

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on Wednesday, 11 January 2006 at 7.30 pm
in the Village Hall, Abbots Bromley, pursuant to notice having been given

Present: Cllrs: PJ Charles (Chairman), C Cook, DT Eatough, AE Elkington, RT Esling, RSV Jarman, KA McLoughlin, J Needham

Also present: EA Roy (Clerk)

Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Fox and Borough Councillor Fox.

Members of the public attending:
None.

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Minute 82: Public Session

There were no members of the public present.

Minute 83: Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Minute 84: Planning

84.1 Applications

437 - PA/11825/016: Forge Farm: Erection of a detached farm workers dwelling
Received: 08/12/05 Replied: 14/12/05 Response: The Parish Council raises no objection to this application but suggests that occupancy should be tied to the agricultural holding.

438 - HO/18945/014: Bromley House, Uttoxeter Road: Erection of a two storey rear extension
Received: 12/12/05 Replied: 16/12/05 Response: The Parish Council raises no objection to this application.

439 - HO/14807/023: The Croft, Uttoxeter Road: Installation of a clock tower and weather vane on existing single storey detached building
Received: 22/12/05 Replied: 04/01/06 Response: The Parish Council raises no objection to this application in view of the limited visibility of the proposed site. There is no indication as to whether the clock strikes. It is suggested that, in this location, a condition that the clock be silent would be appropriate.

440 - LB/18945/017: Bromley House, Uttoxeter Road: Conversion and alterations of former doctors surgery to form dwelling and demolition of existing garage and stores
Received: 09/01/06 Replied: 12/01/06 Response: The Parish Council raises no objection to this application.

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

84.2 Decisions

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

429 - HR/30246/001: Land adjacent B5013: Removal of a 45m section of hedgerow

431 - LB/15095/019: The Cottage, Uttoxeter Road: Erection of attached garage

The following application has been **REFUSED**

432 - PF/27479/007: Willow Brook Farm, Pinfold Lane: Prior Notification for the erection of an agricultural building to be used for the storage of foodstuffs, equipment and veterinary products

433 - PA/13229/044: Rear of Crofts College, Bagot Street: Conversion of existing garage block to form a single dwelling and erection of a detached double garage

No applications have been **REVISED**

The following applications have been **WITHDRAWN**

398 - CN/18945/011: Bromley House, Uttoxeter Road: Demolition of single storey outbuildings

434 - PA/20982/007: Land adjacent Goose Cottage, Goose Lane: Erection of a detached three storey dwelling, detached double garage and construction of vehicular access

84.3 Correspondence and other planning matters

84.3.1 The Clerk reminded members that a date for an informal hearing of the Redrow Homes appeal had been set for 10am on 31 January 2006 at Burton Town Hall at which Cllr Eatough had offered to represent the Council. Cllr Eatough gave a brief update on his preparations.

Minute 85: Financial Matters

85.1 Grant to Project Playground

The Clerk reminded members that the sum of £8,000 set aside for the Under 5s play area in July 2004 had been conditional upon the money being spent by the end of December 2005.

RESOLVED: That the time period be extended until 31 March 2006.

85.2 Order of Equipment for Project Playground

The Clerk reported that Project Playground team have requested that the Parish Council order equipment for the Under 5s play area on behalf of the project team. The estimated order value is £21,558 + VAT. This would be funded £8,000 from PC grant, £5,000 from ESBC grant (yet to be paid) and the balance from the Staffordshire Environmental Fund (yet to be paid).

A detailed discussion of several aspects of the project concluded that there was no objection in principle to this purchase but that there were concerns about the process. Specifically, there is a need to ensure that title will be passed to the Parish Council, that any warranty period will not commence until the equipment is installed and to compare the risks of local storage against those for using the bonded store offered by the supplier.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk order the equipment only when these issues have been satisfactorily dealt with.

85.3 Closure of Cater Allen account

The Clerk invited the Council to consider withdrawing the balance of approximately £5,600 from the Cater Allen account with effect from the end of February so that these funds are available to sustain the cash flow while grant payments are awaited.

RESOLVED: That the account be closed and the balance transferred into the recreation account at Lloyds TSB.

85.4 Financial report

The Clerk introduced the financial report for December 2005 and confirmed that the £5,000 deposit with ESBC had been transferred into the Lloyds TSB recreation account together with £37.60 interest.

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

85.5 Budget report

The Clerk introduced the budget report to end of December 2005 and explained that following the adjustments made at half year, the main issue was again funds set aside for projects and remaining unspent.

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

85.6 Budget for 2006/2007

The Clerk introduced a budget proposal prepared by the Finance Working Group which was then discussed. In the course of the discussions it was agreed that:

- The rental on the two allotments should be increased to £50 per annum from April 2006 and fixed at that level for the next three years. (Subject to a review of future arrangements for the rental of the land adjacent the Royal Oak, including whether any agreement should be with the lessee or owning company and whether treatment as an "allotment" is appropriate.)
- In the light of expected increases in the cost of electricity to non-domestic consumers, an additional £200 be allocated for the church floodlighting
- The possibilities for provision of public toilets in the village be considered

RESOLVED: That the Clerk submit a precept request of £18,800 to East Staffordshire Borough Council and that the Council adopt the agreed figures (attached) as the basis of the 2006/2007 budget.

85.7 Report on payments made since the last meeting

The Clerk reported that the following payments had been made since the last meeting:

<i>Vch/Chq</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Powers</i>
62/729	E A Roy	447.21	Clerk salary/expenses (Nov05)	LG(FP)A 1963 s.5 LGA 1972 s.112(2)
63/730	AB Village Hall	15.00	Action Group meeting	[Vital Villages]
64/731	AB PCC	15.00	Hire of Church House	LGA 1972 s.150
65/732	G McCulloch	170.00	Millennium Green maintenance	PHA 1961 s.52
	TOTAL payments	647.21		

85.8 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>
66/733	Inland Revenue	305.35	Tax/NI for Oct-Dec	LGA 1972 s.112(2)
67/734	E A Roy	378.57	Clerk's salary/expenses (Dec05)	LG(FP)A 1963 s.5 LGA 1972 s.112(2)
	TOTAL payments	683.92		

RESOLVED: That these payments be made.

Minute 86: Items for agenda of next meeting

- Abbots Bromley PCC additional costs for churchyard maintenance
- Code of practice for handling complaints
- Implementation of Project Playground
- Visit from the Fire Service District Officer

Minute 87: Date, time and place of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting should be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 25 January 2006 in the Memorial Room at the Village Hall.

The Meeting concluded at 20:55 pm.

Chairman

Date: