

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on Wednesday, 7th January, 2009 at 7.30 pm
in the Village Hall, Abbots Bromley, pursuant to notice having been given

Present: Cllrs PJ Charles; R Bell; A Elkington; Mrs L Fox; RSV Jarman;
Mrs C Veitch (part); B Waring

In attendance: Mrs S Buxton (Clerk);

Members of the public attending: 1

Apologies: Cllr R Mills; Cllr Mrs Veitch (late)

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Minute 236: Public Session

Mithra Tonking was present to hear the discussion on the Millennium Green and stressed her hope that the matter could be resolved as quickly as possible whilst free legal advice was still available.

Normal business resumed at 7.33 pm

Minute 237: Declaration of Interests

Cllr P Charles – St Giles Hospice

Minute 238: Planning

238.1 Applications

586 - PA/02885/028/AG: Ivy House, High Street, Abbots Bromley: Construction of vehicular access

Received: 12/12/08 Due: 07/01/09

RESOLVED: The parish council objects to this application as an existing access for the development of the Ivy House site has already been approved, although it does accept that the visibility and access is probably slightly better than on the existing access.

The parish council believes that this application leads to a number of questions:-

- why does the red site boundary line on the plans not extend to the full size of the site?
- is this a development within a development which will allow the density and number of houses on the site to be increased?
- this application appears to show that large numbers of trees are to be felled - is this absolutely necessary and shouldn't any works be required to retain all trees wherever possible?
- the tree survey report is dated August 2007, is this still current?
- with this application for a second access to the site, does this mean that there is to be an "in" and "out" access to the site, thus allowing for more traffic from a greater number of houses in the future?
- this application if approved will leave Ivy House isolated between two entrances - will Ivy House be retained as a property in the future?

- the new access will lead to the destruction of a green area within the village

585 - HO/07004/009/EW: The Beech, Bromley Wood Lanes, Bromley Wood, Abbots Bromley: Erection of a single storey rear extension to form dependent living accommodation

Received: 01/12/08 Due: 18/12/08

RESOLVED: *the parish council has no objection to this application*

238.2 Decisions

The following applications have been approved:-

544 - PA/19842/011: Bromley Park Buildings, Bromley Park Farm

Erection of an agricultural workers dwelling

576 - HO/04068/024/CEH: Oaklands Farm, Pinfold Lane, Abbots Bromley

Erection of a first floor extension including balcony

577 - LB/05395/013/CEH: Maxstoke House, Bagot Street, Abbots Bromley

Installation of six roof lights and internal alterations to include the erection of partition walls and the formation of a staircase

578 - LB/18945/021/CEH: The Coach House, Bromley House, Uttoxeter Road, Abbots Bromley

Installation of a replacement window to the rear elevation

579 - PA/13229/046/CEH: Crofts Annexe, Market Place, Abbots Bromley

Change of use of ground floor office (Class A2) to residential (Class C3) to form one dwelling

580 - LB/13229/047/CEH: Crofts Annexe, Market Place, Abbots Bromley

Removal of one internal wall, bricking up of opening to rear elevation and insertion of one Velux window to roof

238.3 Other Planning Matters

Nothing to report

Minute 239: Financial Matters

239.1 Finance Report to 31st December 2008

To be carried forward to meeting at end of January

239.2 Payments to be made

RESOLVED: *that the following payments be made:-*

<i>Vch/Chq</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Powers</i>
51/956	AB Junior FC	280.19	RISES – re-issued cheque as first cheq (May 08) mislaid	
52/957	Mrs S Buxton	408.87	Salary and taxable expenses Dec 08	
52/958	Staffordshire County Council	90.10	Pension – Dec 08	
52/959	Mrs S Buxton	62.53	Expenses to 7/1/09	
53/960	Post Office Ltd	215.14	PAYE & NI – months 7 – 9	
54/961	Abbots Bromley PCC	310.00	Balance of contribution to Churchyard maintenance	

<i>Vch/Chq</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Powers</i>
54/962	Abbots Bromley Village Hall	112.00	Balance of room hire for 2008, including 2 youth meetings	
TOTAL		1478.83		

239.3 Receipts**RESOLVED:** to note the following receipts

<i>From</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Details</i>
Nuttery Funds	1326.10	Balance of Nuttery funds

Cllr Veitch arrived

239.4 S137 Requests

The clerk reminded councillors that any payments made under S.137 of the Local Government Act 1972 must be in the interests of And give direct benefit to their area, community or all or some of its inhabitants

RESOLVED: that the following S137 requests be approved for payment:-

<i>Vch/Chq</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Powers</i>
55/963	MIND (Uttoxeter Project)	500.00	Donation to work of AB Group	LGA 1972 s.137
56/964	Donna Louise Trust	500.00	Donation to work of children's hospice	LGA 1972 s.137
57/965	St Giles Hospice	500.00	Donation to work of St Giles Hospice	LGA 1972 s.137
58/965	Scouts	750.00	Donation to works on roof of Scout Hut	LGA 1972 s.137

RESOLVED: that Cllr Mrs Fox would check that MIND was still running a viable group in Abbots Bromley**RESOLVED:** the clerk would draft a letter in liaison with Cllr Mrs Veitch to accompany the cheque to the Scout Group expressing the council's hope that the hut should be made as widely available as possible to all youth groups/organisations in Abbots Bromley**239.5 Budget 2009/10**

The budgetary recommendations of the Finance Group were considered

RESOLVED: that the precept for 2009/10 should remain at the same level as this year - £20,100**RESOLVED:** that the 2009/10 budget for Abbots Bromley Parish Council be:-

Income

101	Precept from ESBC	20100.00
201	Lloyds TSB interest	288.00
204	Allotment rent	100.00
206	Trader licences	200.00
207	Devolved maintenance	300.00
299	Miscellaneous inc	0.00
	Taken from balance at 1/4/09	6724.00
	VAT	594.00
	TOTAL INCOME	28306.00

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Administration

301 Clerk's salary/expenses	7395.00
302 Insurance	1837.00
303 Audit fee	410.00
304 SPCA/SLCC subscription	521.00
305 Local Council Review	47.00
307 Stationery/postage etc	470.00
308 Travel expenses	232.00
309 Training/books	350.00
311 Hire of hall	468.00
312 Newsletter costs	200.00
313 Software licences	0.00
399 Miscellaneous exp	700.00
✓ Total for Administration	12630.00
Highways & Footpaths	
401 Devolved maintenance	0.00
402 Footpaths	0.00
403 Traffic calming	0.00
✓ Total for Highways etc	0.00
Parks and open spaces	
501 Grass cutting	1848.00
502 Other village work	1500.00
504 Playground inspection	250.00
506 Mill Grn caretaker	200.00
✓ Total for Parks etc	3798.00
Lighting, Churchyard etc	
601 Elec for floodlights	200.00
602 Maintenance of lights	200.00
611 Churchyard maint'nce	860.00
613 Annual clock maintenance	180.00
✓ Total for Lighting etc	1440.00
Section 137	
701 Subscriptions/grants	2040.00
703 BKV posters & prizes	75.00
705 Misc (rec as Vill Des St)	0.00
✓ Total for Section 137	2115.00
Loan repayment	
801 Public Works Loan Board	3323.00
✓ Total for Loan Repayment	3323.00
Miscellaneous	
Youth Project	1000.00
Contingency	4000.00
VAT	0.00
Total for Miscellanoues	5000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	28306.00

239.6 Clerk's Training

RESOVLED: the council meet 50% of the cost of the clerk's attendance at the SLCC's Practitioners' Conference in February and two SPCA training evenings covering changes to Planning and

Minute 240: Land adjacent to Church Farm, Goose Lane

The clerk reported that the solicitor had sent an email suggesting two options for the parish council to consider:-

- i. to ask the Land Registry to reconsider their decision;
- ii. to explore whether the Treasury Solicitor has any records of the dissolved construction company and its sites

The solicitor advises that the first option is probably unlikely to succeed. He would be willing to make preliminary enquiries relating to the second option at no further charge. If it becomes clear that that route may prove fruitful he would then give an indication of costs and timescale
RESOLVED: that the solicitor be asked to make preliminary enquiries with regards to whether the Treasury Solicitor has any records of the dissolved construction company and its sites

Minute 241: Millennium Green

The clerk reported that she had received a further request for information from NALC via the SPCA and that Mithra Tonking had provided most of the answers which she would now forward to the SPCA

RESOLVED: the clerk would send the necessary information to the SPCA

RESOLVED: the parish council still felt it was imperative for them to obtain independent legal advice through the SPCA

RESOLVED: the clerk would speak to ESBC regarding any help they may be able to give with regards to assisting the parish council in the use of a seal for sealing official documents relating to the transfer of the Millennium Green

The Youth Group are still waiting to hear if any other constructions, i.e. a Youth Shelter can be sited on the Millennium Green and during the public part of the meeting Mrs Tonking had stated that the Trustees are waiting for Cllr Fox to confirm if additional constructions can be put on the site.

Minute 242: Matters of Report

242.1 Bernard Grundy

RESOLVED: the clerk would write to Mrs Grundy expressing the council's condolences in liaison with Cllr Mrs Fox

242.2 Junior Football Club – Cllr Jarman reported that he had been in contact with the Girls School, and the Deputy Head, Mr Fisher will be meeting with the Football Club to discuss the situation

242.3 Coffee at Meetings – Cllr Elkington asked if it was possible for the council to purchase a flask so that coffee was available to members at meetings

242.4 Conservation Area – the clerk reported that Conservation Area appraisals have been completed by external consultants for ESBC and these can be viewed at Abbots Bromley Village Hall on 13th January, 2009 or the website

242.5 Recycling – the clerk reported that blue bins are to be introduced to increase recycling and a number of roadshows are being held around the borough to explain the scheme. The Abbots Bromley event took place yesterday.

Minute 243: Date and Time of Next Meeting

RESOLVED: that the next meeting of the parish council be held on Wednesday, 28th January, 2009 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall

There being no other business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.50 pm

Signed _____

Date 28th January, 2009