

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on Wednesday, 28 February 2001 at 7.30 pm
in Church House, Abbots Bromley, pursuant to notice having been given.

Present: Cllrs: PJ Charles, L Fox, RSV Jarman, KA McLoughlin, C Talbot, SM Tonking (Chairman) and S Wilson.

Apologies: Cllrs LG Ferguson and MM Moore

Also present: PJ Youngs (Clerk), Borough Cllr. AJH Fox

Members of the public attending: none.

Minute 105: Public Session

Since there were no members of the public present a public session was not held.

Minute 106: Approve and sign the Minutes of the Previous Meeting (31 January)

It was proposed (CT), seconded (LF) and agreed that the Minutes be signed subject to clerical errors as recorded in the Minutes on pages 1,6,7,8 and 10

Minute 107: Matters Arising and Matters of Report

The Clerk reported as follows:

Page	Minute	Comment
5	95.4.2.	Despite reminders, the Borough Enforcement Officer has not yet reported on whether or not the builder's sign in Lichfield Road is acceptable.
5	95.4.3.	The Borough's Tree Preservation Officer is aware of the condition of the large beech tree in Hall Hill Lane and is happy that the owners of the property lop it from time to time.
7	96.8.3.	A site meeting to consider SCC and PC responsibilities regarding grass cutting in the village was held on 8 February. At the same time the issue of the granite setts was discussed with the Highways Officer who attended on behalf of the County Council.
7	97.2.4.	The Buttercross has been inspected for damage by the Conservation Officer of SCC; a report is awaited.
9	100	A line of contact is established with CAMBBA, the consortium responsible for the construction of the BNRR; it is not anticipated that contractors' vehicles will use roads running through this parish: however, should this be so an opportunity to object will exist if nuisance is caused.
10	102 (i)	A reply from GPU Power Distribution to the concerns regarding interrupted electricity supply raised by a local resident, Mr AM Deeks, was read.
10	103 (i)	Mrs K Cadman has agreed to prepare a certificate commemorating the award of the Jubilee Cup to Mike and Christine Lewis at the Annual Parish Assembly.

Minute 108: Planning

108.1. Applications

- (i) **PA/05230/005 Erection of two three-bed semi-detached houses and four two-bed terraced houses and construction of vehicular access, site of existing Fire Station, Goose Lane.**
AMENDED PLANS
PC response: No objections
- (ii) **CU/11528/014 Yeatsall Farm: conversion of barns to form two dwellings.**
PC response: No objections
- (iii) **HO/00897/014: Grange House, Bromley Wood: erection of a rear conservatory**
PC response: No objections
- (iv) **HO/06587/008: Wilversall House, Yeatsall Lane:** erection of front porch, alterations to existing dormer windows & garden room loggia
PC response: No objections
- (v) **HO/13229/035: The Crofts:** extension to existing garage block
PC response: No objections
- (vi) **CU/06184/007: Woodlands Cottage, Bromley Wood:** change of use from agricultural land to private garden and woodland
PC response: No objections
- (vii) **HO/03853/005: 2 Paget Rise:** erection of a first floor side extension
PC response: No objections

108.2. Decisions

The following applications have been **PERMITTED**, subject to stated conditions

- (i) **PA/20532/002 Radmore Wood Cottage:** erection of front porch, two storey rear and two storey side extension, erection of detached double garage and attached replacement building and installation of septic tank
- (ii) **HO/24030/006 Breach Farm House:** retention of oak framed carport. Conditions: "Members were of the opinion that it would be possible to reduce the impact of the structure by the application of a dark stain finish and the implementation of further landscaping on the site."
- (iii) **PA/19865/003 Land off Schoolhouse Lane:** erection of two dwellings.
- (iv) **HO/19899/004: 10 Paget Rise:** erection of single storey side extension to garage and alterations to north facing boundary wall.

108.3. Other Planning Issues

108.3.1. Borough Councillor Fox reported the following decisions taken at a recent meeting of the Borough Planning Committee:

- (i) **PA/00897/013: Grange House, Bromley Wood;** permission to use part of a building as an office and use of land for the storage of motor vehicles: *refused*.
- (ii) **PA/11009/005: Construction of ten dwellings off Ashbrook Lane.** *Deferred* - with the instruction that the building company re-designs the site.

108.3.2. Site off Schoolhouse Lane. The Chairman reported upon discussions which she had had with Mr Boucher-Giles of Sherlock Homes, the company building two properties on the site. He had stated that the company would be willing to fence the area which the Council will be developing as a play area and to develop an “arboretum-cum-picnic type area” at his company’s expense.

In considering the proposals and the site plan councillors expressed concern that it appeared that it would not be possible to drive a vehicle onto the play area; this was considered a necessity, if only to respond to emergencies that might arise.

If Mr Boucher-Giles is to make use of a landscape firm, it might be possible to plant a hedge, along with some post and wire fencing to enhance the area. The Chairman agreed to take up these points with Mr Boucher-Giles. It was suggested that the views of the School of St Mary and St Anne would also be significant in determining the outcome of these discussions.

108.3.3. The Beeches. The Chairman reported that in response to an enquiry as to what constituted a change of use (with respect to the interior design business being carried on at The Beeches) the Enforcement Officer had visited the premises and felt that the current business use was not in breach of planning regulations. The Department considers that the amount of additional traffic created by delivery vehicles to the business is not such as to give cause for either the need to obtain planning consent or to direct that business ceases; however, it is a matter that should be, and will be, monitored.

108.3.4. Borough Plan on Deposit. The Chairman drew attention to the document just received. It was agreed that the Chairman would pass around her copy when she had read it; it should be discussed at the next meeting on 28 March.

108.3.5. Council Houses in Abbots Bromley. It was announced that it is anticipated that the ESBC will shortly announce a decision to transfer all council houses in the village to the Trent and Dove Housing Association.

Minute 109: Finance

109.1. Finance Statement for February. The Chairman drew attention to the Statement which had been circulated with other papers prior to the Meeting. **It was proposed (CT), seconded (RJ) and agreed that the statement be accepted.**

109.2. Report on payments made since the last Meeting

These were given as follows, having been issued, with the approval of the Chairman and Vice Chairman:

Date	Payee	Sum paid	Details
080201	ESBC	£200.00	Payment for entertainment on Horn Dance Day and the opening of the Millennium Green.
080201	ABPCC	£17.00	Printing of Spring edition of the Newsletter.

109.3 Bills to pay.

010301	Office World	£112.95	for stationery items
010301	NALC	£29.97	for subscription to NALC Review, 2001/02

It was proposed (PC), seconded (RJ) and agreed that the above payments be made.

109.4 Section 137 Requests

The Chairman summarised both requests to which the Council had responded in the course of the year and those which had been deferred to this Meeting.

The following organisations had been assisted:

Date	Organisation	Sum - £
300500	Book tokens as prizes for posters in BKV competition	20.00
190900	Richard Clarke First School - Artist in Residence	50.00
071200	ABPCC towards Churchyard maintenance	400.00
150100	ABRBL: wreath for Remembrance Day	15.00
	Total to date	485.00

Organisations which have requested assistance:

- (i) St Giles Hospice, Whittington
- (ii) Staffordshire Wildlife Trust
- (iii) WRVS.

It was also pointed out that the PCC had spent £611.00 last summer on Churchyard maintenance and a case exists for a further donation.

It was proposed (PC), seconded (RJ) and agreed that payments should be made as follows:

ABPCC: for Churchyard maintenance	200.00
St Giles Hospice	100.00

In addition, **it was proposed (LF), seconded (KM), and agreed that the sum of £400.00 be paid to the Abbots Bromley Scouts** should a request for assistance be received before the next meeting.

Thus, of £1,500.00 set aside in the current financial year for supporting local organisations, a total of £1,185.00 will have been allocated.

109.5 Grass cutting tendering 2001 - 2004

The Chairman introduced for consideration tenders submitted as follows:

- (i) Oldhall Nursery and Landscapes of Madeley, Crewe and
- (ii) Mr GC McCulloch, of Tutbury.

After due consideration, which included comments upon the very satisfactory standard of work provided by Mr McCulloch - including work undertaken in connection with the Devolved Maintenance Scheme - **it was proposed (CT), seconded, (RJ) and agreed that the contract be awarded to Mr McCulloch.** The Clerk was asked to notify respective parties appropriately.

109.6 War Memorial Renovation

It was reported that Woolley and Wainwright's revised estimate had been received; this, at £1,669.00 + VAT represents a 13% increase over the estimate for the work received a year ago; however, the new estimate now includes 20 square metres of tarmac and the laying of 12 metres of granite setts.

The Clerk was asked to write to both Woolley and Wainwright and Michael Eastham to

- (i) request that estimates be declared as "quotations" for the work, and
- (ii) notify them that it was hoped that the work would be undertaken in May when the results of the appeal for grant aid would be known from the "Friends of War Memorials" organisation.

109.7. Other Financial Matters.

Stocks of Books: "History of Abbots Bromley" The Chairman asked councillors who had stocks of the History for sale to notify the Clerk so that an accurate stock statement could be compiled.

Minute 110: Group Report

110.1 Recreation

110.1.1. Millennium Green. The Chairman reminded councillors that it is necessary to monitor the work of Mr R Tough in respect of the work he is required to undertake in carrying out regular safety checks of equipment on the Millennium Green play area, and to provide evidence of such checks in the book provided for this purpose.

110.1.2. Foot and Mouth Disease: Closure of Footpaths **It was proposed (LF), seconded (CT) and agreed that the Council's support should be communicated to Staffordshire County Council regarding the closure of footpaths during the present crisis.**

110.2. Village Property

110.2.1 Planting of trees along the Uttoxeter Road. The Chairman expressed thanks and appreciation, on behalf of the Council, to the Vice Chairman for the work he had undertaken in planting trees along the Uttoxeter Road.

110.2.2 Street Cleaning. The Clerk circulated a programme for the year of street cleaning in Abbots Bromley; this, he explained, he had been able to achieve by abstracting the relevant data from the ESBC Neighbourhood Services Department's schedule. He also stated that he was in touch with the Department regarding certain omissions from the schedule

110.2.3. Dog Fouling Notices. The Clerk was asked to arrange for standard dog fouling notices to be displayed in Lintake Drive.

110.2.4. The Clerk was asked to approach the Borough at the appropriate time of year in an attempt to obtain more trees for planting in public places in the village.

110.3 Traffic and Parking

110.3.1 Traffic Calming, Uttoxeter Road. The Chairman summarised the arguments put forward in the course of the consultation session held on 26 February to consider SCC's proposals to amend one of the traffic calming features. Despite some appeals by local residents to remove the buildout entirely, **it was proposed (PC), seconded (CT) and agreed that the County's amended scheme be put into effect** with the rider that, as with the scheme overall, any modifications should be kept under review. In communicating this decision the Clerk was asked to enquire when it could be expected that the work would be put into effect so that local residents could be notified, hopefully, in advance of the work taking place.

110.3.2 Priority Signs, Ashbrook Lane. The Clerk was asked to report to SCC that priority signs on approaches *to the village* were partially obscured by vegetation as follows:

- (i) at buildout known as "three" on the left hand side of the road, and
- (ii) at buildout known as "one" on the right hand side of the road.

110.3.3 SCC Highways Report on various work reported and/or undertaken in recent months

The Clerk reported on the *successful completion* of a number of matters reported:

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| 1 | Mill Green Cottage: | willow tree attended to |
| 2. | Goose Lane: | drains jetted and functioning properly |
| 3 | Orange Lane: | gullies have been cleaned out and new manhole constructed |
| 4. | Ashbrook Lane: | overgrown vegetation has been inspected and needs cutting back; street lighting engineer has been instructed to carry out this work. |
| 5. | Mill Green/Seedcroft: | inspections have been carried out and it is intended to clear out the ditches in the area and possibly provide a new gully at this location. |
| 6. | Granite setts: | these have been delivered to Wilson's the Butchers. |
| 7. | Harley Lane: | some soakaway ditches have been constructed as a means of removing surface water; the situation is being monitored. |
| 8. | Lichfield Road: | missing bollards will be replaced as soon as those on order have been received. |
| 9 | Market Place: | portable toilet removed as requested. |

Matters that *remain unresolved*, albeit subject to monitoring:

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| 10 | Port Lane: | the site has been inspected but there is no inexpensive way of dealing with the problems of surface water, given the high banks of each side of the road. "A scheme will be worked up for overlaying the carriageway but this might be costly in which case patching will be required with a surface dress the following year". |
| 11 | Seedcroft Lane: | "No further progress is available regarding the posts in this area". (It had previously been suggested that a site meeting might be held with Mr K Johns, 59 Seedcroft Lane a local resident) |
| 12 | Ashbrook Lane: | damage to pavement. Permanent repairs will |

- 13 High Street: not be put in hand until work on the adjacent property, Ashbrook Cottage, is complete. foul smelling drains by zebra crossing; await developments; it would appear to be a problem which is more evident during the summer.

In addition to the above, councillors raised for attention:

- 14 High Ash Farm: road surface is particularly slippery.

110.3.4 Granite setts. Cllr Jarman explained that he would be making a personal approach to the project engineer of the Highways Department currently replacing the setts in Bagot Street to consider using, in further phases of replacement, the style of kerb employed in High Street between Taswell's and the Post Office.

110.4. **Competitions**

The Chairman and Cllr. Charles reported on meetings which they had attended organised by the Community Council of Staffordshire concerning the BKV Competition. Both reported upon a check list of points which judges are expected to observe.

110.5 **Rural Housing**

Nothing to report.

110.6 **Newsletter**

Nothing to report

110.7 **School Governor's Report**

In the absence of Cllr. Ferguson, nothing to report.

Minute 111: Village Information Leaflet

The Chairman reported that the Newsletter Group had proofread the first draft which had been returned to Malcolm Barnes for amendment and production of a second draft.

Minute 112: Award of Jubilee Cup 2001

Consideration was given to a number of possible recipients for this year's award. **It was proposed (SW), seconded (CT) and agreed to offer the trophy to Mr Ken Webb.** The Chairman agreed to approach him to assess his willingness to accept it and to report to the next meeting.

Minute 113: Review of storage of Parish Council materials and documents

The Council informed councillors that a wardrobe had been offered by Mr Ray Wright on behalf of ABPCC for storage of Parish Council material and this was standing on the landing of Church House; the reason given for this was that the room in which the Council's cupboard is situated is now to be locked as a matter of course. It was agreed that the

Chairman should transfer documents with some historical significance to the Staffordshire Records Office.

Minute 114: Correspondence

The Chairman drew attention to the list of papers circulated by the Clerk in advance of the Meeting; these were available for borrowing at will.

Minute 115: Items for the Agenda of the next Meeting

The following were suggested:

- (i) Local Plan Review Draft Deposit
- (ii) Consideration of purchase of new Parish Council notice board.

Minute 116: Date of the next Meeting

The next Meeting will be held in Church House on Wednesday 28 March at 7.30 pm.

The Meeting concluded at 9.55 pm

Chairman..... Date.....

Proposed Seconded

