

**Minutes of Abthorpe Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 7 January 2019  
at 7:45pm in the Old School, Abthorpe**

Present: Councillors M Berry, D Cambray, A Hammon, K Fenwick, F Noble, M Greenhalgh

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

Apologies received and accepted from Chairman Perrigo.

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

Councillor Hammon declared an interest to item 7.7.

**3. To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 29 October 2018 and the special planning meeting of Friday 21st December 2018**

These were accepted and signed.

**4. To note any matters arising from the minutes**

Action No.	Description	Action
Mar 2017 – 001	Clerk to arrange to download of data from the Speed sign onto the Parish Laptop	Action ongoing.
Feb 2018 – 008 005	Replacement of the broken bench on the green	Clerk to obtain a quote to replace the current broken bench with the fixed one and leave in the original location. - Quote is £103.91. Council agreed to proceed with this work.
September 2018 - 007 003	Battery for speed sign	Councillor Cambray to discuss with Jamie if a battery is needed. Purchase of 1 large battery agreed.
October 2018 - 006 001	Maintenance of paths	Clerk to obtain a quote to tidy paths, removing moss from paths and weeds from church wall. - Estimated quote of £235.00. Council agreed to proceed with this work.
January 2019 - 006 002	TADD Payments	Clerk to arrange payments.
January 2019 - 007 001	Budget	Clerk to inform the Council that our Precept will be reduced to 4k per year.
January 2019 - 007 002	Meeting dates	Clerk to book the Old School for the agreed dates.
January 2019 - 007 003	Data Protection Officer	Clerk to inform NCALC that we will continue using them as our DPO next year.

**5. Presentation by Ability Northants on a proposed community bus service**

Ability Northants CLC is now in operation. This is a not-for-profit organisation. Its first service started in the Northampton area to replace services which had just been withdrawn. SNC has provided funding support towards setting up the service.

Ability operate fixed services on a daily or weekly basis. Passengers pay a fare dependent on distance, for instance 6 miles costs about £4.50. Valid bus passes are accepted.

For our area, Ability suggest a single weekly trip to Towcester. There would be a set-up charge of £500, the cost of which would be shared among those parishes served, however Grants are available, e.g. from SNC, to cover this cost. Any further weekly trips would also attract a set-up charge of £500 per trip.

Users of the service have to be registered and all trips must be booked in advance. The bus will only operate when people are booked on it. There are three levels. The standard is free and picks up at defined bus stops. Silver costs £24/person or £36 joint and will in addition provide assistance on and off the bus. Gold costs £36 single or £48 joint and includes home pick-up and drop off with shopping carried to the door.

Ability currently operate 15 seater buses which can accommodate folding chairs and have a tail lift. A 7 seater able to accommodate powered chairs may be obtained.

Our next step is to understand if there would any interest from Lois Weedon, Weston, Blakesley or Woodend to make the route viable.

## 6. Finance

### 1. Cash in bank as of 30/12/18

- Treasurer's Account - £6038.14
- 30 Day Business Account - £5879.84
- Petty Cash - £31.00

The finances were agreed.

### 2. Invoices for payment

Item no.	Payment to	Description	Net	VAT	Total
6.2.1	T Emerton	CHARGE-PAK Charging Stick with two sets of adult electrodes - resubmitted to include postage	84.00	16.80	100.80
6.2.2	C Fielding	Repairs to Church Wall and Memorial	395.00		395.00
6.2.3	T. Emerton	Christmas Tree	58.33	11.67	69.99
6.2.4	Abthorpe PCC	Donation for Abthorpe Church Fund	50.00		50.00
6.2.5	TADD	Payment for TADD residents	85.00		85.00
6.2.6	Abtalk	Payment for Abtalk Newsletter	89.90.		89.90

The invoices were agreed to be paid.

## 7. Specific items for discussion

### 1. Next year's budget review and agreement of Precept

The spend this year was reviewed and it was agreed to reduce the Precept to £4k for the forthcoming year.

### 2. Confirmation of this years meeting dates and agreement of next year's meeting dates:

- Monday 4th March 2019
- Monday 15th April 2019
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019 Ordinary and AGM
- Annual Parish Meeting?

It was agreed to hold the Parish Council AGM and Ordinary Meeting on Monday 13th May 2019 and the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 20th May 2019.

### Next years proposed dates:

- Monday 1st July 2019
- Monday 12th August 2019
- Monday 23rd September 2019
- Monday 4th November 2019
- Monday 16th December 2019
- Monday 27th January 2020

- Monday 9th March 2020
- Monday 20th April 2020

These dates were agreed. We will book the Annual and AGM Meeting once we understand the election dates.

3. Salvation Army collection point

It was agreed not to pursue this due to space.

4. DPO service continuation - £10 for next financial year

This was agreed to be continued for the following year.

5. Northamptonshire County Council's 2019-20 Budget Consultation - 23rd January 2019

Councillors had no comment.

6. Maintenance contract for speed sign - £220 plus VAT = £264.00

It was agreed that we did not need a service contract for the speed sign.

7. Planning consultation/Information for application reference S/2018/2698/FUL at Yew Tree House

The Green Abthorpe NN12 8QP

Councillor Hammon discussed that the plans had been changed slightly. The Clerk said that she had not received any updated plans. Councillor Hammon described that there was a reduction to the width of the garden room and a reduction to the height of the car port. The Councillors reviewed the plans received from SNC and had no objections.

8. Church Street closure at Silverstone/Abthorpe to be listed in Abtalk

This will be listed.

9. New Homes Bonus - no ring fenced allocations in 2019

It was discussed that the New Homes Bonus will be changing and that it won't be ring fenced for projects for Abthorpe specifically and requests for funding follow the same Grant request process.

8. Correspondence

There were no correspondence.

9. Any other business

The Clerk ask if the electric usage bill of £78.02 could be paid as it was received after the agenda was published. This was agreed to be paid.

10. Close

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Signed  
(Chairman Perrigo)

Date