

Abbots Bromley Parish Council



Annual Report

June 2005

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Introduction

The annual report

This is the second time that an annual report has been created in this format and the Council hopes that you will find the information useful and understandable.

Although there is no new information in this report, it does bring together in one place key details about the activities of the Parish Council in a manner recommended as good practice by the government for Quality Councils.

Summary already issued

A summary of this annual report from the Parish Council was included in the May 2005 ***Bromley Bulletin*** distributed to all households in the parish early in June 2005. A copy of the financial report was also provided.

Also available on-line

An electronic copy of this report is available on the village web pages where you can view it or print your own copy. Our web pages are at **www.abbotsbromley.com** and you will find the report in the Parish Council section under "Documents".

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Working Groups and Representatives

Working Groups

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Working group	Member(s)
Competitions	Cllrs Elkington, Needham
Finance	Cllrs Elkington, Fox
Newsletter	Cllrs Fox, McLoughlin
Recreation	Cllrs Cook, McLoughlin, Needham
Rural Housing	(Inactive at present)
Traffic & Parking	Cllrs Cook, Fox, Jarman
Village Property	Cllrs Elkington, Jarman

Representatives

Representative	Member(s)
Finance	Cllr Fox
RCFS Governor	Cllr Eatough
United Charities	Cllrs Charles, Cook
Village Hall	Cllr Cook
Vital Villages	Cllr Elkington
Millennium Green	Cllr Cook
Almshouses	Chairman—ex officio
RISES	Cllr Fox
First Responders	Cllrs McLoughlin

Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly

held on Wednesday, 11 May, 2005 at 7.30 p.m.

in the Village Hall, Abbots Bromley, pursuant to notice having been given

Present:

Councillors: PJ Charles (Chairman), C Cook, DT Eatough, A Elkington, L Fox, KA McLoughlin, J Needham

Mesdames: A Blower, H Davis, S Douthwaite, E Ferguson, S Kelly, J Matheson, E Palmer, P Roy, M Tonking, H Wilson

Messrs: B Grundy, S Coxon, L Ferguson, C Palmer, R Sayers, S Tonking, D Towell

Guests: Borough Councillor Alex Fox, County Councillor Philip Atkins, Police Inspector Andy Mason,

Apologies:

Councillors Esling
Rev S Davis
Messrs M King, J Hough
Mesdames J Biggs, K Cadman
The Produce Guild

The Clerk, Mr EA Roy was also in attendance

1. Chairman's welcome

The Chairman welcomed all present to the 2005 Annual Parish Assembly.

2. Presentation of the Jubilee Cup

The Chairman explained that Mr King was unable to be present to receive his award of the Jubilee Cup in 2005 but drew attention to his significant contributions to village life over many years including:

The Cricket Club
Village Hall

The Chairman presented Bernard Grundy with a certificate commemorating his award of the Jubilee Cup in 2004.

3. Chairman's report on Parish Council business for the year

Councillor Charles summarised some key aspects of the work of the Council in the past year:

- During the year we have dealt with 73 planning applications ranging from tree pruning to major developments such as the proposal for a wind farm at Bagot's Park.
- One of the more controversial applications has been for the redevelopment of the land at Ivy House. This is a prominent site in a main part of the village. Although the Parish Council has supported change of use from light industrial to allow development of new homes on that site, the schemes so far submitted by the developer have not been entirely appropriate for the location. We appreciate the support of the planning authority in recognising the special needs of village development with regard to such matters as off-road parking for example.
- Although last year it seemed that Powergen might have lost interest in the proposal to develop a wind farm in Bagot's Park, AB Energy took over the project and submitted an application early this year. Despite what you might have read in the local press, this started a period of intense consultation when many local residents took the opportunity to make their views known to the Parish Council. Through extensive local publicity we did our very best to give anyone who

wished for it, the opportunity to participate. Articles in the local press also helped to raise awareness. Having listened to the arguments, the Council was unanimous in the view that this proposal was not in the interest of the area. Recently we have been informed that the application has been withdrawn temporarily while missing information is acquired and re-submission in June 2005 is to be expected.

- Since 2003 the Council has helped promote the potential benefits of a local Community First Responder team. In the last year, it pleased to support them with a grant towards the set up costs. The Council congratulates and thanks those who have successfully completed a rigorous training course and are now responding to emergencies in the area. We will be hearing a more detailed report direct from the team in a few minutes
- The Council became aware of the hazards faced by pedestrians visiting the Goose Lane nursery after dark in the winter months due to the lack of footway or street lighting in that area. Although provision of a footway does not seem possible, a joint project with the lighting team of County Highways has resulted in an extension of the street lighting in Goose Lane to the nursery entrance. A contribution of £1000 from the Parish Council towards the capital cost of this scheme ensured it went ahead.
- Last year I reported that one of the issues most often raised with Councillors is the speed of traffic through the main street. I also put on record the difficulties the Council experienced - despite numerous contacts with Staffordshire County Council – in obtaining any help in implementing a solution. However, I am pleased to report that Staffordshire Police have supported the creation and operation of Community Speedwatch teams, and Abbots Bromley was one of the first in the county. Inspector Mason may well tell us more about the scheme in his report.
- The government encourages all Councils to test themselves against principles of best value. Last year it became apparent that the bus shelter at Hoar Cross was in need of substantial repairs. Rather than automatically commission these, the Council questioned whether this facility was still needed and found that the original requirement was no longer there. Demolition of the shelter will result in saving not only the cost of the repairs that would be needed, but also of future insurance premiums.
- Last year I reported the intention of the Council to seek “Quality Council” status in recognition of the fact that we already satisfied many of the criteria. Since then we have introduced Saturday morning surgeries in Church House to improve public access to Councillors, published our first annual report and our Clerk has been awarded the Certificate in Local Council Administration at distinction level. On this basis we have recently submitted our application for Quality Status and now await the outcome.
- As we look to the future, the Council has set a budget for the coming year that will allow support for projects arising out of the Vital Villages Action Plan and also implementation of any traffic calming measures that County Highways will support. This has been achieved with a minimal increase that will cost owners of Band D properties only an extra 2p per year!

4. Presentation of Parish Council Accounts (copy attached)

In presenting the un-audited accounts for the financial year ending 31 March 2005, the Clerk drew attention to a surplus for the period and explained some of the reasons why this had occurred.

5. Report on Borough Council Matters (Borough Councillor Alex Fox)

Borough Councillor Fox began by reminding everyone what a significant and important contribution the Vital Villages project could make in informing borough and county councils of local needs. He reported on the Community Fund set up last year with £100K to help support groups already working in communities. Locally this has helped the First Responders, Bowls Club and Under 5s Playground. The brown bin service is now operating for most homes in the village, although it cannot serve the more isolated properties for economic reasons.

A rural strategy is being developed to help address the deprivation in rural areas – where it is often not so evident as in urban areas. It also considers how we can keep those aspects of our countryside that are highly valued. A fund has been created to help rural businesses to develop and expand.

Cllr Fox then went on to explain changes in the operation of the planning process that made it more democratically accountable. Delays in the planning process have resulted from a 50% increase in the number of plans submitted, exacerbated by the death of the chief planning officer. He gave a

brief update on the wind farm and reminded those present that they needed to make the Local Planning Authority aware that any previous comments they made also applied to the new application. In drawing attention to the Uttoxeter Plus project, he reported that it had already attracted an inward investment of £80M, and this would have a major impact on the town and surrounding area.

6. Report on County Council Matters (County Councillor Philip Atkins)

County Councillor Atkins, in reporting on his re-election, explained the changes in the Uttoxeter Rural ward. In the last year the Local Member Initiative Scheme has helped support the First Responder scheme in Abbots Bromley. He gave some background information on the other First Responder schemes.

The recent election had changed the make up of the County Council and some critical decisions affecting the Council were being made – such as the implementation of a job evaluation scheme. In the south of the County, a review of schools could have significant implications for that area. Complaint handling was also being re-considered and it was evident that a radical re-appraisal of the process was required. This would be dependent upon new IT systems being successfully adopted.

Development Services is undergoing a structural change that will result in three areas for Highways and it is hoped that this will reduce confusion and poor internal communications. He went on to explain the implications of the new child bill both on the models of child care and on the organisation. He noted that this was to be followed by a similar bill for adults.

Against a background of all these changes, two major assessments of the County Council were in progress and would report their conclusions in June.

A question on schools asked if there was an intention to remove middle schools? In answering, Cllr Atkins agreed that this would be one of the options to be included in the consultation. A follow on question asked if a desire to remove middle schools might be impeded by lack of funding. Cllr Atkins agreed that this might be the case.

7. Village Reports

7.1 United Charities Report

Mr Bernard Grundy explained that the charities hold monies accumulated over many years from several sources, combined during the 1950s and used to disburse funds to the poor of the parish. Only the interest of these funds may be distributed.

He reported that The Trustees have met twice during the year in November when they discussed the annual distribution of monies available from income accrued to the Investment Fund, and drew up the list of recipients. In March they met to approve the Accounts.

The annual distribution took place on 10th December when 68 parishioners were to receive a monetary gift. There were two undistributed gifts, and these were later donated to the village Tsunami appeal, a decision unanimously agreed by all the Trustees.

The audited accounts show the Investment income slightly down on last year, but the Bank interest is a little higher. There was an excess of expenditure over income of £25.38. The total Capital Assets of the Charities amounted to £69,692.78 comprising Shares in the Charities Income Fund, Deposit Account at Lloyds TSB, and a small sum of petty cash.

For the second year running there was an increase in the value of the shares of £4,321.95, not as much as last year (£6,464.14) bringing their total value to £69,005.46.

The Trustees are grateful to Mr Ken Webb for once again auditing the Accounts.

7.2 Richard Clarke First School

In the absence of Mr John Hough (Chair of Governors), Sharon Kelly the new head teacher at RCFS introduced herself and then presented his report of key facts and events for the past 12 months.

This is a brief summary of key facts and events for the past 12 months

Financial: The budget for 2005/2006 is about £353,000, of which £280,000 are staff costs. The respective amounts for 2004/2005 were £360,000 and £290,000. This budget is exactly balanced so we do not have any unallocated funds. We do, however, make appropriate and grateful use of the RCFS Endowment Fund - as we are obliged to do under regulations, and this is not reflected in our budget. We also have an active PTA which makes a very significant contribution to fund raising. Close examination of the budget shows how little discretion we have for cutting costs and, since the budget income is based on the number of pupils on the role, we have to use our imagination. We can, of course, supplement the income by fund-raising and sponsorship, lettings etc. and these are being actively considered.

Number of Pupils: The number of pupils on our role varies widely from year to year, and it is this which determines our funding. In 1998 our number on roll was 145; in 2000 this had fallen to 123; and for 2001/2002 it fell to 107. The latest actual and projected figures are :-

2003/2004	126
2004/2005	120
2005/2006	119
2006/2007	112

These figures are reasonably healthy but are showing a worrying downward trend once again. The loss or gain of a few pupils can have a major effect. We are updating our web site as part of our marketing strategy to try and increase numbers. We still take nearly 40% of our children from outside of the catchment area and without these we would have to dramatically change the class structure.

Class Sizes and Staffing: We are generally delighted with the class sizes and the teachers that we now have at Richard Clarke. However, when we have a small intake in a particular year, the effect will stay with us for five years. We have always adopted the policy of providing the best classroom support for our pupils, even if this places a strain on the budget.

Premises: We have now completed the new entrance to the school and we also have much improved playing areas for the children. We are now planning an outdoor, but covered, classroom in this area. Possibly this will be the focus of our fund-raising during the coming year. We have received the results of the strangely named Tribal Audit on the various school buildings. Fortunately, the cost of satisfying the urgent needs could be met from our existing budget, but some of the projected ones look daunting.

On-going Priorities:

Workforce Remodelling: We are making great efforts to satisfy this major government initiative designed to reflect new models of learning, to address key skill shortages; to take advantage of technological changes; and, last but not least, to give teachers a better work - life balance. This initiative, over the next two years is designed to remove administrative and supervisory tasks from teachers to give them non-contact time for planning and managing. This has been funded so far from within existing budgets.

Improving Standards: Although our most recent Performance and Assessment Report (PANDA) placed RCFS pupils "well above the national median for their group" in Reading, Writing and Mathematics, we are targeting reading and writing for even more improvement.

Review of Primary Education in Staffordshire

As some of you may know, there is currently a major study into the structure primary education in

Staffordshire which could mean the end of the three-tier system. We do not know when it will be competed or what the results might be. However, we would be very disappointed if RCFS did not emerge with a stronger role in primary education in East Staffordshire. Watch this space.

And finally . . . The New Headteacher: As you know, Mrs Potter retired from teaching at the end of the Autumn Term last year. She was replaced by Sharon Kelly (who may even be delivering this report). The ease with which Sharon has taken on the role and, more importantly, has begun to implement her own strategies for taking RCFS forward is truly impressive. She has the full support of the staff and governors and, most importantly, has been whole-heartedly accepted by the children. The implementation of a school council and more after-school clubs are two early signs of her innovative approach which the children love.

In response to a question, Mrs Kelly reported that the average class size was around 22 or 23. A further question asked if the "temporary" classrooms were scheduled for replacement. The fact that they were so well maintained, mitigated against this but a move to a full primary age range would probably require their redevelopment.

7.3 Village Hall

In the absence of Mr Mike King (Chairman of the Village Hall Trustees), Mr Roy presented his report in which Mr King said...

I am pleased to report an improved situation with regard to the management of the new Millenium Hall for 2005.

Firstly I would personally like to thank the hard working Hall Committee for their strenuous efforts in 2005 to manage this valuable Village asset. Without their efforts, in raising money via the 200 Club and the unpaid work they carry out, the Hall would not operate. Sadly the number of volunteers willing to take on this responsibility is reducing as the tasks and legislation become more onerous.

The structure and fittings within the Hall are of the best quality and it is essential that we maintain those to the very highest standard. Our part time caretaker ensures that each and every event held in the Hall maintains that important image with high standards of cleanliness and presentation. Most hirers respect that code of practice and return the Hall to us in a similar state when their hire is complete. Unfortunately on a few occasions that is not the case and deposits are forfeited.

The revenue for 2004/5 at £14,208 was £1,100 more than the previous year. Costs remained about the same and a profit was generated of £1,132.66 compared with a loss in 2003 of £338.00. Total funds available of £14,680 may seem excessive to some in our village, but the committee is very aware of the high cost of future maintenance. This sinking fund must be secured for known expenditure later.

Changes in the National Licensing Laws are going to have a major effect on the management of the Hall in 2005/6. Extra responsibilities will fall on the committee as a whole and to individuals within it. We have need to appoint a qualified "Personal License Holder" to become the "Designated Premises Supervisor". This is proving to be more expensive and certainly more time consuming for those willing to take on the role. Hirers of the Hall will have to pay more and accept additional responsibility in the future if a Licensed Bar is required for their function. We are making progress in this area and our new license should be in place by the end of July.

Work to progress the Multi Sports facility to the rear of the Hall has been frustrating and difficult. It would appear that because we have a village where vandalism is virtually non-existent and parental authority is of a high standard our efforts to obtain grants are limited. We are, as a result, not considered deserving by either Local funding or National Lottery. How can it be that having no sports facilities in a village of our size is acceptable, perhaps we should organize a riot?

The proposed Wind farm has produced some understandable debate in our community. It is, how-

ever, located in an area where locals are not permitted to wander, being private land and would not even be seen from the Village if developed. Perhaps we could take some positives out of this proposal to ensure that monies are made available from Powergen to develop a Sports facility for our young persons who truly deserve it.

My apologies for being unable to present my report in person, please convey my thanks to our Parish and District Councils for their support.

7.4 Voluntary Transport Scheme

Mr Len Ferguson reported that the scheme was still filling a need in the village with nine volunteer drivers on their books and continuing support from the County Council. There have been forty trips in the last year to hospitals and other local facilities in addition to a regular monthly visit to the meetings of the Blind Association in Uttoxeter.

Only residents of the parish are eligible to use the service which is available between 9 and 5 Monday to Friday to go anywhere in the county.

He ended by thanking the volunteer drivers.

Borough Councillor Fox then gave an update on other community transport schemes.

7.5 Village Plan

Mrs Mithra Tonking introduced her role as chair of the Vital Villages steering group and went on to say that the Bagots Ward Vital Villages project sometimes feels a bit like an iceberg – there is an awful lot going on underneath which is not always obvious! Hence I welcome the opportunity today to update Abbots Bromley on its progress.

It is important to remember that the project is ward-based. All three parishes are implementing their own desired actions but many areas of interest – such as transport, traffic management and health – are shared and need to be approached on a ward-wide basis to obtain the best results. We need to talk to each other!

In Abbots Bromley there is a central Action group which meets four times a year and to which the various sub Action groups (those which have taken on particular actions) report.

Various projects or actions are currently under way -

- to offer teas on Saturdays as well as Sundays to visitors and villagers – a chance for visitors to enjoy the village and for village organisations to raise extra funds
- to create a Village Design Statement recording the desirable and typical elements of the village scene with a view to managing future development in accordance with them
- to address the issue of accurate and well publicised bus timetables, Mobility Link information and Car Sharing scheme
- to obtain suitable equipment and facilities for under 16s and for the under 5s

The issue of the environment (litter and dog fouling) has already been addressed and various initiatives put in place. This will be an ongoing issue and the Action Group will need to remind the village at intervals of the need to respect the environment.

Traffic management – although clearly a priority and desired by many villagers – needs an Action group. The Parish Council's radar gun project has been running for some two months and has provided some useful information which may lead to other initiatives. Interested individuals are needed to look at the problem areas and suggest solutions, with the help and advice of the many agencies involved and available. You won't be on your own!

Which brings me to the last thing I want to say – the more people who get involved in trying to make the village the place we want it to be, the less work there will be for each individual. I know people suffer from lack of time, but if more and different people could take on a small area of responsibility

for some issue which they are concerned about, the job could be done.

So, I encourage everyone to go back to their copy of the Action Plan, find an action or issue which matters to them and contact Penny Ward the Village agent (contact details on the village website – don't forget it – it is a very useful source of information). If you have lost your copy, we have spares!

7.6 Community First Responders

Mr Palmer reported that the First responder group operates under the direction of the Staffordshire Ambulance Service, providing rapid basic emergency care to patients within our area who have used the 999 service.

We operate a fully equipped emergency vehicle 7 days per week, and currently on a 24 hour basis.

We currently answer 5 calls per week on average, and have dealt with patients within Abbots Bromley and outlying areas which include Marchington, Kings Bromley, Uttoxeter, Kingstone, Colton, Newborough, Hoar Cross and Yoxall.

Training started in February 2004 and the group went "live" in February 2005. The group comprises seventeen members, fourteen of whom are presently active.

Two further members are about to commence training at the Ambulance service training centre in Stafford.

Abbots Bromley Community First Responders achieved "registered charity" status in March 2005.

The group is voluntary and depends on funding from donations, grants and fund raising events. We would like to express our thanks to Mrs Adey and Mr Underhill for donations and to Abbots Bromley Parish Council, East Staffordshire Borough Council and Uttoxeter Plus for their assistance in providing funding. We hope to hold further fund raising events this year.

7.7 Project Playground

Mr Steve Coxon presented a report on the project to create a play area for Under 5s.

Who we are: We are a group of parents, grandparents and other interested parties from in and around the Abbots Bromley community. Although Abbots Bromley already has some great facilities for older children - Village Hall, Tennis Courts and Cricket Pitch - we have responded to concerns over the lack of play facilities for younger children.

With information from the village surgery, school, nursery and playgroup, we established that there are over 200 under 5's who come to the village from the local community and could therefore benefit from a play area. The facility could be used to make a trip to the surgery less fraught, a treat after school, reception, playgroup or nursery or just an opportunity to get together in a beautiful rural setting.

What we have done so far: In summary we have:

- Established a formal group and constitution
- Developed project plans
- Lobbied support and advice from relevant parties
- Secured a Suitable Location, Open Evening
- Obtained Quotations and Outline Costs

So what's next?

- Planning Application now in progress
- Complete fund raising

A question asked if it would be possible to start work before full funding was available – although possible it would not be ideal, as the costs would increase if implementation was done in stages.

8. Police Report

Inspector Mason reported that this was his fourth visit and he would like to cover several topics. As part of the Uttoxeter Local Policing Unit we were part of the Trent Valley Division. Staffordshire Police itself has come out second in the national league of best forces.

He gave some statistics on various types of crime with a 22% reduction in violent crime being one of the most significant changes. Overall crime in the Uttoxeter LPU was down 11%.

Within the village 49 crimes were recorded last year against 60 in the previous year. Worrying trends in rural communities are for visiting teams to select 4x4s that are parked with keys left in the ignition while unloading. Similarly, the use of fishing rods to retrieve cars through the letterbox is a continuing problem.

Speed watch is now up and running with Abbots Bromley one of the three pilot projects. The teams believe that the impact is beginning to be felt.

Staffing in the LPU has been increased from 22 to 24 although two are not currently assigned to duties. Recent road fatalities have imposed an additional workload on investigation that has further depleted available resources. PC Boulter has recently received an award for five years without any time off due to sickness.

A question asked if there was any reason for the drop in violent crime? Inspector Mason suggested that improved handling of domestic violence – always a significant minority of the cases – had resulted in fewer repeat calls. A higher level of weekend policing in towns has also contributed to a reduced number of incidents.

In response to an enquiry about horse-related crime, he outlined some changes including increased public awareness that could be responsible for a reduction.

It was noted that there was considerable concern by parents with younger children about the frequency with which horses were moving in the village while small children were around. This was not primarily a police matter and would need to be raised with the horse riders.

9. Open Forum

Noting that other parishes were getting benefit from CFR, Mrs Tonking asked if they were being invited to contribute. They were - although none so far had done so.

Mr Towell reported that a Saturday morning event for aspiring young players was now held in the village hall and all were invited to send along their children or grandchildren as applicable.

Mrs Ferguson again raised the issue of the carving at the bottom of the village hall drive and the Chairman suggested this should be taken up with the village hall committee.

Mr Palmer asked if there was any provision for dealing with litter on Uttoxeter Road. Borough Councillor Fox reported on the scheme in Barton where the Parish Council manages it's own street cleaning.

Mr Grundy asked if there was any plan to address the dangerous parking near the Goat and County Councillor Atkins advised that this was a continuing problem and suggested that the use of yellow lines was not the best solution. Unless the individuals concerned could be influenced through a community warden or some other means, any improvement would be at a high cost with major impact on the community. Mr Tonking reminded everyone that the parking of cars did slow traffic and the elimination of these would increase speeds significantly.

A related point is that access to Church House is often blocked by a vehicle and trailer from a property across the road.

Mrs Davis highlighted the issue of unsupervised crossing by middle school children near the Butter Cross in the morning, when there was no lollipop man present.

In response to a question on public toilets, the Chairman reported that negotiations were continuing to try and secure the future of the toilets at the Goat.

10. Chairman's Closing Remarks

In closing the meeting, the Chairman pointed out that a new edition of the village map was available, and those were present were invited to take away as many as they could use.

The meeting was brought to a formal conclusion at 9.34 pm, and followed by light refreshments.

Abbots Bromley Parish Council

Financial Report 2004/2005

Prepared by: *Eric A Roy*

Eric Roy
(Responsible Financial Officer)

Date: 20 April 2005

Abbots Bromley Parish Council General Fund - 2004/2005

	Last year actual £	This year budget £	This year actual £	Next year budget £
Balance brought forward	8866.15		10951.76	
Income				
Precept	17300.00	17800.00	17800.00	18200.00
Interest	215.94	200.00	377.10	333.00
Allotments	55.00	55.00	55.00	65.00
Grants received	0.00	0.00	950.00	0.00
Devolved maintenance	210.00	0.00	510.00	0.00
Horn Dance trader licences	230.00	150.00	224.00	100.00
Total Income	18010.94	18205.00	19916.10	18698.00
Expenditure				
Clerk salary/expenses	3381.37	3520.00	3549.85	3930.00
Insurance	576.12	984.00	996.31	1096.00
Audit fee	330.00	200.00	330.00	330.00
SPCA/SLCC membership	370.00	382.00	383.00	400.00
Local Council Review	37.50	39.00	39.00	41.00
Stationery	188.22	160.00	59.30	130.00
Travel expenses	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
Training/books	260.00	450.00	296.31	350.00
Hire of hall	174.00	308.50	141.00	290.00
Newsletter	72.69	130.00	87.75	99.00
Software licensing	123.18	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous expenditure	371.25	500.00	171.54	800.00
Devolved maintenance		0.00	585.00	0.00
Footpaths	114.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Speed reduction	0.00	4000.00	1000.00	2000.00
Grass cutting	1104.00	1440.00	1440.00	1484.00
Other village maintenance	701.00	1250.00	431.00	750.00
Millennium Green	502.50	606.65	0.00	609.00
Church floodlighting	322.28	412.00	32.60	412.00
Floodlight repairs/ maintenance	318.76	165.00	0.00	170.00
Churchyard maintenance	704.00	726.00	726.00	752.00
Churchyard extension	1170.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Church clock maintenance	141.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Village Hall - loan repayment	3322.54	3322.54	3322.54	3322.54
Section 137 (see opposite)	1271.00	6378.00	3871.95	3699.00
Net VAT - Outflow/(Inflow)	369.92	0.00	(429.66)	0.00
Total Expenditure	15925.33	25173.69	17133.49	20864.54
Surplus/(Deficit)	2,085.61	(6,968.69)	2,782.61	(2,166.54)
Balance carried forward	10951.76	3983.07	13734.37	11567.83

General Fund balance held as follows at 31 March 2005:

Lloyds TSB current account	467.20
Lloyds TSB deposit account	16288.59
Less funds held for Bagot Ward Vital Villages	<u>(2,902.60)</u>
Total	<u>13734.37</u>

S.137 Payments

Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) enables the council to spend up to £5.00 per elector for the benefit of people in the area on activities/projects not specifically authorised by any other powers.

The limit for the year 2004/5 was $(1337 \times 5.14) = £6872$

Payments were made for the following purposes:

Grant to Scouts & Guides HQ	450.00
Grant to Community First Responders	2500.00
Grant to Donna Louise Trust	350.00
Grant to Air Ambulance (use of toilets at Goat's Head)	200.00
Grant to St Giles (inc £10 certificate by K Cadman)	160.00
Grant to Staffordshire Wildlife Trust	50.00
Assembly refreshments	11.95
Subscriptions	75.00
Best Kept Village competition	45.00
AB Royal British Legion (remembrance day wreath)	30.00
Total	<u>3871.95</u>

Publicity

Section 5 of the Local Government Act 1986 requires the council to disclose payments on publicity. Payments were made during the year for the following purposes:

Bromley Bulletin newsletter	87.75
Hosting cost for web pages	23.50
Total	<u>111.25</u>

This financial report was approved by the Council at their meeting on 27 April 2005.

Chairman: Philip Charles

Date: 27/4/05

Abbots Bromley Parish Council Recreation Fund - 2004/2005

Balance brought forward	11896.85
Income	
Bank interest	533.45
Cricket Club loan repayment	1000.00
Expenditure	
Planning application—Under 5s	110.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	1,423.45
Balance carried forward	13320.30

The Recreation Fund balance was held as follows at 31 March 2005:

Lloyds TSB savings account	2867.66
Cater Allen savings account	5452.64
On deposit with ESBC	5000.00
Total	13320.30

Bagot Ward Vital Villages Fund - 2004/2005

Balance brought forward	2514.62
Income	
East Staffs Borough Council	1000.00
Countryside Agency	5512.50
Expenditure	
Agent salary/expenses	1880.30
Hall hire	218.75
Printing	3914.15
Postage	52.82
Stationery	17.98
Other expenses	40.52
Surplus/(Deficit)	387.98
Balance carried forward	2902.60

Abbots Bromley RISES Fund - 2004/2005

Balance brought forward	0.00
Income	
Recycling payment - Oct-Mar	283.56
Recycling payment - Apr-Sep	223.42
Grants made by RISES committee	
First Responders	283.56
Project Playground	223.42
Surplus/(Deficit)	0.00
Balance carried forward	0.00