

Minutes of Abthorpe Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 9th January 2017 at 7:45 pm in the Old School, Abthorpe

Present: Councillors: K Fenwick (Chairman), M Hulbert, M Perrigo, J Ford-Cortes, D Cambray
Clerk B Carter

There were one member of the public present.

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Cllrs A Hammon & M Berry tendered their apologies Cllr Berry was abroad, and Cllr Hammon was working in London.

All apologies were accepted.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Planning

The meeting has been called to discuss the following planning application:-

- 3.1 Application No. S/2016/3148/FUL
Proposal: Single storey rear extension
Location: Middle House, 52 Wappenham Road, Abthorpe, NN12 8QU

The application was discussed and it was agreed that the Council had no objections.

- 3.2 The Council had received notification of the following from the Department for Transport;-
"Town and Country Planning Act 1990 – Section 247. Proposed stopping up of Highway at Wappenham Road, Abthorpe, South Northamptonshire."

This had been discussed at the Council meeting on 19 December 2016. The Clerk had been actioned to submit an objection. In response to this objection, the Department for Transport had replied stating "As your objection does not directly relate to the closure of the highway, which is the subject of this Stopping Up Order, then we cannot accept your letter as a valid objection".

The Clerk has spoken to the DfT who stated that as the objection had been raised at the appeal in 2015, and a suggestion made, it would not relook at the objection.

The Clerk has subsequently spoken to Paul Seckington at Southnorthants Council's Planning Dept who is going to investigate further.

It was further agreed that if the Chairman or Cllr Perrigo saw the owner of 38 Wappenham Road, they would ask what was intended to happen once the road had been stopped up.

New Action Jan 2017 – 001 The Chairman or Cllr Perrigo to ask the owners of 38 Wappenham Road what was intended to happen once the road had been stopped up if they saw them.

4. Finance

As the meeting had been called to specifically deal with the planning application, this item should not have been included. However, the Clerk raised the issue of the Section 137 donation to the St John The Baptist PCC. The cheque had been made out to the wrong name and was unaccepted by the bank. It was agreed to find out the PCC's bank details and transfer the money electronically.

The Clerk had also received an invoice from Eon. It was agreed to consider this at the next meeting on 22 January 2017.

5. Any Other Competent Business

Transparency Fund – Purchase of a laptop and associated software, etc.

The Clerk had received details of the potential grant from NCALC. Following discussion it was agreed to submit an application for consideration by the end of January.

The meeting ended at 8:15 pm