

Minutes of Abthorpe Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 16 December 2021
Held in The Old School Hall Abthorpe

Present: Chairman Greenhalgh, C Zachar, M. Kellner, P. Berry, Parish Clerk T Emerton

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Noble and Humphrey

2. Members declaration of interest for items on the agenda

No declarations of interest were raised

3. To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 04 November 2021

The minutes were agreed and signed

4. To note any matters arising from the minutes

Action No.	Description	Action
December 007 001	Co Option of a councilor	P. Berry was co opted as an Abthorpe Parish Councilor
December 007 004	Speeding / Parking in the village	Councilor Zachar to share dashboard and data with the clerk Clerk to arrange to meet the regulations officer to understand what options we have to help calm the speeding traffic Councilors to review the potential issues with emergency vehicles accessing Silver Street Clerk to investigate if we can lower the speed limit in the village to 20 mph
December 007 005	Village Green Project	Clerk to obtain quotes to remove the weeds from the village green
December 007 006	Budget / Spend	Clerk to inform West Northants Council of the £4k Precept
December 007 008	Queens Jubilee	Councilors to agree location of where we will plant the tree Clerk to organise a tree

5. Public Forum

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

No residents attended

6. Finance

1. Cash in bank as of 09/12/21

· Treasurer's Account - £7566.65

· 30 Day Business Account - £5885.46

The balances were agreed

2. Invoices for payment

Item no.	Payment to	Description	Net	VAT/ TAX	Total
6.2.1	EON	Electric maintenance	18.00	3.60	21.60
6.2.2	T Emerton	Clerks Salary	310.10		310.10
6.2.3	HMRC	Tax for Clerks Salary		77.40	77.40
6.2.4	T Emerton	HDMI cable for projector	2.74	0.55	3.29

6.2.5	Texprep	Abtalk	110.60		110.60
6.2.6	T Emerton	Christmas Tree Event (detailed on receipt and breakdown here)	90.07	18.01	108.08
6.2.7	EON	Electric supply	69.91	3.50	73.41

The invoices were agreed to be paid. The clerk asked if a further invoice could be submitted as it was received after the agenda was published. **NCALC for councilors training of £176.** This also was agreed to be paid

7. Specific items for discussion

1. Co Option of a Councilor

Councilor Berry was co opted

2. OLB Guidance 2021

The council discussed the information sent from NCALC and agreed it wasn't applicable for a small council like Abthorpe

3. Developments in the local area:

- DHL [Here](#)
- Woolgrowers Field [Here](#)
- Podium Park site at Shacks Barn Farm [Here](#)
- Tiffeld Turn where the proposals are for an employment park [Here](#)

The council discussed the proposed planning applications and have no comments currently.

4. Speeding / Speedwatch

The options to help the calming of speeding through the village were discussed, such as gates and planters at both ends of the village with new village signs to try and alert drivers to the change of speed, as well as speedwatch next year and stickers available for residents to add to their wheelie bins with please drive carefully on them.

The clerk will arrange to meet the supplier of the calming equipment to understand what is possible regarding a gate to the village, or planter.

It was also discussed the potential problems with emergency vehicles accessing Silver Street due to cars parked, the council will review and discuss at the next meeting.

Councilor Zachar will share the speed data with the clerk and both will meet with the regulations team who operate the speed cameras in the county to help us understand the data from our cameras.

It was discussed if we could decrease the speed limit in the village from 30 to 20 MPH to encourage drivers to drive slower through the village. The clerk will raise this with the Street Doctor.

5. Village Green Project

It was discussed that in the spring we will form a working party to tidy up Brackley Lane grass verges and around the notice board.

Councilor Berry mentioned The Green is becoming full of weeds and that it needs weeding, with a non toxic weed killer. Clerk will obtain quotes to have the area sprayed for weed killing

6. Next year's meetings, frequency / day

It was agreed to move the meetings from 6 weeks to 8 weeks going forward, this will be reviewed to ensure it is adequate and also the day of the meeting. Clerk will discuss with the absent councilors

7. Review of spend versus budget and agree budget / precept for next year

The Budget and spend was reviewed and it was agreed a £4,000 precept for next year.

8. The Platinum Jubilee celebrations 2 – 5 June 2022

It was agreed that we would plant a tree. The location would be agreed when we meet to review the speeding issues

8. Correspondence

There was no correspondence

9. Any other business

There was no other business

10. Close - meeting closed at 8.35pm

Signed

(Chairman Abthorpe Parish Council)

Next meeting 7th February 2022