

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
held on Wednesday, 25 May 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, L Fox, KA McLoughlin

Also present: EA Roy (Clerk)

Apologies for absence: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr AE Elkington, RT Esling, RSV Jarman, J Needham, and also received from Borough Councillor Fox.

Members of the public attending: Mark Goodwin, Elizabeth Goodwin

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### **Minute 12: Public Session**

The Chairman welcomed the members of the public who were present and invited them to speak.

Mark Goodwin introduced himself and then read a letter he had written to the Planning Officer opposing a planning application for Bentilee Farm. There is a related application that would create four live/work units but these would be too close to the farming activities to coexist without complaints on noise, safety. He believed the effect would be to curtail activities to the point where the farm would be uneconomic.

The Chairman thanked Mr Goodwin for his contribution. Normal business was resumed at 19:44.

### **Minute 13: Annual Meeting**

#### **13.1 Election of Chairman, Vice Chairman and Powers to Act**

Cllr Charles was elected Chairman by consent, and took the Chair.

Cllrs Cook and Eatough were nominated and left the room. Cllr Eatough was elected as Vice Chairman by a majority.

***RESOLVED: That executive powers to act between meetings be delegated to the clerk of the council, in accordance with Standing Order paragraph 72.***

#### **13.2 Appointment of Members to Groups**

In view of the number of Councillors absent, it was agreed to defer discussion of appointments to working groups until the next meeting.

**Minute 14: Approve and sign the Minutes of the previous Meetings**

**RESOLVED:** *That the Minutes of the previous meeting on 27 April 2005 be signed subject to correction of two typographical errors.*

**Minute 15: Declarations of interest**

The Clerk declared an interest in the application for a grant to the Village Design Statement and Cllr Eatough in planning application 406.

**Minute 16: Matters arising and matters of report**

- 16.1 Circulated documents:** Agreed that the letter to go out with the housing survey should come from the Parish Council, but we would ask ESBC to print copies.
- 16.2 Arts Project:** Cllr Eatough said that he was struggling to identify a suitable project but would meet with Paul to clarify his understanding.
- 16.3 Quality Council application:** Our application was delivered to SPCA on 5<sup>th</sup> May and is due to be considered by the accreditation panel on 7<sup>th</sup> June.
- 16.4 Uttoxeter Plus:** Cllr Fox gave some feedback on her attendance at the annual forum explaining that the plans should lead to a significant improvement in the town.

**Minute 17: Planning**

**17.1 Applications**

**406 - HO/17028/005: Brickyard Farm, Port Lane:** Erection of a part two storey, part first floor and part single storey extension to side  
Received: 03/05/05 Replied: 09/05/05 Response: The Parish Council raises no objections to this application.

**407 - LB/18945/012: Bromley House, Uttoxeter Road:** Conversion and alterations to form 3 apartments to include new staircase, sash window and roof lights  
Received: 09/05/05 Replied: 26/05/05 Response: The Parish Council raises no objection to this application.

**408 - CU/18945/013: Bromley House, Uttoxeter Road:** Conversion and alterations to form 3 apartments to include new staircase, sash window and roof lights  
Received: 09/05/05 Replied: 26/05/05 Response: The Parish Council raises no objection to this application.

**409 - PA/03983/003: Bentilee Farm, Glass Lane:** Erection of an agricultural building for use as cattle, storage shed and silage store  
Received: 18/05/05 Replied: 26/05/05 Response: The Parish Council wishes to wait for the availability of the plans for the conversion before commenting on this application.

**410 - HO/02362/010: School House, School House Lane:** Erection of a single storey front extension  
Received: 18/05/05 Replied: 26/05/05 Response: The Parish Council raises no objection to this application.

**411 - LB/02362/011: School House, School House Lane:** Erection of a single storey front extension  
Received: 18/05/05 Replied: 26/05/05 Response: The Parish Council raises no objection to this application.

***RESOLVED: That the Clerk communicate these responses to the local planning authority.***

## 17.2 Decisions

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

**355 - LB/28867/004: 6 High Street:** Erection of a single storey rear extension, internal alterations and the installation of roof lights in the rear elevation

**370 - HO/00937/029: Kingposts, Radmore Lane:** Erection of a rear porch and a detached double garage

**371 - PA/00937/030: Land South of Kingposts, Radmore Lane:** Erection of a detached stable block

**379 - HO/18950/012: Spring Bank Farm, Radmore Lane:** Erection of single storey front, side and rear extensions plus alterations to roof

**390 - LB/01967/058: Coleridge House, High Street:** Retention of wall mounted sign

**391 - AD/01967/059: Coleridge House, High Street:** Retention of wall mounted sign

**392 - AD/01967/057: The Chapel Garden, High Street:** Retention of post mounted sign

**393 - AD/05292/018: Adjacent St Raphael's Building, Lichfield Road:** Retention of post mounted sign

**395 - CU/04235/011: Marsh Farm, Uttoxeter Road:** Conversion and alterations to existing barn to form holiday accommodation including the installation of roof lights

**396 - HO/06621/009: 1 Forge Cottages, Lichfield Road:** Erection of a conservatory to side of dwelling

**399 - CU/02131/009: Bagots Park, Dunstall Lane:** Change of use of part of agricultural building to Class B8 (storage or distribution)

**404 - HO/15245/004: Little Heatley Green Farm, Heatley Lane:** Erection of first floor side and single storey rear extension and front porch

The following applications have been **REFUSED**

**397 - OU/01551/005: Land adjacent 10 Bagots View:** Erection of a detached dwelling and garage and alterations to existing vehicular access

No application has been **REVISED**

No application has been **WITHDRAWN**

## 17.3 Correspondence and other planning matters

17.3.1 We have been notified that from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May responsibility for planning applications in our area has been taken over by Sarah Tregellas and Richard Stewart. Any new planning applications will be booked out to them.

- 17.3.2 We have been notified of two appeals by Redrow Homes against the refusal of permission to clear and redevelop land at Ivy House. No date for the hearing has been set, but any written submissions to the Inspector must be made by 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2005.

## Minute 18: Financial Matters

### 18.1 Financial report

The Clerk introduced the financial report for May 2005.

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

### 18.2 Report on payments made since the last meeting

The Clerk reported that no payments had been made since the last meeting.

### 18.3 Bills to pay

The Clerk introduced the following for payment:

Vch/Chq	Payee	Amount	Details	Powers
12/678	Penny Ward	278.05	Village agent salary/expenses	[Vital Villages]
13/679	G McCulloch	35.00	Devolved maintenance	LGA 1972, s.101
14/679	G McCulloch	140.00	Bark for Millennium Green	PHA 1961, s.52
14/679	G McCulloch	254.40	Grass cutting	OSA 1906, s.10
16/681	Studiocraft	13.92	Paper for newsletter	LGA 1972, s.142
16/681	Studiocraft	29.77	Paper for copying etc	LGA 1972, s.111
	<b>TOTAL payments</b>	<b>751.14</b>		

**RESOLVED: That these payments be made.**

### 18.4 Section 137 payments

The Clerk introduced the following proposed payment under section 137.

Vch/Chq	Payee	Amount	Details
15/680	E A Roy	152.75	Purchase of speed gun
	<b>TOTAL payments made</b>	<b>152.75</b>	

**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 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. Also that this amount be transferred from the Speed reduction budget to s.137.**

### 18.5 Other financial matters

- 18.5.1 A grant application had been received from the Village Design Statement Action Group together with a request for the Parish Council to act as fund holder.

**RESOLVED: That £1000 be assigned to the project and that the Parish Council administer funds on behalf of the team.**

- 18.5.2 Toilets at the Goat: The Clerk outlined some of the issues that would need to be dealt with if the Council wished take on responsibility for the toilets. After a short

discussion it was agreed that the Council could not take this forward at the present time and the Clerk was asked to write to Mr Scalpello advising him to secure the doors.

18.5.3 SLCC Regional Conference: Agreed not to attend this year.

18.5.4 SPCA Annual Training Day for Clerks: Agreed that the Clerk should attend.

18.5.5 Cllr Fox reported on progress with her review of the new terms and conditions for Clerks.

## **Minute 19: Group Reports**

### **19.1 Recreation**

The Clerk reported that Mr Burgess had promised to provide a quotation by Friday for remedial work on the "head trap" reported last year and also the "finger trap" referred to in the most recent annual inspection. An additional 2 cubic metres of bark had been added to the surface to address comments made about the depth of fill.

### **19.2 Village Property**

The Clerk reported that repairs to the Butter Cross appeared to be complete although he had received no formal confirmation of this from the County Council.

### **19.3 Traffic, Parking, Highways**

Cllr Fox reported that from the meeting with Richard Rayson, they had learnt that the intention was for kerbing to be installed from the Bennetts to Hoar Cross Road – probably during August. For this the road will remain open but with traffic control. Subsequently the re-surfacing work will require the road to be closed for a week.

Cllr Cook reported that Speed Watch was up and running again with the new gun.

Cllr Cook asked if we could investigate the possibility of speed check warning signs and the Clerk was asked to make enquiries.

Cllr Fox reported on a conversation with Richard Rayson about obstruction caused by anglers parking at the Hoar Cross junction.

### **19.4 Competitions**

Nothing to report.

### **19.5 Newsletter**

Cllr McLoughlin requested items by 1<sup>st</sup> June for the next newsletter. It was noted that additional items to be delivered included the vital villages update, accounts and housing survey.

### **19.6 School Governor's Report**

Nothing to report.

### **19.7 RISES**

Nothing to report.

**19.8 Community First Responders**

Cllr McLoughlin reported that it had been a bit quieter recently although there had been some calls over the weekend.

**19.9 Village Hall**

Cllr Cook reported finances were healthy despite one or two unpaid invoices. A quote of £12,100 had been received for the remaking of the drive.

**Minute 20: Correspondence, bulletins and reports**

- 20.1 The Council is invited to send representatives to a meeting of the East Staffordshire SPCA at Denstone starting at 7.30pm on Tuesday 14th June. No one wished to attend.
- 20.2 The Council is invited to attend a seminar on Parish Plans on a choice of dates including Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 6pm in Abbots Bromley. The Clerk will attend with either Cllr Esling or Cllr Charles.

**Minute 21: Parish Assembly and Parish Surgery**

- 21.1 Reviewed items brought up at the Parish Assembly – agreed to invite someone from ESBC to visit and talk about devolved street cleaning.
- 21.2 Cllr Charles reported matters raised at the surgery included gullies blocked outside the village on Uttoxeter Road and several other places beyond the village but within the parish. A problem with water reported outside the Whelan's seems to have been resolved. There are other milestones (at locations to be defined) needing to be re-painted. A query about the state of Cedar Cottage is being considered by the ESBC Enforcement Officer. A question about the possibility of a football facility on The Lowers proved to be based on incorrect information.

**Minute 22: Items for agenda of next meeting**

Appointment of members to groups and officers  
Possible visit from ESBC to discuss devolved street cleaning  
Basis for awarding the Jubilee Cup  
Review of future Parish Assembly possibilities  
Review of meeting room

**Minute 23: Date, time and place of next Meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting should be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 29 June 2005 in the Memorial Room at the Village Hall.

The Meeting concluded at 21:55 pm.

Chairman .....

Date: .....