

# Minutes of Abthorpe Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> August 2016 at 7:45 pm in the Old School, Abthorpe

Present: Councillors: K Fenwick (Chairman), A Hammon, M Hulbert, M Berry, D Cambray,  
M Perrigo  
Clerk B Carter

**1. To receive and approve apologies for absence.**

Cllr J Ford-Cordes tendered his apologies as he was working away from home.

All apologies were accepted.

**2. Members' declaration of interest for items on the agenda.**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. Acceptance of the minutes of previous meeting**

The Clerk had distributed copies of the minutes of the meeting held 4<sup>th</sup> July 2016 via the web.

There were no discrepancies within the minutes The minutes were accepted and signed by the Chairman.

**4. Matters arising from the minutes**

Action No.	Action	Action taken for this meeting
Sept 2014 - 001	Clerk to contact SNC regarding ongoing issues at Home Farm	SNC continue to monitor the site. SNC had a meeting on 24 May 2016 to check on progress. No further information. Action On-going
Min 13/4/15 Para 9.2	Mobile Home sited in Brackley Lane	The mobile home had been removed from site. Action Discharged
Jul 2016 – 001	The Clerk and Chairman to submit an application to SNC for a grant of £6,300.00 towards the cost of replacing the street lights	The application form had been submitted and acknowledged by SNC. It is scheduled to be considered early October. Action On-going
Jul 2016 – 002	Councillors to familiarise themselves with the recommended documents.	Action Discharged
Jul 2016 - 003	The Clerk to write to the minibus company asking them to remove the minibus.	Letter written, copied to driver. Action Discharged
Jul 2016 – 004	The Clerk has been asked to write to the owner requesting that the hedge in Brackley Lane be regularly maintained.	Letter written, but no response received. See item 7.4 Action Discharged
Jul 2016 – 005	Cllr Berry to provide further details of the hedge near Charlock Farm that is overgrown.	This action was not to be pursued. Action Discharged

**5. Planning**

5.1 Application: S/2016/1778/FUL  
Proposal: Erection of an agricultural building for the purpose of housing livestock.  
Location: Handley Barn, Abthorpe Road, Silverstone, NN12 8TW

After discussion it was decided to record "No Comments"

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- 5.2 Application: S/2016/1857FUL  
 Proposal: Variation of condition 2 (Plans) of existing application S/2015/1013//FUL.  
 (Rear two storey extension) To enable a single storey extension to south west elevation of approved extension & the removal of an existing conservatory to the south west elevation.  
 Location: Slapton Mill, Mill Lane, Slapton NN12 8PE

After discussion it was decided that this was proper to Slapton. It was decided to record "No Comments"

- 5.3 Application: S/2016/1868FUL  
 Proposal: Change of use from agricultural land to residential garden  
 Location: Berrywood, 11 Wappenham Road, Abthorpe, NN12 8QU

After discussion it was decided to record "No Comments"

- 5.4 Application: S/2016/1651/MAF  
 Proposal: Erection of 7 stables with associated tack room, feed store and general store plus manege. Change of use of adjoining land to equestrian use.  
 Location: Silverthorpe Bed and Breakfast, Abthorpe Road, Silverstone, NN12 8TW

After discussion it was decided to record "No Comments"

- 5.5 Application: S/2016/1894/TPO  
 Proposal: Works to TPO trees (09/1997) Lime x2, reduce by 3M  
 Location: The Old Chapel 41 Wappenham Road Abthorpe NN12 8QU

After discussion it was decided to record "Supported"

### 6. Finance

Treasures Account (as at 28 July 2016)	£869.88
30 Day Business Account (as at 28 July 2016)	£3875.48
Petty Cash (as at 28 July 2016)	£3.79

#### 6.1 Cheques for Payment

Two invoices were received from E-on soon after the meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2016. These were paid without being brought to the meeting. This decision was accepted.

			Chq No.	
E-on	151.42	Supply (1/4 – 30/6)	550	
E-on	£77.54	Mtce (1/4 – 30/6)	551	

Cllr Berry presented three receipts for petrol and parts for the mower. A cheque was written and signed to pay these receipts.

			Chq No.	
Shell Towcester	£12.37	Mower Petrol		
Garden Machinery	£17.50	Husqvarna Belt		
Leigh Park Garden Machinery	£26.78	Husqvarna Belt		
Total	£56.65		552	

The Clerk reported that Renesola UK Ltd, the company erecting the Solar Farm at Handley Barn, had paid into the Councils bank account £3;000.00, being the first Section 106 payment. This payment will continue, index linked, for the next 25 years. See Item 7.6

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## 7. Specific Items for Discussion.

### 7.1 Annual Audit

The Clerk had telephoned BDO Ltd, the external auditor, to chase the return of the Annual Accounts for 2015/16. He had been informed that the audit had been successful and was now awaiting CEO sign-off. (Clerks Note: The signed off accounts was received on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2016)

### 7.2 Street Lighting replacement (discussion on finance)

E-on had quoted for the replacement of the defective street light on the corner of Brackley Lane/Stanhill Row. This light is now obsolete and requires replacing at a cost of £345.00. E-on also advised that all 18 street lamps in the village are obsolete. As stated in action point Jul 2016 – 001, a grant application for £6,300.00 has been submitted to SNC for consideration by the Community Levy Fund to finance the upgrading and replacement of all the street lights in the village. As stated, this application will be considered early October 2016. It was agreed to use part of the £3000.00 Section 106 money from Renesola UK Ltd to go ahead and replace the faulty street light at Brackley Lane/Stanhill Row as soon as possible. The remaining S106 money could be considered for use to replace other street lights depending on the quote and the success of the grant application. E-on should be asked to quote to replace the remaining street lights. One of the concrete columns will need replacing, and possibly some of the connecting blocks. This will increase the cost. If the application to SNC is successful all lights should be replaced.

The old lights are sodium, (yellow), and the new lights will be white. If there is not adequate finance to replace all lights at the same time, then the grouping of the lights should be considered so that lighting patterns are the same in an area.

**New Action Point Aug 2016 – 001 Clerk to contact E-on to order a replacement for the faulty stret lamp, and ask for a detailed quote to replace the remaining 17 lamps within the village.**

### 7.3 Mini Bus parked on the Green

As previously stated a letter was written to both the Mini Bus Company, copied to the driver, asking for the minibus to be removed. The Chairman had subsequently spoken to the driver. The mini bus appears to have been removed.

### 7.4 Hedge in Brackley Lane.

As stated in Jul 2016 – 004 The Clerk had written to the owner of the hedge in Brackley Lane. No response had been received. It was suggested that the Clerk contact NCC to seek advice, and search Land Registry to try to identify the owner(s) of the land. It was accepted that there is a cost to search Land Registry records.

**New Action Point Aug 2016 – 002 Clerk to contact NCC to seek advice regarding the cutting of the land in Brackley Lane.**

**New Action Point Aug 2016 – 003 Clerk to search, and pay if appropriate, Land Registry fee to identify the owner(s) of the hedge in Brackley Lane.**

### 7.5 Mini Farm

The Chairman reported contact from Bradden Village Meeting Chairman, stating the the period for appeal against the rejected planning application for Mini Farm had now expired. The Clerk was asked to write to SNC pointing this out and that an area of the agricultural land is now covered with hardcore.

**New Action Point Aug 2016 – 004 Clerk to contact SNC regarding Mini Farm to draw their attention that the period for appeal has now passed, and that a large amount of hardcore has been laid on agricultural land?.**

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## 7.6 Renesola Section 106 money.

The Council is now in receipt of £3,000.00 paid as part of the Section 106 money from the Solar Farm at Handley Barn. It had been questioned whether this money was restricted. Advice from SNC's Section 106 and Development Monitoring Officer stated that there was no covenant on the money. During discussion it was agreed to use the money to replace the defective street light in Brackley Lane,

## 7.7 Abthorpe Roundabout – Lack of newsletters/info

The Clerk had contacted Highways England regarding the lack of information about the Abthorpe Roundabout work. It appears that Silverstone residents had received a newsletter explaining the road closures etc., but not Abthorpe residents. Highways England could not explain why Abthorpe was not on the circulation. They promised to ensure that future changes would be sent to the Clerk and he agreed to display them on the notice board within the village and on the website.

### **New Action Point Aug 2016 – 005 Clerk to display any notifications about the road works on the notice board and web site.**

NCC Highways have also notified the Clerk about road closures whilst the “patching” the road from Towceter to the Slapton Bend, and from Handley Barn entrance to Bradden Crossroads.

## 8 Correspondence

The following documents were put in the circulation folder.

- 8.1 Northants Fifty + news – May – Jul
- 8.2 Northants Fifty + news – Aug – Oct
- 8.3 Ncalc Update – Jul – Aug
- 8.4 Adult Learning Courses

The following correspondence was binned.

- J Parkers Bulb Catalogue
- HAGS Play equipment

## 9 Any Other Competent Business

9.1 Cllr Hulbert reported the double style, on footpath RA34, sited at the first hedge which the path crosses after crossing Stanhill Field. The fence nearby is also damaged and is falling apart. The Chairman agreed to investigate and take remedial action if appropriate.

**New Action Point Aug 2016 – 006 The Chairman agreed to investigate RA34 and take remedial action if appropriate.**

9.2 Cllr Hulbert and Cllr Berry also reported a blocked bridle gate on footpath RA43. The path in Bucknall Woods has been closed for several weeks. It is felt that it is not necessary to close this path to pedestrians.

**New Action Point Aug 2016 – 007 Clerk to write to Rights of Way Officer asking if the closed path (RA43) can have a style fitted.**

The meeting closed at 20.45

Next Meeting Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 7.45pm in the Old School

Cllr Cambray tendered his apologies as he has family commitments.

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Aug 2016 – 001	<b>Clerk to contact E-on to order a replacement for the faulty stret lamp, and ask for a detailed quote to replace the remaining 17 lamps within the village.</b>	New Action  (Clerks note: E-mail sent to E-on)
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Aug 2016 – 003	<b>Clerk to contact search, and pay if appropriate, Land Registry to identify the owner(s) of the hedge in Brackley Lane</b>	New Action
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Aug 2016 – 005	<b>The Chairman agreed to investigate RA34 and take remedial action if appropriate</b>	New Action
Aug 2016 – 005	<b>Clerk to display any notifications about the road works on the notice board and web site</b>	New Action
Aug 2016 – 006	<b>Clerk to write to Rights of Way Officer asking if the closed path (RA43) can have a style fitted or the gate can be unlocked.</b>	New Action

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