

Proposed changes to the Mobile Library Service



During the summer Staffordshire County Council consulted on a proposed change to the mobile library service across the County. They propose downgrading the service to offer less stops and stops that are for a shorter period in a bid to save money. This will impact Abbots Bromley as the proposal means that we will lose our current three stops and be downgraded to one stop (likely to be at the Bagot Arms). Under the proposals the library will only be in the village between 2:20-3:50pm.

The Parish Council responded to the consultation and Councillors had a meeting with a representative from Staffordshire Libraries in August. Following this they did agree to extend the Bagot stop to 3:50pm (they originally proposed a 3:30pm exit) but have ignored our request to keep more than one stop. We are concerned that one stop at one end will adversely affect the ability of many to be able to get to use the service; also a reduced service at the Bagot stop will mean that children coming out of school will have less opportunity to visit the library.

Staffordshire County Council claim that figures show less people are using the service but crucially they only seem to count the number of library transactions, which is not the same as the number of people who use the service, for example those that might take out books for others or children that visit with parents. We continue to press to defend a vital local service but it does not look hopeful. The County Council's cabinet is due to make a final decision on the 21<sup>st</sup> October.

**Jelly Tots Pre School Playgroup**

We require new committee members to help with the running of Jelly Tots Pre School Playgroup, a wonderful organisation located in the centre of Abbots Bromley. We are looking for enthusiastic, devoted individuals who are happy to help us promote the group, fundraise and find new ways to further enhance the setting.

If you would be at all interested please contact our secretary Tara Stevenson on: T: 01283 840486/07854 912266  
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**Other useful numbers**

Highways Hotline To report any problems with Highways, Lighting, Signs: 0300 111 8000

ESBC waste management: To report full re-cycling bins at Schoolhouse Lane: 0800 26 90 98

ESBC Enforcement Team (Dog fouling): 01283 508576

ESBC Planning Enquiries: 01283 508570

Police: All non emergency calls: 101

Sustainable Staffordshire: 01785 277253

Phillip Atkins (County Councillor): 018895 90922

# Bromley Bulletin

Abbots Bromley Neighbourhood Plan

At the Parish Council meeting in July the decision was taken to begin the process of developing a Neighbourhood Plan for Abbots Bromley.

The legislation for Neighbourhood Plans was introduced through the Localism Act 2011 to give new rights and powers to local communities to shape their areas. The plan will be able to set out things like where new housing or business should go and what the priorities for the village should be in terms of protecting heritage and improving infrastructure. Unlike National Planning Policy (which is approved by Government) or Local Planning Policy (which in our case is approved by East Staffordshire Borough Council) a Neighbourhood Plan can only be brought into force following a majority vote in a referendum by residents of the neighbourhood area.

In areas where there is a lack of strong planning policy developments can sometimes come forward in an ad hoc way, often not in the most suitable locations and potentially without proper consideration to the wider infrastructure or the will of the local community. Currently planning policy decisions for Abbots Bromley sit with East Staffordshire Borough Council (ESBC) and their Local Plan, once adopted this power will pass to the Abbots Bromley Neighbourhood Plan. As a statutory document any developer that comes forward with infrastructure proposals will be bound to consider its policies. This statutory, legal basis makes it different from all previous design guides and other documents that the village has previously been involved in.

As a first step ESBC ran a consultation in order to designate the Parish as a Neighbourhood Area, this in effect sets out the area that the proposed plan will cover. The next step will be to agree an Abbots Bromley Neighbourhood Plan working group that will work on drafting and consulting on the plan. The working group will be made up of Parish Councillors and hopefully interested residents, businesses and local service providers. The plan is only likely to be successful if we can get together a range of different people from across the community.

Corinne O'Hare who is a Planning Officer from East Staffordshire Borough Council has kindly agreed to come along to a meeting to set out the Neighbourhood Plan process more fully and hopefully answer any questions that you might have. This meeting will be on the **18<sup>th</sup> November 2015 in the Village Hall, starting at 7:30pm.**

We would urge as many people to come along and hear about the process in detail and what it will mean for Abbots Bromley. This is a real opportunity to have our own statutory control with regards to the future of the village, to put an end to any further speculative applications like the recent, ongoing one in Ashbrook Lane. However, to be successful it will require a good level of support and for the community to be motivated to make it happen.



## Abbots Bromley

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**PC Meetings**

7.00 pm Wednesdays

In the Village Hall:

- ◆ 28th October
- ◆ 25th November

**PC Surgery**

10-11am Saturdays in Church House

- ◆ 21st November

**Be Part of Future Plans for Abbots Bromley**

Neighbourhood Planning Meeting

Wednesday, 18th November 2015

Marcia Rice Room  
Village Hall

Abbots Bromley  
Prompt Start 7.30pm





## Abbots Bromley Sports Association

### ABSA Committee

We have been working hard for several years now to endeavour to turn the dream of a new sports ground into a reality.

During the years we, as a committee, have had to learn some hard lessons. In the first instance it was all "blue skies", let us design what we would like and then find the money. The initial designs were going to cost us £700,000 - £800,000 and with grant aid being difficult to come by this we quickly realised had been a step too far.

The project was redesigned and with expert input we were able, without really skimping on quality, to reduce the programme cost from the original figure to a more manageable figure in the region of £500,000 - £550,000. It is necessary, despite this reduction, to phase the programme and this we have now divided into three areas; the cricket ground and square, the football pitches and the construction of the pavilion. In round figures this is £200,000, £100,000 and £200,000 respectively plus services.

The first two parts to the phasing will incorporate levelling of the site, drainage of the site, the protection of footpaths and the construction of balancing ponds for water run-off and retention for irrigation and reed beds.

The first phase as mentioned will cost circa £200,000. We have approximately £25,000 which has been raised by the ABSA committee and the hard work of people like Mark Hurst, Tara Stevenson, Andy Kirkland, Mike Manners and Ian Haywood. Donations from people like the Parish Council, Kath Cadman, the original Abbots Bromley Sports Association, the Drama Group and others. We have a £50,000 grant for this first phase from Sport England and recently Tara Stevenson has obtained a £10,000 grant from ESBC's Neighbourhood Forum.

This money, alongside a £50,000 gift, a more than wonderful gesture from Alex and Linda Fox who I am sure we all know, our immediate neighbour on the new ground, and a £50,000 interest free loan from ECB, will allow us to complete the whole of Phase I prior to immediately moving onto Phase II. It is hoped that our continued fund raising will allow us not to have to take up the whole of the loan as we do not wish to saddle ourselves with on-going issues if we don't have to.

Anyone interested in helping us in any way, physically, helping construction works, financially please contact John Stevenson:01283840680 or Chris Wood:01283850680

Please rest assured that the programme will be completed and the committee's enthusiasm to succeed will provide a village legacy for our children and our children's children for decades.

Yours faithfully

John Stevenson

## ABBOTS BROMLEY FOOTBALL CLUB (STAGS) FUNDRAISING

ABFC would like to acknowledge the generosity of all the people from inside and outside of the village, who kindly sponsored the 40 runners who competed in the Manchester 10k run on the 10th May this year.

Through the efforts of the competitors and the contributors, we are pleased to announce that we raised a total of:

**£6,044.47**

The sum of money raised was split between three organisations, AB Jelly Tots, Cystic Fibrosis and Abbots Bromley Sports Association, who all gratefully accepted their cheques at our recent Annual Presentation Evening.

We were also pleased to announce on the evening, that since we formed in 2010 ABFC (Stags) has now donated a total of £10,750.00 to various organisations and charities. The beneficiaries include: AB Fire Service, St Nicholas Church, AB Youth Club, AB Tennis Club, AB Bowls Club, AB First Responders, AB Ladies Club, ABFC Juniors, AB Scout Group, Evergreens, AB Horn Dancers, AB Netball Club, AB British Legion and BBC Children in Need.

The Football Club would also like to recognise and give thanks to its loyal sponsors who have remained with us over the last 5 years and have made a contribution to football kits, training wear, match balls etc.

A final thank you to the many residents of the village who have subscribed to sponsoring a match in the past, which helps us in the operation of the club and has also helped us to give something back to the village and hopefully will continue to do so in the future.

Mark Hurst (Snr)  
Secretary ABFC (Stags)



# Abbots Bromley Sports Association

Friday 20th November 2015

## Fund Raising Evening of Entertainment

AT THE PIRELLI STADIUM

home to Burton Albion Football Club

Abbots Bromley Sports Association hope you will join them this November, to help raise much needed funds and support the development of a brand new multi-sport ground.



With a special guest appearance from the renowned comedian and impressionist **Kevin Connelly**. Live Music performed by **Miss Kate Copeland & The Jazz Band** :- Singing Jazz Classics from the likes of Billy Holiday, Ella Fitzgerald & Sammy Davis Jnr

We hope you will join us for what promises to be a great night:

- ★ **Lovely 3 course dinner**
- ★ **Fundraising Auction and Raffle**
- ★ **Performance by Kevin Connelly**
- ★ **Live Music**



### Timings:

- 7pm arrival for 7:30pm start
- Final Carriages 1am

### Venue:

Pirelli Stadium  
Princess Way, Burton On Trent,  
Staffordshire DE13 0AR.

**Dress Code:** Smart

**Tickets: £50 per person**

*Sponsorship opportunities are available.*

To make a booking please contact Tara Stevenson.

Email: [events@absasport.co.uk](mailto:events@absasport.co.uk)

or call: **07854912266**

For further information on the evening, including the menu and directions visit

[www.absasport.co.uk](http://www.absasport.co.uk)

