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:-

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<td>RISES – re-issued cheque as first cheq (May 08) mislaid</td>
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<td>Mrs S Buxton</td>
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<td>Staffordshire County Council</td>
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<td>Mrs S Buxton</td>
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<td>Post Office Ltd</td>
<td>215.14</td>
<td>PAYE &amp; NI – months 7 – 9</td>
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<td>54/961</td>
<td>Abbots Bromley PCC</td>
<td>310.00</td>
<td>Balance of contribution to Churchyard maintenance</td>
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239.3 Receipts  
**RESOLVED**: to note the following receipts  

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<th>Nuttery Funds 1326.10</th>
<th>Balance of Nuttery Funds</th>
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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:-  

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<td>500.00</td>
<td>Donation to work of AB Group</td>
<td>LGA 1972 s.137</td>
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<td>56/964</td>
<td>Donna Louise Trust</td>
<td>500.00</td>
<td>Donation to work of children's hospice</td>
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<td>57/965</td>
<td>St Giles Hospice</td>
<td>500.00</td>
<td>Donation to work of St Giles Hospice</td>
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<td>58/965</td>
<td>Scouts</td>
<td>750.00</td>
<td>Donation to works on roof of Scout Hut</td>
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**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:-  

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<td>Taken from balance at 1/4/09</td>
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<td>TOTAL INCOME</td>
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RESOLVED: 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