th March 2025

11. Close

Signed *Lynn Neasham*

Abthorpe Parish Council Clerk

Future meeting dates

Ordinary Meeting	March	6th
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