

ABBOTS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL
 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
 Held on Wednesday, 30th September, 2009 at 7.00 pm
 In the Village Hall, Abbots Bromley, pursuant to notice having been given

Present: Cllrs R Bell; Mrs D P Burrows; A E Elkington; P J Charles; Mrs 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: 1

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64. Apologies for absence
 Borough Cllr A Fox

65. Public session
YOUTH PROJECT
i. Youth Project

Cllr Mrs Veitch began by introducing herself, Cllr Mrs Johns and Mr P Ryan and their roles in looking at overall youth provision in the village.

The major project at the moment is the revamp of the Millennium Green and it is hoped that some of the grant money obtained will be used to provide football goal posts at the rear of the Village Hall – and it a presentation is to be made the Village Hall Management Committee next week.

ii. Youth Shelter

This has currently been put to one side but has not been forgotten

iii. Youth Project Funding

Questionnaires have been circulated to both the youngsters and adults and the results have been collated.

To date funds have been promised as follows - £8903 (including £2,000 Youth Bank Money for the shelter) from the Parish Council; £12,500 from ESBC for general youth work and £25,500 from Staffordshire Environmental Fund (SEF) for the revamp of the MG and the football goalposts – this last grant has to be supported by invoices. There are currently items which have not been included at the bid stage, e.g. clearing the site and improving the fencing etc., but it is hoped that these

can be added at a later date subject to approval by SEF. The SEF grant will fund 75% of a project with 25% having to be funded from elsewhere.

There is one grant application which is currently undecided from the Criminal Justice System, and it is expected that the outcome of this will be known next week. It could provide between £5,000 and £10,000.

Letters have been sent to local businesses and a good response has been received. Some have provided vouchers and gifts and advice has been sought from SCC on how these can be used and they suggest getting the young people to organise a raffle.

iv. Millennium Green

The consultation showed that the children want to retain the slide and parents and children alike hate the bark. Adults are not keen on the play house as it attracts some anti social use in the evenings.

Point 1 – remove the swings and slide. Suggest the clerk put together a flyer with photographs offering free to a good home if it is removed by the person wanting it and to request a donation to the First Responders. If there are no takers then it would have to be scrapped.

Point 2 – there are costs involved in the preparation of site, repairing the existing fencing, extending the fencing, installing a second gate and repairing the existing gate. The bins currently on the MG do not get emptied, so Phil Ryan has spoke to ESBC, and it has said that if the parish council buys new bins and sites them on road way, then ESBC will empty them free of charge forever. A new sign is required and it is suggested that should be like the Nuttery sign closure hours, but it is not proposed to physically secure the site at night. If there are specific closure hours, then the police will assist in monitoring the use of the site.

Point 3 - Phil Ryan outlined the proposed development of the site which will comprise 9 pieces of play equipment in place of the present two. The slide will remain. In addition two extra benches will be installed top and bottom. On the lower area the items will include a Birds Nest Swing, a climbing frame with cushion fall beneath and on the upper part will be an adventure trail, wobbly board, striding stilts, tunnel, clatter bridge, with grass matta underneath. There will a climbing frame with tyre swing at the top of the slide and a climbing rope on either side of the slide.

There have been complaints about the noise from the slide, and three different solutions have been recommended by various suppliers. These possible solutions have still to be considered.

All the wood is guaranteed for 20 years and the netting for 5 years.

iv. Youth Club

Cllr Mrs Johns and Mr Ryan have been in discussion with SCC and a meeting has been scheduled for 13th October, 2009 to discuss development of a youth club. SCC have offered to provide a wide range of help and support in establishing a youth club and would be willing to provide one paid worker if the parish council funds another paid youth worker (estimated cost £700 per annum). It is hoped that this money can be taken from the youth funding in the first instance. In addition to the two paid workers two volunteers will also be required for each session. To date a number of people have already volunteered. It is hoped that a youth club will this staffing level will be acceptable to the Village Hall.

v. Youth Bus - the Youth bus is in Abbots Bromley this evening along side the Buttercross. It will be in the village again for one evening in late October and one in late November

Cllr Jarman thanked all those involved in the youth project in all its forms for all their hardwork which is much appreciated

NEIGHBOURHOOD WORKING – Andy Mason ESBC

Mr Mason reported that Burton on Trent has received large amounts of funding over a period of 5 years to improve communities within the town by working directly with those communities. ESBC has now decided that they would like to extend this initiative over the whole of the borough council's area. Three people have been appointed, with responsibility for the urban area, semi rural area and rural areas respectively – this new team has been established for just three weeks so it is very early days.

The aim is to work with service providers, community groups to identify priorities and seek resolutions to them. There is a workshop on Wednesday, 7th October at the Brewhouse to introduce the scheme in more detail and to start the process. The aim will be to set up delivery plans, but there will be issues which do not fit into a delivery plan. From mid October a regular meeting will take place between the team and Staffordshire Highways, and they will have access to some of the Highway systems to see what progress is being made with particular issues or complaints.

Neighbourhood Working will also be responsible for looking after the Local Strategic Partnership so some citizen representation will be achieved.

Where PCAT is vibrant and working there will also be a link and the Neighbourhood Working group will be another consultee on PACT. Discussions have been started with Inspector Darren Harding as to how the scheme can be developed within the rural areas.

PLANNING – PORTFIELDS – Charlotte El Hakiem and Joanne Roebuck ESBC

The chairman began by explaining the parish council position which is one of puzzlement with the plans for Portfields. An application which has 10 ensuite bedrooms, no bathrooms, a basement with no access from the main house and "accidental" demolition of the main property has made the parish council concerned. It is a very strange single occupancy dwelling.

The current approval is for six en suite bedrooms in the main property.

As the application made to ESBC was a domestic dwelling then ESBC has to consider it on that basis. Discussions have been held with the owner who has assured ESBC that the intended use is purely domestic.

Question - How was the basement justified?

The original application was for extensions and changes to the floor area. Initially this was larger than what was finally approved by ESBC. The internal alterations do not require planning permission and so the changes to the basement did not fall within the remit of planning control.

Question - if the basement cannot be accessed from the main dwelling doesn't this constitute a second dwelling?

The plans submitted did stretch the believability of the potential use of the dwelling but ESBC had no powers to challenge the application on this basis. The application was for extensions and changes to the basement had no visual impact.

It is now known that the owner has bought a neighbouring property along with the strip of land which links the two properties.

Question – do ESBC know what is happening on these properties?

In summer Mr Shaw invited ESBC to look at Mickledale. He asked if he could extend the property and change other buildings to holiday accommodation. ESBC wrote back and said they would be reluctant to allow this development. Any extension to the property would have to be to improve the existing property rather than extending for extensions sake. He was looking at developing it into two

holiday lets. Since the letter, nothing has been heard from Mr Shaw. Anyone can let a property with up to 6 people staying without application for planning permission.

ESBC last visited the site in August in relation to the development of the rear conservatory and at that time the hole in the ground was exactly as it should be. An application for a Certificate of Proposed Use has been made. ESBC didn't like it but as it is a matter of legal fact it was simply a question of determining whether the development would be lawful and yes, it would be under permitted development rights.

ESBC will investigate the tree house and summer house of which they have got photographs.

Question – would it be possible for the parish council to have a site visit?

ESBC queried why the parish council felt this would be useful as they have no particular rights and it is only ESBC officers who have any right of access? If they wanted to the parish council could ask the owner if he would be willing to show the parish council round?

If he did make it a commercial property what are the chances of it being stopped?

Question – is there another building at Portfileds that was built first that has a shower etc in. It is believed that this is the property that has a Certificate of Lawful Development

PLANNING – IVY HOUSE – Charlotte El Hakiem and Joanne Roebuck - ESBC

The parish council is concerned that if Ivy House is demolished are there any assurances that the site will be developed as planned at this point in time. If ESBC granted permission for demolition then it would be a condition that work on the demolition cannot be started until a contract has been entered into for the rebuilding work. With regards to the application for demolition, if say they are going to demolish and replace it with something which looks the same, then this limits ESBC powers. If it can be justified that Ivy House has historic interest in the area then this will affect the decision as it could set a precedent for future developments of this type

PLANNING AT ESBC – Charlotte El Hakiem and Joanne Roebuck - ESBC

The planning department is going to be subject to a review in terms of cost cutting and there will be a questionnaire issued asking parish councils what planning service they want. Parish councils often feel ignored. The ESBC officers assured the meeting that they do take on board the comments made by a parish council and they are always willing to have open dialogue to explain why a particular decision has been taken.

PLANNING ELECTRONIC CONSULTATION – a brief discussion on the operation of electronic consultation took place

PARISH SURGERY

Access difficulties Harley Lane – a few years ago the entrance to Harley Lane was restricted and this has resulted in huge diversions for agricultural traffic. The lane is now only just accessible by a land rover. This situation does result in additional costs for the farmer who has to use alternative routes. This has resulted in an increase in farm traffic and the number of incidents with people trying to turn right into Lodge Lane. People are simply not prepared to wait and they just overtake without due consideration as to whether it is safe or not. Could warning

signs be put up by Highways? Restrictions in Harley Lane were introduced partly due to inconsiderate use by other agricultural traffic.

Land adjacent to Church View Farm – what is the current situation with regards to the land adjacent to Church View Farm. The clerk reported that the solicitors had sent another letter which was to be considered by the council this evening.

The meeting resumed at 8.25 pm

66. Approve and sign minutes of previous meeting:-

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 29th July, 2009 be signed as a true and correct record without the inclusion of the agreed figures for the parish council provided funding for the youth project which would be confirmed and reported to the next meeting. Cllr Elkington was also present for the whole meeting. This was proposed by Cllr Bell and seconded by Cllr Elkington

67. Declaration of interests

None

68. Matters of report

- **School buses** – no feedback has been received from SCC on the proposed changes to bus routes which have not been changed as was previously agreed. **RESOLVED:** that the clerk ask if the stop is to be changed as was agreed and if not, to request a site meeting to discuss further
- **Mr Hareford bench** – the clerk reported that SCC had now asked for the bench to be ordered and she would be placing the order as had been previously agreed
- **Bins from Bagot Street on Alfred Lyons Close** - the clerk reported that she had approached ESBC to investigate this problem but had since received no feedback
RESOLVED: that Cllr Mrs Veitch will notice if the bins are still a problem on the next bin day and report to the next meeting
- **Schoolhouse Lane overhanging trees** – it was noted that this problem is being addressed as two planning applications for tree works have been received
- **Sailing club events** – the clerk reported that she had received a reply from the Sailing Club, but she did not have it at this meeting and would report it to the next meeting
- **Neighbourhood Working – Workshop 7th Oct 6.30 – 9.00 Burton**
RESOLVED that Cllrs Jarman and Elkington would attend on behalf of the parish council
- **Surgery** – Harley Lane/Lodge Lane – the comments about warning signs were noted
RESOLVED: that the clerk requests SCC Highways Department install agricultural traffic warning signs either side of Lodge Lane
- **Goose Lane land** – the clerk had received a rather complex reply from the solicitors
RESOLVED: that the letter be considered further at the next parish council meeting
RESOLVED: that copies of the correspondence be sent to Mr Simpson via the chairman

69. Planning

- **Applications Received**

609 - LB/32403/003/AG: Cedar Cottage, Market Place, Abbots Bromley:

Internal and external alterations including the erection of a first floor rear extension and a glazed entrance porch, repositioning of staircase, installation of replacement windows, conversion of roofspace to bedroom and ensuite including the installation of velux windows, removal of partition walls and demolition of existing single storey extension

Received: 31/07/09 Replied: 26/08/09 Response: The parish council has no objection to this application

610 - HO/32403/002/AG: Cedar Cottage, Market Place, Abbots Bromley:

Erection of a first floor rear extension and a glazed entrance porch

Received: 31/07/09 Replied: 26/08/09 Response: The parish council has no objection to this application

611 - HO/04068/027/EW: Oaklands Farm, Pinfold Lane, Abbots Bromley:

Retention of conservatory, single storey extension to house jet wash and detached triple garage

Received: 06/08/09 Replied: 26/08/09 Response: The parish council has no objection to this application

612 - HO/29311/002/EW: 9 Swan Lane, Abbots Bromley: Erection of single storey front and first floor side extensions

Received: 24/08/09 Replied: 14/09/09 Response: The parish council has no objection to this application

613 - PA/08254/01//EW: Dunstall Hall Farm, Abbots Bromley: Installation of slurry tank

Received: 04/09/09 Replied: 28/09/09 Response: The parish council has no objection to this application

614 - HO/11528/038/AG: Foxwater Barn, Yeatsall Lane, Abbots Bromley:

Installation of raised timber decking to the east elevation and three new windows to the west elevation

Received: 10/09/09 Due: 01/10/09 Response: The parish council has no objection

615 - PA/04068/027/EW: Oaklands Farm, Pinfold Lane, Abbots Bromley:

Continued use of outbuilding as ancillary living accommodation and the retention of a conservatory, single storey extension to house jet wash and detached triple garage

Received: 10/09/09 Replied: 28/09/09 Response: The parish council has no objection to this application

The council had received comments from Mrs Why regarding activities at Oaklands Farm.

RESOLVED: *that the clerk contact ESBC and explain that the parish council responded previously with no objections, but has now been made aware of issues which a neighbour has complained about, and that they would like to request ESBC to investigate.*

A discussion took place on whether the council should ensure that neighbours are aware of planning applications and actually knock doors of neighbouring properties.

RESOLVED: *that the council take on action at present on consulting neighbouring properties but would monitor the situation*

616 - PA/03577/007/AG: Farmbuildings at Marlpit House Farm, Hobb Lane, Marchington Woodlands: Conversion of barns to form four dwellings and garaging including the provision of car parking, garden areas and a septic tank
Received: 14/09/09 Due: 30/09/09. Response: The parish council has no objection to this application

617 - HO/32490/001/CEH: Pengwern, Ashbrook Lane, Abbots Bromley: Erection of a two storey side extension and rear conservatory
Received: 14/09/09 Due: 05/10/09. Response: The parish council has no objection to this application

618 - PA/30424/007/AG: Glenolden, Ashbrook Lane, Abbots Bromley: Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of a new detached dwelling
Received: 18/09/09 Due: 09/10/09. Response: The parish council has no objection to this application

619 - HO/12563/011/CEH: Mount Pleasant, Uttoxeter Road, Abbots Bromley: Conversion of existing detached coach house to form family accommodation, single storey rear extension, rear conservatory, erection of front and rear second floor gables, first floor front roof alterations, porch to the side, front bay window and a detached double garage
Received: 18/09/09 Due: 09/10/09. Response: The parish council objects to the development of the Coach House as a separate dwelling as it is over development of the site which would result in insufficient amenity space on the site for two dwellings. There is no separate access to the Coach House.

620 - CN/02885/029/AG: Ivy House, High Street, Abbots Bromley: Demolition of Ivy House to facilitate the erection of a terrace of 3 dwellings and demolition of front boundary wall
Received: 22/09/09 Due: 13/10/09. Response: The parish council is concerned about a number of factors:- the proposal is to remove a single dwelling and replace it with three dwellings; the 2007 survey showed the house to be in very poor condition but it is currently being occupied; and six parking spaces are included but with access through the existing access in front of the shop. The parish council does not object to the application provided that it doesn't create a situation where further development of the site results. The parish council requests that ESBC ensure that the application is developed as detailed, that the front building line doesn't move forward and the garden remains between the wall and the building line.

621 - TN/13229/050/EW: Crofts College, Market Place, Abbots Bromley: Removal of lower branches of two lime trees
Received: 24/09/09 Due: 08/10/09. Response: The parish council has no objection to this application

622 - TN/13229/049/EW: Crofts Lawn, Market Place, Abbots Bromley:

Removal of lower branches from 5 lime trees

Received: 24/09/09 Due: 08/10/09. Response: The parish council has no objection to this application

623 – TN/17648/003/EW: Northwood House, Bagot Street, Abbots Bromley:
Tree works to 20 trees.

Received: 18/09/09 Due: 12/10/09. Response: The parish council is concerned that the proposed tree works seem excessive and will have a significant impact on the street scene. Is it not possible for a less radical scheme of works to be agreed? As it falls within the conservation area, are the trees not covered by Tree Protection Orders?

624 – TN/12816/003/EW: Abbots Bromley SPSO, High Street, Abbots Bromley: Pruning of 1 damson tree to hedge level, laburnum, fir and 2 holly trees and felling of 1 ash tree

Received: 28/09/09 Due: 12/10/09: Response: The parish council has no objection to this application

625 – HO/28257/003/EW: Northwood House, Bagot Street, Abbots Bromley:
Erection of a first floor rear extension and rear porch

Received: 28/09/09 Due: 19/10/09. Response: The parish council has no objection to this application

- **Applications Refused**

603 - HO/26790/002/EW: Town End Farm, Lichfield Road, Abbots Bromley:
Erection of a single storey front extension

- **Applications Agreed**

597 – Hall Hill, Hall Hill Lane, Abbots Bromley: Erection of a replacement boundary wall

602 – PA/32373/002/CEH: Land to rear of 2 Bagots Bromley Cottage, Abbots Bromley: Change of use of land to equestrian uses, erection of stable building, including tack and feed room, driveway and formation of a new access

605 – HO/24638/007/EW: Waterside, Miresbrook Lane, Abbots Bromley:
Erection of a detached double garage with first floor ancillary accommodation

RESOLVED: that a copy of the permission for Waterside be sent to all councillors

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 elevation

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

- **Applications Withdrawn**

604 – PA/-3577/006/AG: Marlpitt 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

606 – HO/17662/008/AG: Stanley House, Uttoxeter Road, Abbots Bromley:
Erection of a single storey side extension and rear conservatory

609 – LB/32404/003/AG: Cedar Cottage, Market Place, Abbots Bromley:
Internal and external alterations including the erection of a first floor rear extensions and a glazed entrance porch, repositioning of staircase, installation of replacement windows, conversion of roof space to bedroom and ensuite including the installation of velux windows, removal of partition walls and demolition of existing single storey extension

610 – HO/32403/002/AG: Cedar Cottage, Market Place, Abbots Bromley:
Erection of a first floor rear extension and a glazed entrance porch
RESOLVED: *the clerk to enquire from ESBC if there are any plans for resubmission as the property is in a state of considerable disrepair summary.*

- **Other planning matters**

Portfields – the discussions held in the public part of the meeting were noted
Feedback on consultations on planning applications – the clerk expressed concern that when she notified councillors of planning applications received, she had no idea whether everyone had received the emails as very few councillors are replying. This is particularly problematic where an application is received and individual councillors do not raise any objections

RESOLVED: *the clerk would experiment with the use of “Read Receipts”*

70. Financial Matters

- **Report on payments made since last meeting**

RESOLVED *that the following payments made since the last meeting be agreed*

Vch/Chq	Payee	Amount	Details	Powers
33/1032	S Buxton	422.29	Salary & taxable expenses	LGA 1972 s.112(2)
33/1033	SCC	105.28	Pension	LGA 1972 s. 112(2)
33/1034	S Buxton	41.17	Phone, travel & expenses	LG(FP)A 1963 s.5
34/1035	G McCulloch	305.00	Grasscutting	OSA 1906 s.10
		20.00	Herbicide on speed calmers	Highways Act 1980 s.96
		40.00	Graffiti removal	PHA 1961 s.52
35/1036	Benhill Press	306.00	Horn Dance books	Not parish council monies
36/1037	E Roy	300.00	Footpath leaflets to website	
TOTAL		1539.74		

- **Payments to be made**

RESOLVED *that the following payments be made. This was proposed by Cllr Charles and seconded by Cllr Mrs Veitch*

Vch/Chq	Payee	Amount	Details	Powers
1038	Cancelled			
1039	Cancelled			
37/1040	S Buxton	416.67	Salary and taxable expenses	LGA 1972 s. 112(2)
37/1041	S CC	105.28	Pension	LGA 1972 s. 112(2)
37/1042	S Buxton	17.80	Travel, phone, laminating	LG(FP)A 1963 s.5
TOTAL		539.75		

- **Receipts**

30/9/09	SCC	100.00	Footpath grant
30/9/09	P Charles	25.50	Sales of Horn Dance booklets

The other monies taken on Horn Dance Day had not been brought to the meeting

RESOLVED: that Cllrs Mills and Charles would investigate this and arrange for the monies to be delivered to the clerk for banking as soon as possible.

71. Group reports

Unless otherwise stated, to receive a report from the relevant Working Group or Officer.

- **Recreation :-**

Youth Club – SCC will provide on Youth Worker for the Youth Club if the parish council can fund a second

Agreed that Abbots Bromley Parish Council will fund a Youth Worker for the remainder of this financial year from the already earmarked Recreation Funds and that for 2010/11, the cost would be incorporated into the budget. This was proposed by Cllr Elkington and seconded by Cllr Mrs Johns.

The meeting was informed that the Girls School has expressed an interest in being involved with the Youth Club.

Grants - the chairman expressed the thanks of the parish council to Cllr Mrs Veitch, Cllr Mrs Johns and Mr Ryan for all the work they had done in obtaining the grant funding.

Disposal of existing equipment –

RESOLVED: that the parish council dispose of it at no cost as it is not popular and does attract some anti social behaviour

Risk assessments/method statements – the clerk reminded the council that risk assessments and method statements will be required for all works on the Millennium Green

New play equipment – once all the grant contracts and/or money have been received then the order for the new equipment can placed

RESOLVED: that the order for the new equipment from Playdale be placed by the clerk as soon as all contracts and monies are confirmed. This was proposed by Cllr Bell and seconded by Cllr Elkington

Indoor cricket nets – Andy Kirkland is working with the Girls School Cricket Club and they would like some indoor cricket training nets. To apply for grant funding this will required support from the village community and this may need a letter of support from the parish council at some point in the future.

Inspection of play equipment – the annual inspection of the parish council play equipment is due

RESOLVED: that the clerk request Wicksteed to only inspect the play equipment on the Nuttery

- **Village Property** – to include:-

Fencing of Royal Oak allotment

Discussion on Lichfield Road allotment

Village Hall trees.

Goose Lane Land

RESOLVED: that all Village Property items be carried forward to the next meeting

- **Traffic, Parking, Highways** – to include:-
 - Report on meeting of Highways Group re: Ashbrook Lane** – the working group had met with Richard Rayson to discuss the problems outside Spring View Cottage
RESOLVED: the clerk to ask Richard Rayson what the current position is following the site meeting
 - Narrow Lane hedges** – a complaint had been received re: the hedges on Narrow Lane which have been cut back and there now appears to be a gap
 - Seedcroft Lane Passing Places** - SCC have made no contact with Cllr Charles re: agreeing the reinstatement of the passing places
RESOLVED: the clerk would request that SCC arrange a site meeting with Mr Charles as soon as possible to discuss the reinstatement of the passing places
 - Glass Lane Road Signs** – these have still not arrived despite being ordered some months ago
RESOLVED: the clerk will enquire with ESBC what the current situation is with regards to the signs for Glass Lane
 - Port Lane/Waters Road concrete part** – it is not clear if the concrete part of the road is adopted highway or not
RESOLVED: the clerk will discuss whether the concrete part of Port Lane/Waters Road is adopted highway or not with SCC
 - Cheshire railing on corner of Newborough Road** - these have not been painted despite being sent as an item for attention to the Community Gangs
 - Tractors on Rural Roads** - the clerk reported that she had received a good response from circulating the article on the problems of tractors on rural roads to neighbouring parish councils and several had indicated they would raise it at their meetings, put it in their newsletters and display it on their noticeboards
 - Grasscutting – extra cut on MG**
RESOLVED: that an extra cut should only be done in the event of excessive growth or too much growth which will hamper the development of the site
 - Grasscutting Seedcroft Lane** – the clerk reported that Mr McCulloch had quoted £20 for cutting the area surrounding the post box on Seedcroft Lane
RESOLVED: that the parish council should add the Seedcroft Lane area to the grasscutting contract from the 2010 season
 - Grasscutting – Seedcroft Lane – add it next yr £20 per cut
 - Traffic** – the clerk had received correspondence from a resident pointing out that many villages in Devon have 20 mph limits and couldn't this be introduced in Abbots Bromley. She also expressed concern re: tractors and particularly those where the drivers are using their phones
RESOLVED: that the clerk reply to the resident outlining the council's action to date with tractors and their continuing role in putting pressure on SCC to look at the traffic issues in Abbots Bromley
 - Community gangs** – no new items to report
- **Competitions** – nothing to report
- **Newsletter**
RESOLVED: that the target date for the next Bulletin would be November
- **Richard Clarke First School** – nothing to report
- **RISES** – Cllr Mrs Fox reported she was still waiting for copies of invoices to support the spending of the last RISES money before the next sum due could be sent.
RESOLVED: the clerk will forward these to Cllr Mrs Fox as soon as the invoices are received for the noticeboards/benches
- **Village Hall** – nothing to report

- **Millennium Green**

The clerk reported that the transfer of the trusteeship to the parish council was now complete.

RESOLVED: *that the clerk will notify the Charity Commission of the transfer of trusteeship to the parish council*

RESOLVED: *the clerk will arrange for the necessary changes to be made to the parish council insurance*

RESOLVED: *the clerk will write to Mr Harris thanking him for his work on the transfer of the Millennium Green, which he had done at no cost*

The clerk reported that she had received correspondence from Hand Morgan and Owen regarding a final option with regards to trying to register the land on Goose Lane in the name of the parish council.

RESOLVED: *the clerk will forward this correspondence to all councillors for consideration at the next meeting*

RESOLVED: *the clerk will forward a copy of correspondence on the area of land to Mr Simpson at Church View Farm via the chairman*

72. Correspondence, bulletins and reports

A full list of correspondence received is included on the yellow sheet. The following items, not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda, are suggested as needing brief consideration at the meeting:

- **A letter has been received from a Mr Chadwick** re: the Horn Dance and RAF connections to Abbots Bromley during World War II. This had been copied to all councillors
- **Christmas lighting** – if lighting is to be installed over the highway then permission needs to be obtained from SCC
RESOLVED: *the council will be lighting the Christmas tree in the same manner as previous years*
- **SPCA AGM Resolutions**
RESOLVED: *that the parish council does not wish to submit a resolution for debate at the SPCA AGM*
- **SPCA AGM attendance**
RESOLVED: *that no one from Abbots Bromley Parish Council will be attending the SPCA AGM*
- **Invitation to take part in Defra Study on how public authorities conserve biodiversity**
RESOLVED: *that the parish council did not wish to take part in Defra's study on how public authorities conserve biodiversity*
- **Questionnaire from Wildlife trusts as part of their play builder application**
RESOLVED: *the clerk will complete the questionnaire on behalf of the parish council for the Wildlife Trusts Playbuilder application*
- **Clerk's Log** – no other items to discuss

73. Horn Dance

- **Ashmore's Ice Cream** – the clerk had received a complaint from Mr Ashmore regarding the rate being charged to him for his icecream van at the Horn Dance. In previous years he has always given 15% of takings and this year he was told it was a flat rate of £100. His concern is that if the weather is not good on Horn Dance Day then he would be out of pocket to pay over £100 of this takings
- **Licences** – the clerk drew the council's attention to the licences which should be issued to all stall holders, which states the rates which are being charged. The council has not discussed making changes to these for 2009

RESOLVED: that Cllr Jarman will prepare a report on the Horn Dance which will cover all of these issues for consideration by the council

74. Agenda items for next meeting

- Telephone lines
- Tree works
- Feedback on Internal Auditor's Report
- Village noticeboards
- Village plaques and asset list
- Pedestrian crossing close to Church Lane
- Health and Safety Policy
- Christmas Tree -

75. Date, time and place of future meetings

RESOLVED: that the next meeting of the parish council will be on 28th October, 2009 in the Memorial Room at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm

Councillors were reminded of the training session to be held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 21st October, 2009

There being no other business the chairman closed the meeting at 9.58 pm