

Minutes of Abthorpe Parish Council Meeting held on 4 September 2023 7pm Held in The Old School Hall Abthorpe

Present: M Greenhalgh, P Berry, R Stevens, E Humphrey, S Jones, C Zachar, F Noble, Parish Clerk T Emerton and also 6 residents in attendance

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Ward Councillor Bambridge

2. Members declaration of interest for items on the agenda

No declarations were raised

3. To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 20 July 2023

The minutes were agreed and approved

4. To note any matters arising from the minutes

Action No.	Description	Action
September 007 001b	Brackley Lane Bridle Path resurfacing	Land owners to respond to Berrys / Josh that they require the track to be reinstated as it was originally Councillor Berry to speak to WNC to find out what happens if the track is not reinstated
September 007 002	Brackley Lane resurfacing	Clerk to contact WNC to find out if the resurfacing is complete
September 007 003	Funding for St John's The Baptist	Speak to Church to get a detailed breakdown of the charges, send and agree the funding support prior to the next meeting so the work can go ahead in October
September 007 006	Parking on paths on Main Street	Chairman Greenhalgh will look at signage
September 008	Weeding on paths	Parish Council to purchase weed killer, spray and pump

The minutes were agreed

5. Public Forum

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

6. Finance

1. Cash in bank as of 21/08/23 Total £10809.17 - Including payment Solar Farm of £4301.54 in July

- Treasurer's Account - £8405.73
- 30 Day Business Account - £2403.44

The balances were agreed

2. Invoices for payment

Item no.	Payment to	Description	Net	VAT/TAX	Total
6.2.1	P Berry	Fuel for mower	7.06	1.41	8.47
6.2.2	YU Energy	Electrical usage (direct debit- paid)	46.37	2.32	48.69
6.2.3	YU Energy	Electrical usage (direct debit- paid)	16.60	0.83	17.43
6.2.4	P Berry	Fuel for mower	7.84	1,57	9.41
6.2.5	YU Energy	Electrical usage (direct debit- paid)	16.60	0.83	17.43

6.2.6	YU Energy	Electrical usage (direct debit- paid)	45.70	2.28	47.98
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The invoices were agreed to be paid

7. Specific items for discussion

1. Planning

a. Planning consultation/Information for application reference 2023/6477/FULL at 12 Wappenham Road Abthorpe NN12 8QU

The Parish Council support the application

b. Brackley Lane

- There was a meeting with most of the track / field owners and members of the Parish Council, Josh the land owner and Berrys - the issues discussed were - what was happening with the track and ownership and what was happening in the field
- Berrys enlisted a contractor to lay a hard surface on the track without landowners permission. The owners wrote to Berrys and asked them to reinstate the track and the track was closed by WNC due it being unsafe
- Another email was received from Berrys which said Josh the owner of the field still wanted to progress with the track completing the laying of the hard surface
- The owners would like the track to be put back as it was as there was nothing wrong with it. There was no communication from the Josh the field owner or Berrys to the land owners and there is now lack of trust with Berrys
- Highways can only advise what surface needs to be on the track, they cannot agree if it is laid or not, only the landowners
- Landowners to go back to Tom Harris and Berrys that they want to inform them again that they want the track reinstated to the original condition
- Parish Council to speak to Katie Angle from WNC Highways to find out what will happen if the track is not reinstated

2. Counillor Bambridge update [here](#)

Write to WNC to find out if the resurfacing of Brackley Lane has been completed

3. St John The Baptist Church Donation request

Identify the cost of the outstanding work and share with the council to make a decision

4. Ward Community Governance Review

Abthorpe Parish Council will not take part

5. Horse Manure on the paths

No action to take

6. Parking on Main Street

Residents are parking on the pavement obstructing the path including at the junction of The Green and Main Street. Chairman Greenhalgh will review the use of signs

8. Village Green Project

Weeds on path around the Church

- Purchase pump and sprayer and Glyphosate Weed Killer
- Councillor Berry will review the quote for other two kerbing areas and agenda next meeting

9. Correspondence

- Church Donation discussed above

10. Any other business

Nothing to discuss

11. Close - meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed *Tina Emerton*

Abthorpe Parish Council Clerk

Meeting dates

30th October

11th December

29th January

11th March

Parish year planner [here](#)

Posted on 08/09/23