

ABBOTS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Wednesday, 22nd July, 2009 at 7.30 pm

In the Village Hall, Abbots Bromley, pursuant to notice having been given

Present: Cllrs R Bell; Mrs D P Burrows; A E Elkington; D L Fox; R S V Jarman;
Mrs K M Johns; Mrs C Veitch

In attendance: Mrs S Buxton (Clerk)

Members of the Public Attending: 4

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49. Apologies

Cllr P J Charles and R Mills

RESOLVED: to accept the apologies of Cllrs Charles and Mills

50. Public Session

4 residents were present to to express their concerns re: the proposal for a garage at Waterside and written representations had been received from a 5th resident.

The key points raised were:-

- There appeared to be a delay in notifying the residents after the site notice was displayed but their letters did still allow 21 days for comment
- The application states it is a garage, but the plans seem to suggest possible future use as living accommodation
- The large feature window overlooking the lake is not typical of a garage
- It is still within the conservation area
- Clarification sought as to whether the original planning application placed a restriction on future development of the site – only in that permission must first be obtained
- The building is very tall, two floors, around 5m
- The floor area is that of a typical semi detached house or small detached house
- The site is very wet and there are underground springs
- There is no screening of the proposed building to prevent it being seen by neighbouring properties

The meeting resumed at 8.00 pm

51. Planning

i. Applications received

605 - HO/24638/007/EW: Waterside, Miresbrook Lane, Abbots Bromley:

Erection of a detached double garage with first floor ancillary accommodation

Received: 04/07/09 Due: 23/07/09

Decision: the parish council objects to this application for the following reasons:-

The proposed garage is simply of an inappropriate size and design. It is much taller and has a greater floor area than can be reasonably expected for a garage and the design incorporating a feature window is not appropriate for a garage.

There is no screening of the proposed garage on site and the only screening is that on neighboring properties. This is particularly problematic for 9 St Nicholas Way.

Although unrelated to the planning application the council is concerned about the lack of maintenance of trees on the site, which cause nuisance to other residents.

604 - PA/03577/006/AG: Marlpit House Farm, Off Hobb Lane, Marchington:

Conversion of barns to form four dwellings and garaging including the provision of car parking, garden areas and a septic tank

Received: 04/07/09 Due: 23/07/09

Decision: the parish council has no objection to this application

606 - HO/17662/008/AG: Stanley House, Uttoxeter Road, Abbots Bromley:

Erection of a single storey side extension and rear conservatory

Received: 13/07/09 Due: 28/07/09

Decision: the parish council has no objection to this application

607 LB/07077/018/EW: The Royal Oak, Bagot Street: internal and external alterations including the removal of the existing bar and construction of a new bar, resiting of a partition wall and blocking up of existing window to the rear extension

Received: 16/07/09 Due: 06/08/09

Decision: the parish council has no objection to the proposals in principle but does note that the applicant appears to assume that they have permission to operate a "take away" on site. Has permission been given for a "take away"?

608 – PA/18382/013/AG: Woodland Barn, Lichfield Road: Erection of a detached dwelling

Received: 16/07/09 Due 06/08/09

Decision: the parish council has no objections to this proposal for a single dwelling on the site but does have some concerns. The access to the site of this development is very close to an existing traffic calming feature and any additional traffic will increase the danger in this area to residents and other road users. The visibility splay and turning space for access and egress from the site is very limited. The residents who live close by already park on the road so the area is often very congested.

RESOLVED: that the clerk will notify these responses to East

Staffordshire Borough Council

ii. **Applications Agreed**

600 – PA/08499/022/EW: Abbots Bromley Scout and Guide Hut: Erection of a single storey rear extension and retention of roof

601 – HO/14964/003/EW: 19 Hillside: Erection of a pitched roof over existing flat roofed garage and erection of a front canopy and chimney

iii. **Applications Refused**

598 – Moors Farm Cottage, Radmore Lane: Erection of a part two storey and part single storey side extension

iv. **Applications Withdrawn**

595 – Foxwater Barn, Yeatsall Lane: Installation of replacement windows and insertion of new windows on west elevation and installation of french doors on east elevation

52. Matters of Report

- i. **Ashbrook Lane fence – Cllr Elkington reported on an incident with a horse box** which had resulted in damage to a residential fence where a small child had been playing inside moments before
***RESOLVED:** that Cllr Elkington would co-ordinate a meeting of the Highways group prior to next week's parish council meeting when the issue would be discussed*
- ii. **Councillor's Training** – the clerk clarified that everyone would be available for the training session which has been booked for 21st October, 2009
- iii. **Councillor Holidays** – the clerk reminded councillors that it would be helpful if they could let her know when they are going to be away
- iv. **Christmas lights** – the clerk ask if a councillor with some knowledge of electrics would take a look at the Christmas lights in the parish council cupboard so that the right information can be submitted for the electricity bill
- v. **Electronic planning applications** - a discussion took place on ways in which councillors who have internet problems at home may be able to view planning applications at meetings

There being no other business the chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed _____

Date 29th July 2009