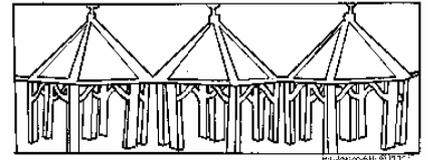


THE BROMLEY

BULLETIN.....



Abbots Bromley Parish Council Newsletter February 2005 No 26

Wind Farm at Abbots Bromley

The planning application has been received from AB Energy Ltd for the erection of seven wind turbines and associated works at Bagot's Park, Abbots Bromley. With the application is a detailed environmental statement. On Saturday 19th February the Parish Council extended one of their parish surgeries so that local people could see the plans for themselves and for the Council to listen to their views. East Staffordshire Borough Council has also organised two public consultation meetings on 1st March at Uttoxeter Town Hall, between 2.00pm and 4.00pm and at Abbots Bromley Village Hall between 6.00pm and 8.00pm. The purpose of the two meetings is to enable Council Officers to explain the details of the planning application and answer any questions. Any views expressed at the meeting will be recorded and taken into consideration when dealing with the application. Both meetings will follow exactly the same format so it will be unnecessary to attend them both. Any comments concerning the application should be made in writing by 7th March 2005 to Planning Officer, Midland Grain Warehouse, Derby Street, Burton upon Trent, DE 14 2JJ.

There will also be an extraordinary meeting of Abbots Bromley Parish Council at 7.30pm on Wednesday 2nd March in the Village Hall, when residents will have an opportunity to make representations to members before the Council consider their response to the planning application.

Precept 2005/6

The Parish Council has submitted a precept request of £18,200 to East Staffordshire Borough Council. This will result in a charge of £25.30 per band D property, an increase of 0.07% on last year. Proposed projects for the forthcoming year include "seed" project funding for the development of ideas through the Vital Villages, continued support of the Abbots Bromley Community First Responders, improvements to the village to help with the Best Kept Village competition, the production of a village welcome pack for new residents and improving the traffic management and speed control through the village.

An agreement has been made with the new tenants of the Goats Head so that the toilets will still be open for public use. The Parish Council has been updating the free Village map and leaflet, which includes the history of Abbots Bromley, and it will be available later this year.

The next Saturday Surgery will be on 23rd April from 10.00am to 11.00am in Church House and the Annual Parish Assembly will be on Wednesday 11th May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Best Kept Village Competition

2005 is the 50th year of the Best Kept Village competition in Staffordshire. Last year we were very close to taking the award for the best large village coming second. On this anniversary occasion we would like to win. The key areas that the judges look for; are overall cleanliness and tidiness, no dog fouling, a good display of information concerning the competition including the children's posters, the use and maintenance of public facilities and above all a distinct indication of local population participation.

The overall image of the village has not, in past years, been a problem, as the majority of residents do take an interest and help to keep their particular area in a condition that impresses the judges. However, dog fouling has become a problem and we all need to be aware of the few residents who do not obey the law and clean up their canine mess. The Parish Council will be taking action in such cases, but everyone's participation in helping with this problem will help. We will be asking all village organisations to assist with various tasks between now and the beginning of May, when the competition starts and during the competition period until July. If you are willing to support your village in this the 50th year of the competition please contact any member of the Parish Council.

Abbots Bromley Community First Responder

Abbots Bromley Community First Responder group became operational on Sunday 13th February. The group, comprising of 15 volunteer members have been in training during the past year. ABCFR will be operating under the control of Staffordshire Ambulance Service and will respond to 999 calls in our area. They have emergency resuscitation equipment and have been trained to deal with many types of life threatening emergencies. This service is complimentary to the normal excellent NHS Ambulance Service available in Staffordshire.

Funding for this group has been obtained from East Staffordshire Borough Council, Staffordshire County Council, Abbots Bromley Parish Council and Uttoxeter Plus. Future fund raising events are planned to support running costs and to finance new equipment. It is hoped that additional group members can be recruited from within our community so that comprehensive emergency cover can be provided. Contact Colin Palmer (840667) for details.

Community Speed Watch

This is a joint initiative between the Parish Council and the Police. All the equipment and training has been funded by the Police and what we are trying to achieve is a reduction in the number of cars speeding in the village. There are 6 volunteers and 1 co-ordinator using speed detecting radar equipment, who work in pairs out and about the village. The Police and the co-ordinator have agreed 10 designated sites which are covered on different days and at different times during daylight hours. If anyone is found to be exceeding the speed limit, instead of a fine and 3 automatic points added to their licence, they will receive a warning letter from the Police. However, if anyone repeatedly offends, Police action will follow. To date the volunteers have reported, that as soon as drivers are aware of them, the speed of the vehicles reduces instantly. In the first 4 weeks of operation 17 vehicles have been recorded travelling over the speed limit and their details have been passed to the Police. It is not the intention to harass motorists only for safety reasons to make them aware of the speed limit within the village.

DEC Tsunami Earthquake Appeal

The Asian Tsunami Disaster touched all our hearts and Abbots Bromley and Blithfield parishes responded with great generosity. On Saturday 8th January a Coffee Morning was held and a magnificent £2,768.86 was raised. An Auction of the remaining items was held on Saturday 22nd January which made a further £353.14. It is hoped to raise even more by holding a Coffee Day, when small coffee parties will be held with biscuits and chocolates all generously donated. The community spirit and generosity displayed by Abbots Bromley and Blithfield has been wonderful to see and it is good to know that we are helping communities devastated by the Tsunami disaster. Thank you everyone, Chris Lewis.

Enjoy a Healthy Swim

The Abbots Bromley Swimming Club welcome new members. They meet every Tuesday 7.00pm-9.00pm during term time at the Abbots Bromley School pool. Members must be over 18 years of age. Contact Judy Smith (840423).

Abbots Bromley Village Hall

This important facility within our village is in danger of shutting down due to the lack of people prepared to take on a management role. Mike King, Chairman, and his management committee are desperate to hear from any person who is prepared to give up a little of their time to help run this much admired Hall. The facts are, that the Hall could be closed, as those few remaining feel unable to continue to shoulder the responsibility without support. Please ring Mike King (01889 500660) if you feel you can help. The AGM will be held in the Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 6th April 2005. If you are a Hall user, please come along and air your views.

Tea Shop Action Group

It has been proposed to run a tea shop on Saturday afternoons in Church House from April to September. This is an expansion of the successful venture organised by St Nicholas Church members on Sunday afternoons last year. They responded to a need for such a facility for visitors to our village. A letter has been sent to all the village organisations, inviting them to participate. This could help serve the village, raise their profile and generate funds. Individuals are included if they would like to raise money for a charity of their choice. For further details or to book, contact Linda Waring (840052) Email Linda.waring@virgin.net.

Councillors

Philip Charles - Chairman (840251), Clive Cook (840928), David Eatough (840061), Bob Esling - Vice Chairman (840778), Alan Elkington (841011), Linda Fox (840315), Roger Jarman (840678), Kate McLoughlin (840409) and Jean Needham (840481). Clerk to the Council is Eric Roy (840153).

Published by Abbots Bromley Parish Council. Newsletter Editor Kate McLoughlin (01283840409). Grateful thanks to the P.C.C. for the use of the St Nicholas Church Printer.