

# Bromley Bulletin

The village CFR team is now only two strong with only 25% of cover being completed each week. Without more individuals from within and from the surrounding areas volunteering to join the team, it will close at a great loss to the local community. The vehicle is being upgrade to meet the latest laws for emergency vehicles with training place available for new members with West Midland Ambulance Service. There has never been a better time to join and become a key life saving member of your community.



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## Dog Poo

I am sorry that this subject is still live. There are still morons in our village that are too lazy to clear up after their beloved pets. Thought of a new dictionary definition of Moron: "Someone of low intelligence and no social conscience who allows their dog to foul public spaces in Abbots Bromley". My thesaurus gives 49 alternative words for moron, my favourite being Australian slang – Bozan.

Unfortunately the village "bozans" are negating the hard work that the rest of our community have put in preparing for the Best Kept Village. Although these people may live here, but are not behaving as part of our village community.

What makes it even more reprehensible is that these people appear to be targeting the School Playing Fields, both the Anglesey and the Lowers. A reminder that the School has said that it could fence off these areas if the dog fouling "bozans" continue with their anti social activities. Whereas tonic is a superb mixer with gin, dog poo is not a good mixer with children!



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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
Greg Hall (Borough Councillor):	01283 840836
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## Thank you!

to everyone who's helped including...

(As well as the WI, Youth Club, Cubs and Scouts)



Some of our smallest Spring Clean helpers



The Rainbows help us every Friday



The Village Green gets some attention



David & his team tidied the Church Yard



Jeff Bradbury and Mark Hurst Snr we have the best kept bus shelter in Staffordshire!!!!



Rob & Holly, amongst our newest residents, lend a hand

## PC Meetings

7.00 pm Wednesdays  
In the Village Hall:  
♦ 29th June  
♦ 26th July

## PC Surgery

10-11am Saturdays in Church House  
♦ 22nd July

## Parish Council News

At the Parish Council AGM held on 31st May, Cllr Mrs Michelle Moore stepped down from Chair of the Parish Council. Cllr Philip Charles was elected Chair for 2017-2018, Cllr Bryn Walters was re-elected Vice Chair. For further information on parish councillor roles visit [www.abbotsbromley.co.uk](http://www.abbotsbromley.co.uk)

The Parish Council is still looking for volunteers to help set up a new speed watch group. If you are interested in being involved please contact either the Parish Clerk or one of the councillors.

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## Annual Report from Cllr Mrs Michelle Moore, Chair of the Parish Council, 2016-2017

**Planning** – continuing from Cllr Jarman’s report in 2016:

**Ashbrook Lane:** This continued to be an issue in 2016 with the fortunate outcome that the appeal for the 80 house development being withdrawn by the developer. This was probably as a result of the ESBC borough-wide plan being agreed by Central Government and a number of appeals being rejected nationally.

**ESBC Borough-wide Plan.** This, alongside the village plan being agreed by ESBC gives the parish slightly more hope with regard to planning applications, however this is not always the case, as can be seen with the planning approval granted at Kentilee, Ashbrook Lane. Land availability becomes more of an issue for the parish later on in the plan cycle when approved plans are sometimes held back by developers hoping to ‘flush out’ further sites for development. As ever, the Parish Council will be vigilant on all planning application matters, however, it is important to note that the Parish Council can only object on what are deemed to be legitimate grounds.

**Abbots Bromley Neighbourhood Plan.** We will have an update from Cllr Walters this evening in his capacity as Chair for this forum. Just one point of note is that the 40 new houses the Parish Council accepted could be delivered for development at market price within the village plan are separate to those which could potentially be delivered as part of the neighbourhood plan which would more closely meet the needs identified in the neighbourhood plan survey. Bryn. I’m sure, will be available to respond to any and all your queries in this regard, least of all to update following our recent meeting regarding transport needs and potential site development.

### **Abbots Bromley School Development**

The School recently sold some of its residential properties on the High Street to a private developer. The plans have been approved and as I’m sure everyone is aware, work has started on the development. This has caused quite some disruption with temporary traffic lights inhibiting flow throughout the village. This wasn’t helped when these failed to operate effectively! Fortunately, these have now been removed.

### **Lichfield Road Developments**

Both our County and Borough Councillors have recently supported the extension of the 30 miles an hour speed restriction past the planned ABSA Sports Area on Lichfield Road, which the Parish Council are very grateful for.

One of the two proposed developments is growing with the second, closest to the village not yet having commenced. The Parish Council have been vocal in ensuring the planning approval which determined a footpath on the development side of the hedge is retained. Each amendment to plans removes this external to the development. Anyone who has walked down Lichfield Road will know there is no space at all for a footpath on the roadside.

### **Gapstile, agricultural development for turkeys**

The Borough Council passed this development which will impact a number of local residents despite considerable objection. The shed has now been constructed, although there are no inhabitants as yet.

**Best Kept Village** – The Village had a Spring Tidy recently with a number of volunteers helping to tidy up the Village Green, the Church Yard, all Play Areas, cleaning benches, weeding, litter picking, It was especially gratifying for me that some individuals took responsibility for areas close to their homes. Mark Hurst Senior and Geoff Bradbury have taken responsibility for the Bus Shelter opposite Top Shop and have removed graffiti and painted with Roger Rooke regularly litter picking that area. With Cllr Appleby’s enthusiastic lead we have had many residents supporting not only the Spring Tidy, but also the Wednesday evening meets to ensure we are kept spruce for judging. Thank you to everyone supporting our cause - it’s not just for BKV, but because we want to live in a fabulous community, which I’m sure you agree we do! The only disappointment is that the Goose Lane Bus Shelter seems to lose both its BKV and Children’s posters regularly - seemingly coinciding with the Oldfields/Alleyne buses.

**Jubilee Cup 2015/16.** Last year’s worthy recipient was the Brandrick family, for their unwavering provision of Christmas trees for the Village Green. Going to choose the tree is always a start of Christmas for me, squelching through the wood to pick the best one! Mr Pete Brandrick will now hand back the trophy and receive this certificate as a memento of this award.

**Christmas Tree** – Again, our thanks to the Brandrick family for donating an excellent tree, Cllr Charles in particular is hopeful that our own tree on the Green is nearly tall enough to support the fairy lights.

**New Parish Councillors.** The Parish Council have been lucky to welcome 2 new councillors following the retirement of Caroline Ashton and Paul Greenwood. Cllrs John Houlihan and Adela Appleby have been useful recruits, with John taking responsibility for play areas and Adela leading on BKV. Their contribution along with all our councillors is extremely valuable and the work they put in should not be overlooked.

**Bromley Bulletin** – This year we published in August, October, and February (with the Neighbourhood flyer).



Thank you to all those who attended the Parish Assembly on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May in the Village Hall.

Those attending had the opportunity to view and comment on the draft plan vision and objectives. This will set out the main aims in terms of what the community wishes to be achieved from having a Neighbourhood Development Plan and will set the basis for the eventual draft plan policies. The draft objectives (in no order of preference) set out the following 10 aims (full details are available on the website):

Village Heart ; Traffic, Road network and village gateways; Flood Risk Measures; Strengthening Community Facilities; Housing; Employment; Communication Infrastructure; Celebrating Heritage; Countryside and biodiversity; The Environment.

The evening also gave the opportunity to update the community on the plan progress since the housing sites assessment consultation in March. We had the opportunity to “set the record straight” on a number of key issues as unfortunately there has been a fair amount of misinformation doing the rounds regarding the process. It has been necessary to reign in some of those groups and organisations from across the community who have perhaps got a bit ahead of themselves. Any talk around the relocation of the doctor’s surgery, housing numbers, scheme layouts etc are all conjecture at this point. As we set out clearly in March discussions with a range of different organisations and businesses from across the Parish have taken place but nothing at this point is set in stone as conversations continue. Rest assured the process is and remains community led.

We have listened carefully to what people told us in March and those questions and concerns have already been fully recorded on the website. As we receive further clarification then we will share it with the community and continue with the process of consultation.

It is important to reiterate that the Neighbourhood Development Plan is community led and therefore the community has the ultimate say. Therefore it follows that the Neighbourhood Development Plan Group, working on behalf of the community can only put forward the right plan with the right priorities if the community fully plays its part in terms of on-going consultation communication and engagement. We would always urge everybody from right across the community to get involved and have a say.

For those that didn’t get the opportunity to attend the event, the views expressed by the attendees have been added to the website.

If anybody wishes to find out accurate news and updates about the Neighbourhood Plan process then please visit the links below or come along to any Parish Council meeting where an update is always provided. You can find the dates of the meetings at: <http://www.abbotsbromley.com/council/meetings>

[We hope to be able to have a stall on the village green on Horn Dance day \(Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017\) as this proved popular with the community last year. .](#)