

ABBOTSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear Councillors

I HEREBY GIVE YOU NOTICE that the Meeting of Abbotsley Parish Council is due to be held at **7.30pm on Thursday 9th July 2026, meeting in Abbotsley Village Hall**. Members of the public are welcome to attend. All members of the Council are hereby summoned for the purposes of considering and resolving upon the business to be transacted at the meeting, as set out hereunder.

K Bates

Mrs Katie Bates – Clerk to the Council
4th July 2026

A G E N D A

Please note: this meeting will be recorded. Recording is for administrative purposes only and once the minutes are approved the recording will be deleted.

Members – 5

Quorate - 3

1. To receive apologies and accept reasons for absence
2. To receive declarations of interest and to consider dispensation applications for items on this agenda
3. Remaining Declaration of Acceptance of Office to be signed, as agreed at meeting held 25th June 2026
4. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held 11th June 2026
5. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held 25th June 2026
6. To consider any matters arising from the minutes
7. To confirm that Councillors have provided the Clerk with their updated Register of Interests in accordance with recent advice from NALC
8. To receive amended Register of Interests
9. Open Forum
 - i. The meeting is open to members of the public for a maximum of ten minutes to enable them to address the Parish Council. In accordance with 3(f) of Abbotsley Parish Council Standing Orders 2026, a member of the public shall not speak for more than 3 minutes. Questions relating to items not on the agenda shall not require a response or discussion until the next meeting.
10. To receive reports from County and District Councillors
11. Planning
 - i. To consider planning application **26/00611/HHFUL** – Demolition of existing conservatory and proposed rear extension at 22 Blacksmiths Lane, Abbotsley
 - ii. To consider planning application **26/01162/S73** – Removal of Condition 4 (remain ancillary) of 17/00988/HHFUL at Glen Eden, Potton Road, Abbotsley

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- iii. To note the Planning Appeal made to the Secretary of State Ref: **26/00021/REFUSL** for Planning Application **25/02301/PIP** Permission in Principle for the construction of up to 2No Dwellings & proposed footpath north of site at Land at 130 High Street, Abbotsley and consider any further comments, or withdraw or modify earlier comments. Comments to be made to <https://appeal-planning-decision.service.gov.uk/comment-planning-appeal/enter-appeal-reference> by 14th July 2026

12. Abbotsley Conservation Area:

- i. To consider any update received

13. Safety Inspection

- i. To consider the Safety Inspection Report for July 2026

14. To consider any matters relating to High Green and Playing Field:

- i. To consider any update on the pond restoration work
- ii. To note the annual RoSPA report and consider works to be completed

15. To consider matters relating to the Village Hall:

- i. To note the update
- ii. To agree the Parish Council's representative for the Village Hall Management Committee

16. Highways Matters:

- i. To consider any update on the Local Highways Initiatives (LHI) scheme 2025/2026 for traffic calming measures to reduce vehicle speeds entering and exiting Abbotsley
- ii. To resolve upon using CIL fund monies to fund the LHI scheme 2025/6 scheme
- iii. To note any update from Highways regarding the faded painted Give Way line at High Green/St Neots Road
- iv. To note any updates on outstanding issues regarding footpaths logged on CCC's Highways reporting online site
- v. To note the updates on outstanding issues regarding Highways logged on CCC's Highways reporting online site
- vi. To note any update on the site meeting with the Highways Maintenance Officer
- vii. To note any update on the grips that have not yet been cut at Pitsdean Road

17. Speedwatch

- i. To consider the update on the request for data from the MVAS
- ii. To note any update

18. To consider matters relating to the upgrade of the route between the A1 Black Cat roundabout and the A428 Caxton Gibbet roundabout

- i. To note the road closure – A428 and Cambridge Road, Eltisley, weekends and overnights plus full closure: 24 hours 7 days and 7 nights. Please visit [A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet improvements - National Highways](#) for full details. Closures will happen at various times between Monday 22nd June and Monday 27th July 2026
- ii. To note the response from the A428 Project Team regarding concerns received from members of the public regarding increased HGV traffic travelling through Abbotsley
- iii. To consider a single point of contact to forward concerns to the Team on a weekly basis and mechanisms for promoting this to members of the public
- iv. To note the publicised update on the timings of new road opening
- v. To consider finding a named contact at National Highways for a temporary period to liaise with
- vi. To consider any feedback following the questions regarding traffic lights at the new temporary road between Abbotsley and St Neots and the junction to the new bridge
- vii. To consider any other updates

19. To consider matters relating to East West Rail (EWR)

- i. To note the update following the end of the Consultation period. Summary of responses to be published in autumn 2026 and Development Consent Order application to be submitted 2027
- ii. To note information from EWR regarding safeguarded areas and potential changes
- iii. To note that EWR plan to carry out ground investigations/archaeological trial trenching in this area within the next three weeks

- iv. To consider any updates

20. Village Environmental Issues

- i. To consider any update on the repair to the noticeboard on St Neots Road
- ii. To note that the implementation of the project adjacent to the pond for seating, bug hotel, planters and plants and information board, for well-being and environmental benefits for the community

21. HDC's Local Plan to 2046

- i. To note any feedback on the online engagement session
- ii. To note any update

22. Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)

- i. To note any feedback following the Towns and Parishes LGR engagement session
- ii. To note any update

23. To consider correspondence received

- i. Bedford Borough Council – Thurleigh Parish Council have submitted their Neighbourhood Development Plan Review. Submission plan and supporting documents are available to view at <http://www.bedford.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning> Representations must be received by 5pm, 20th July 2026.
- ii. Cambridge Gliding Centre Consultative Committee – Draft minutes of meeting held 1st April 2026
- iii. HDC – Postponement of Water System Management event that had been scheduled for 14th July 2026
- iv. Member of the public – Request to consider lowering the bush sited in front of the bench at Pitsdean Road/Drewels Lane
- v. The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority – Public consultation launched on proposed changes to local bus services. Survey closes 5pm 28th July 2026. More information: <https://cpca-yourvoice.co.uk/bus-network-review-engagement/>
- vi. Member of the public, Governor of Longsands Academy – request for (i) funding for proposed project to develop sports facilities at the school for school and community use (ii) re-directing CIL funding to this project (iii) letter of support for their CIL application to HDC
- vii. HDC and Wild About Huntingdon – ‘WildFest’, a free community event celebrating the incredible wildlife green spaces and natural beauty found across Huntingdonshire’ Sunday 26th July, 11am to 5pm at Riverside Park, Huntingdon
- viii. Member of the public – Notification to Highways of potholes along Drewels Lane from Southwood Farm to Pitsdean Road, also along Pitsdean Road
- ix. Member of the public – Notification to Highways significant bramble overgrowing parking bays and footpath at St Neots Road

24. Electricity supplier for street lighting

- i. To note the current position with the latest bill from Valda Energy and resolution

25. Finance:

- i. To reconcile the bank statement with payments and receipts for the period 1st April 2026 to 30th June 2026
- ii. **To note payment received:**
 - Unity Trust Bank – Credit interest for 1st April 2026 – 30th June 2026 - £208.74
- iii. **To note the following payments already made:**
 - Unity Trust Bank – Banking charges for 1st May 2026 – 31st May 2026 - £7.00 *Local Government Act 1972, s.111 (1)*
 - Herts & Cambs Ground Maintenance Ltd – 1 x grass cut at Playing Field, High Green and five areas, Invoice Number SI-4411, dated 12th June 2026: £310.00 + VAT of £62.00 = £372.00 *Open Spaces Act 1906, s.10*
 - Aviva – Clerk's pension, employer's and employee's contributions: Period 4 - £60.24 *Local Government Act 1972, s.112*
 - K Bates – Working From Home Allowance for June - £10.00 *Local Government Act 1972, s.112*
- iv. **To consider the following payments for approval:**

- LGS Services – Internal Audit for 2025-2026 - £170.00 + VAT of £34.00 = £204.00
Local Government Act 1972 S.111
- Andy Muskett Ltd – Street lighting maintenance – 1st April 2025 – 30th June 2026 Inv No 6220, dated 30th June 2026 - £84.00 + VAT of £16.80 = £100.80 *Parish Councils Act 1957, s.3*
- S Derbyshire – Expenses for refreshments for Annual Parish Meeting - £10.27- *Local Government Act 1972, s. 150 (2)*
- Herts & Cambs Ground Maintenance Ltd – 1 x grass cut at Playing Field, High Green and five areas, Invoice Number SI-4427, dated 26th June 2026: £310.00 + VAT of £62.00 = £372.00 *Open Spaces Act 1906, s.10*
- HMRC - Employer payment for period 4 Tax and National Insurance – Amount to be confirmed *Local Government Act 1972, s.112*
- K Bates – Reimbursement for Norton anti-virus protection - £24.99 *Local Government Act 1972 S.111*
- K Bates – Period 4: salary, expenses, overtime – Amount to be confirmed *Local Government Act 1972, s.112*

26. To note the time and date of the next meeting: 7.30pm on Thursday 10th September 2026, at Abbotsley Village Hall. There is no meeting scheduled for August.

27. To note the time of meeting closure