

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on Wednesday, 26 January 2005 at 7.30 p.m.
in the Village Hall, Abbots Bromley, pursuant to notice having been given.

Present: Cllrs: PJ Charles (Chairman), C Cook, DT Eatough, AE Elkington, L Fox,
KA McLoughlin

Also present: EA Roy (Clerk)

Apologies for absence: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs RT Esling,
RSV Jarman and JA Needham. Apologies were also received from Borough
Councillor Fox.

Members of the public attending: None

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Minute 89: Public Session

There were no members of the public present and no public session was held.

Minute 90: Approve and sign the Minutes of the previous Meetings

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the previous meetings on 1 December 2004 and 12 January 2005 be signed as a true record of proceedings.

Minute 91: Declarations of interest

Cllrs Charles, Cook and Eatough declared a personal interest in the agenda item on the Staffordshire Wildlife Trust on the basis of their pre-existing relationship with the Trust.

Minute 92: Matters arising and matters of report

92.1 New Councillor Training: Cllrs Fox reported on the event she and Cllr Elkington attended at Admaston. It had been an interesting evening and there were several useful points to learn.

92.2 Circulated documents: No points were raised.

Minute 93: Planning

93.1 Applications

380 - PA/28877/002: Land adjacent 1-3 Holly Bank: Erection of a detached dwelling and garage

Received: 24/01/05 Replied: 27/01/05 Response: The Parish Council has no objection to this application.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk communicate this response to the local planning authority.

93.2 Decisions

The following applications have been **AGREED** subject to stated conditions

361 - HO/10277/009: Shade Elm, Goose Lane: Erection of detached garage and store

367 - TN/04841/022: Middleton House, Bagot Street: Felling on one Lawson Cypress

372 - HO/15905/014: The Cottage, Uttoxeter Road: Erection of a single storey rear extension (Amended plans)

373 - LB/15905/015: The Cottage, Uttoxeter Road: Erection of a single storey rear extension (Amended plans)

376 - TN/24638/005: Waterside, Mires Brook Lane: Removal of one ash, three poplars and height reduction of twenty-three leylandi trees

No applications have been **REFUSED**

The following application has been **WITHDRAWN**

366 - HO/23104/004: Kerrera, Ashbrook Lane: Erection of a part first floor part two storey side extension, single storey rear extension, front porch, retaining wall and balustrade and a detached double garage

93.3 Correspondence and other planning matters

93.3.1 We have been notified of an appeal by Redrow Homes against the non-determination of their planning application for 20 homes on land at Ivy House. A date for the hearing has yet to be set.

93.3.2 We have been notified that the appeal by T Munton against the condition for removal of the proposed stables has been withdrawn ahead of the date for the public hearing.

93.3.3 Mr M Lewis has provided a copy of his letter to ESBC Planning on the subject of the application for relaxation of the condition on the Equestrian Centre.

93.3.4 We have been notified of a second appeal by Redrow Homes against the non-determination of their application for Conservation Area Consent for 20 homes on land at Ivy House. A date for the hearing has yet to be set.

Minute 94: Financial Matters

94.1 Financial report for January

The Clerk introduced the financial report for January.

RESOLVED: That the statement be approved and the Chairman sign the report.

94.2 Report on payments made since the last Meeting

No payments had been made since the last meeting.

94.3 Bills to pay

The Clerk introduced the following for payment:

<i>Vch/Chq</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Powers</i>
61/645	AB Village Hall	14.50	Room hire	[Vital Villages]
62/646	SLCC	69.00	Clerk's annual membership	LGA 1972 s.111
63/647	SPCA	36.00	Councillor training	LGA 1972 s.111
	TOTAL payments	119.50		

RESOLVED: That these payments be made.

94.4 Section 137 payments

The Clerk introduced the following requests received for payments/grants under section 137.

<i>Vch/Chq</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Details</i>
	Staffordshire Wildlife Trust		Seeking help after end of lottery funding for reserves
	Staffordshire PFA		Annual membership
64/648	Community Council of Staffs	15.00	Best Kept Village entry/posters
	TOTAL payments	15.00	

A discussion of the membership of the Staffordshire Playing Fields Association took place that failed to identify any significant reason for continuing membership.

RESOLVED: Not to continue membership.

It was noted that we already supported the Wildlife Trust through our membership, and that a further contribution might be possible towards the year end.

RESOLVED: That the Council, in accordance with its powers under sections 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972, should make the above payment to the Community Council of Staffordshire which is, in the opinion of the Council, in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure.

94.5 Other financial matters

94.5.1 The Clerk reported that Bryan Sullivan had indicated his willingness to continue as internal auditor should the Council so wish.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk be asked to write to Mr Sullivan confirming his appointment as independent internal auditor for the year ending 31 March 2005.

94.5.2 The Clerk introduced a quotation from Malcolm Barnes for the preparation and printing of new map leaflets and for a display map for the new footpath notice board.

RESOLVED: That we order 10,000 copies of the map leaflet printed in dark blue on cream.

RESOLVED: That we order an encapsulated display map with additional work up to the value of £100 to colour the map.

94.5.3 The Clerk introduced details of two training courses on planning.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Fox attend the ESBC event at Uttoxeter.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Elkington, the Clerk and anyone else available and willing, attend the SPCA event in Stone.

Minute 95: Group Reports

95.1 Recreation

The Clerk reported that the ESBC solicitor is still awaiting a response from the solicitor acting for Sherlock Homes to the revised s.106 agreement on the Nuttery.

95.2 Village Property

Opportunities to place notice boards in the Pinfold and Uttoxeter Road bus shelters were discussed, and the Chairman was asked to identify suitable styles and their costs.

95.3 Traffic, Parking, Highways

The Clerk reported that the new streetlights in Goose Lane were now operational and the bus stop in Uttoxeter Road had been marked.

Cllr Cook reported that the Community Speedwatch team had received their final equipment and carried out their first sessions during the week. He also reported concerns about parking on the main street at the end of Church Lane obscuring the exit. Would the Council consider asking for white lines?

RESOLVED: That the Clerk ask Highways if they could provide white lines either side of the entry to Church Lane.

Cllr Charles reported that soil erosion has reduced the width of the footpath on the north side of Uttoxeter Road beyond the traffic calming.

RESOLVED: That we ask Graham McCulloch to clear this, the main street and the length from the Market Place to the church.

Cllr Elkington has received a letter requesting "horse" warning signs, to improve safety as a response to specific incidents with a tractor. Agreed that this was a police matter, and that the letter should be passed to them.

95.4 Competitions

Cllr Elkington reported that he had received and completed the entry forms for the 2005 Best Kept Village competition. He is preparing a schedule of things that need to be done in the run up to the competition. Some effort was needed to amend the map ready for our entry, taking into account previous feedback. In the absence of any other volunteers the Clerk agreed to try and update the map.

Cllr Cook noted that the work on the Millennium Green conservation area had resulted in material being left on site. It was suggested that he contact Mithra to see if the Trustees of the Millennium Green could resolve this.

95.5 Newsletter

Cllr McLoughlin reported that work on the next newsletter should start and that this could include items on Best Kept Village, Community Speedwatch, Village Show, Village Hall committee vacancies and Vital Villages (including environmental issues such as dog fouling). These, and any other items, to be with the editor early in February.

95.6 School Governor's Report

Cllr Eatough reported that Sharon Kelly was now in post as the new head teacher, and a governor's meeting is due early in February.

95.7 Village Action Plan

Cllrs Charles, Elkington, Fox and the Clerk had attended a meeting the previous evening which including a report back on the progress being made with some of the

projects. Some clarification of the roles and relationships will aid in further progress. The Clerk will set up a meeting with the Chairman and Mithra Tonking to explore these and other issues.

95.8 RISES

Cllr Fox reported that she had attended an ESBC event for RISES co-ordinators. Cllr Charles was offering to supply the nesting boxes for the conservation area and so the money that would have been spent on them can now be given to the Under 5s project.

Cllr Fox reported that there would be no recycling of plastic bags as it was not cost effective.

Cllr Charles reported that there were no contact numbers on the recycling skips and Cllr Fox said she would ask ESBC to rectify this.

95.9 Community First Responders

Cllr McLoughlin reported that the final theory exam had now taken place, and results were awaited. A practical exercise was planned for 12th February that would be based at the Village Hall but also involve other locations around the village. They will attempt to provide 24-hour cover from 13th February subject to a rota being agreed.

95.10 Village Hall

Cllr Cook said the end of year financial figures were encouraging but there was a concern over how many committee members were willing to continue after the AGM.

Minute 96: Correspondence, bulletins and reports

- 96.1 Office of the Deputy Prime Minister has written to provide information on the introduction of provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that place new obligations on this Council. Noted.
- 96.2 Penny Ward (Village Agent) has confirmed that she will visit the next meeting to introduce herself and provide an update on future plans. Noted.
- 96.3 Lawrence Oates has written to introduce himself as the person responsible for biodiversity issues across the East Staffordshire Borough. He is able to advise on any wildlife and countryside issues, or new projects we may need assistance with. Noted.
- 96.4 Uttoxeter Voluntary Sector Forum has written asking for guidance on which groups to contact over their new initiative. Clerk asked to respond suggesting the WI and Evergreens as initial contact points.
- 96.5 SPCA has written to remind us that there are vacancies on the SPCA Executive for East Staffordshire and asking if we wish to make a nomination. None were offered.
- 96.6 Chairman's Charity Quiz: We are invited by the Chairman of Staffordshire County Council (Edward Boden) to enter a team of four at a cost of £50 to his charity quiz on Friday 11th February. Noted.

Minute 97: Horn Dance

- 97.1 An offer to help with the erection and dismantling of stalls had been received from Cllr Cook, and this would enable the continuation of this aspect of the day for a further year.

- 97.2 The licence fees for traders were reviewed and it was agreed that they would be left at the current rates.
- 97.3 Despite the publicity, it was noted that no one had come forward to be involved in a revived Horn Dance Promotion Group. The group cannot therefore be re-formed.

Minute 98: Items for agenda of next meeting

Visit of Penny Ward
Jubilee Cup
Review of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations
SPCA Advisory notes

Minute 99: Date, time and place of next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting should be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 23 February 2005 in the Memorial Room at the Village Hall.

The Meeting concluded at 22:05 pm.

Chairman Date:

Proposed: Seconded: