

Abthorpe Parish Council
Thursday 18th November 2024 at 7pm
at The Old School, Abthorpe
MINUTES

Attendees. Chairman Berry, Councillors Greenhalgh, Noble, Humphrey, Zacher, Stevens, Parish Clerk T Emerton and L Neasham- 3 guests attended

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies were received and approved from Councilor Jones and Ward Councilor 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 7th October 2024

The minutes were approved and signed

4. To note any matters arising from the minutes

Action No.	Description	Action
August / October 007 006	CCTV in the village	Councillor Jones will speak to a Councillor in Silverstone about the benefits of CCTV for the residents and obtain quotes
October 007 008	Grand Prix traffic and communications with Silverstone track / communicate re crossroads	Ward Councilor Bambridge to update from the meeting on 17th October Councillor Stevens to update at the next meeting
November 004	Precept	Clerk to share the Precept amount with WNC
November 005	Abthorpe Historical Archive	An article will be published in Abtalk to allow us to understand if residents like the idea.
November 007	Agricultural building Brackley Lane	Councillor Greenhalgh will write to the MP regarding the issue
November 009	Silverstone GP Traffic	Councillor Stevens will attend the meeting with Alison Hill
November 011	Lloyds Bank	Clerk to investigate which bank account to close Set up new Clerk onto banking
November 008	The Village Green Project - Kerbing Mower road insurance	Chairman to share 3 quotes Chairman to obtain details or riders - Clerk to organise insurance
November 10	20 MPH Signs	Councillor Humphreys and Stevens to display

5. Public Forum

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

The residents wanted to discuss items on the agenda

6. Finance

1. Cash in bank as of 10/11/24 Total = £12296.37 statement [here](#)

- **Treasurer's Account - £9858.39**
- **30 Day Business Account - £2437.98**

The balances were reviewed and agreed

2. Invoices for payment

Item no.	Payment to	Invoice Date	Description	Net	VAT/ TAX	Total
6.2.1	YU Energy	1/9/24	Electrical usage (direct debit- paid)	52.91	2.65	55.56
6.2.2	YU Energy	1/9/24	Electrical usage (direct debit- paid)	16.52	0.83	17.35
6.2.3	T Emerton	QTRLY	Clerks Salary (end of December)	372.88		372.88
6.2.4	T Emerton	QTRLY	Clerks Back Pay for Salary (end of December)	42.43		42.43
6.2.5	HMRC	QTRLY	Tax for Clerks Salary (end of December) Tax for Clerks Salary Back Pay (end of December)		77.00 10.40	
6.2.6	T Emerton	6/11/24	Anti Virus Protection for Laptop (2 years)	33.33	6.66	39.99
6.2.7	T Emerton	12/10/24	Printer cartridge	13.31	2.66	15.97
6.2.8	TEXPREP	31/10/24	Village Newsletter	59.60		59.60

The invoices were agreed to be paid

7. Specific items for discussion

1. Ward Councillor Bambridge update here

1 - I note that in the agenda for Monday's meeting there is an item on the situation with Stuart Ryall and the agricultural building on Brackley Lane. I had contact with him three weeks ago, following my earlier email containing the photos I was given at your meeting. He replied "Thank you for sharing the photographs. We have been able to view and download copies for our records. We will review as a team and update you after we have agreed our next step/s." I will chase for a reply if I don't hear anything very soon.

2 – Also listed is an update on the meeting I attended with Silverstone circuit, where the following points were highlighted -

- New pricing to discourage parking at Silverstone and encourage bus use to reduce local traffic. There will be more buses linking surrounding rail stations and a lower bus price of £5 per person. By mid-September, 60% of Grand Prix tickets had been sold with more booking shuttle buses than previously (last year over 63,000 used the shuttle buses of which 27,000 were on the Sunday).
- Uncertainty regarding the completion date of the roundabout on the A43 for the Towcester Relief Road (construction of which has already commenced), is making a delay for detailed traffic planning a possible issue.
- Construction of the new karting circuit on the infield of the main circuit has started. This will be used for leisure karting as well as for racing and tuition.

3 – DHL has appealed the dismissal of its planning application at Bell Plantation and attached is the letter from the inspectorate setting out details of the process.

2. Local Elections 2025

Ensure cost is agreed as part of the budgeting for the election next year

3. Christmas Tree Event

This year we will not hold an event. We will still provide a Christmas Tree and light it

4. Budget versus actual and agree next years precept [here](#)

The budget for 2025/26 was agreed and a Precept set of £6500. Clerk to share Precept amount with WNC

5. Proposal for an Abthorpe Historical Archive [here](#) - costs:

1. Initial costs

- 1 lockable fire-proof (90 minute) metal two drawer filing cabinet: approx £750 -
- £1100 (or £1200 for 120 minute)
- Archive quality filing boxes - £23 each plus VAT
- Archive quality filing /envelopes (acid- and lignin- free) A4 size £45 per 100 plus vat
- Archive quality glassine envelopes for photographs/postcards/artwork large £12.75 per 100 plus vat

2. ongoing costs

- occasional need for more filing sleeves/boxes or a further filing cabinet possible website annual fee. There will be rules around how its managed and used

An Archive to store historical information about Abthorpe. People in the village could borrow historical items, and consider others from outside of the village
Network of other Parish Councils to understand if they have this in place

The Parish Council supports the idea. It was asked, should we try and digitise the items as part of the work. An article will be published in Abtalk to allow us to understand if residents like the idea. Anyone interested in donating any material to contact the Parish Clerk on Abthorpeparishclerk@gmail.com

6. Planning consultation/Information

1. Application reference 2024/4690/TCA at Cerreto Cottage School Lane Abthorpe NN12 8QT [here](#)

The Parish Council Support the Planning Application

2. TOWCESTER PARK, AL3: TIFFIELD LANE, TOWCESTER – APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF RESERVED MATTERS FOR - PLOT 1 [here](#)

The Parish Council Object to this planning application. Clerk to share the objection comments

3. (Appeals) Planning application reference WNS/2021/1819/EIA at Land North Of The Bell Plantation, Watling Street

The council discussed the appeal and raised their objection to the appeal

7. Agricultural building Brackley Lane update

- Councillor Bambridge is following this up and has not received a response as of yet
- A resident has sent Stuart 3 emails with no response
- Councillor Greenhalgh will write to the MP regarding the issue
- Chairman will write to Ward Councillor Bambridge
- The land registry does not show right of access. Rights of access over private land is not the Parish Councils responsibility

8. CCTV in the village

This is progressing, Councillor Jones will update at the next meeting

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

It was agreed to meet with Alison Hill to discuss further. Councilor Stevens will contact

10. Speeding - September none (either non recorded or not visited)

11. Lloyds bank charging

The Clerk will investigate closing one account. Find out if we can use the Business account as a day to day account. Clerk to arrange banking access for the new Clerk

12. Interpretation Panel

Chairman has spoken to a number of companies to get ideas on what the panel would look like with prices around £2k, with another £1k - £1.5k to do the design work. This will be discussed at the next meeting

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 for the kerbing around the village green
- £8,916 / £4,660 / £8,525 (old quote) ex VAT Chairman will follow up with the best quote and do some due diligence around the companies
- Mower road insurance needs details of riders

9. Correspondence

- Visit to Abthorpe - Gordon Kilby - Nephew of Reg Chapman - a meeting has been arranged to discuss historical items he has
- Proposal for an Abthorpe Historical Archive

10. Any other business

- 20 MPH signs - Councillor Stevens, Humpreys, will agree where to display and will display them around the village
- Next Meeting 13th January 2024

11. Close

Signed *Tina Emerton*

Abthorpe Parish Council Clerk

Future meeting dates

Ordinary Meeting	January	13th
Ordinary Meeting	March	10th

Parish year planner [here](#)

Posted on 27/11/24