

ABBOTS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held on Wednesday, 26th January 2011 at 7.00 pm
At The Village Hall, Abbots Bromley, pursuant to notice having been given

Present: Cllrs R S VJarman (Chair); Mrs D Burrows; P J Charles; A Elkington, Mrs L Fox, R Mills, Mrs C Veitch

In attendance: Mrs S Meads (Clerk), Mr P Somerfield, East Staffs Borough Council

Members of the Public Attending: 0

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93. **Apologies for absence**
Cllrs R Bell, Mrs K Johns

94. **Public session**
There was no public session.

95. **Declarations of Interest**
There were no declarations of interest.

96. **Minutes of Previous Meetings**
RESOLVED: that the minutes of meeting held on 24th November 2010 and 5th January 2011 be signed as a true and correct record with one amend to 24th November minutes – Minute No 83 ii. Insert ‘to’ before ‘under the bus stops’.

97. **Matters of Report**
i. **Village Green Benches**
It was reported that the British Legion Bench in memory of Mr Brian Newey would be located near to the War Memorial.
RESOLVED: that the Clerk should go-ahead with the ordering of all three benches for the village green, ideally with delivery and installation before 30th April 2011.

98. Planning**i. Applications**

711 - P/2011/00018/EW: Sunnyside Farm, Pinfold Lane, Bromley Hurst, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3AD: Erection of an extension to an existing agricultural building for the storage of machinery and fodder
 Received: 07/01/11 Due: 28/01/11. Parish Council had no objections to this application.

Decisions**Agreed**

707 - P/2010/01389/JI: Hillside, Uttoxeter Road, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3EQ: Outline application for the erection of a dwellinghouse including layout and access.

708 - P/2010/01348/EW: School House, School House Lane, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3BT: Installation of one additional conservation style rooflight.

710 - P/2010/01466/EW: Blithfield Cottage, Yeatsall Farm, Yeatsall Lane, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3DY: Installation of an external flue.

ii. Visit by Mr P Somerfield, ESBC

Mr Somerfield listened to the concerns of the parish council regarding the lack of consideration by the planning department to issues and objections raised by the parish council. The parish council also raised the issue that the electronic system does not work properly and delays are always encountered when trying to access supporting documents.

Mr Somerfield updated the parish council on the restructuring that is currently taking place within the planning department which he believes should help to improve communication with parish councils and improve enforcement after planning consent has been given. He also highlighted that a development plan was currently being considered for Blithfield Reservoir. Mr Somerfield also confirmed that he would investigate the issue regarding the on-line planning system.

99. Financial Matters**i. Payments to be made****B Record of payments for which authorisation will be sought at meeting**

<i>Vch/Chq</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Powers</i>
174/1191	Estate Signs	234.24	New Sign for Village Hall (charge back to VH)	
175/1192	G McCulloch	270.00	MG clearing & tree work	
176/1193	Mrs S Meads	373.41	Salary & taxable expenses	LGA 1972 s. 112(2)
177/1194	Mrs S Meads	57.27	Non taxable expenses (stationary and postage)	

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<i>Vch/Chq</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Powers</i>
178/1195	HMRC	279.80	Employee tax deductions	
TOTAL		<u>1214.72</u>		

***RESOLVED:** that the above payments were approved.*

ii. Finance Report to 31st December 2010

***RESOLVED:** that the contents of the finance report to 31st December be noted and signed by the chairman*

100. Group Reports

i. Recreation

Football Pitches

Cllr Mrs Veitch reported on the work that needs to be carried out to the football pitch including re-seeding and the possible installation of artificial turf in front of the goal posts. The dugout also needs to be resited following the recent wind damage. Cllr Veitch asked that the parish council consider funding the resiting of the dugout up to a cost of £580 and to part fund the artificial turf up to £1,500 which could be taken from the Recreational Fund.

***RESOLVED:** That the Clerk would obtain additional quotations for the work to be carried out and that work could commence when sufficient quotes had been sourced. Total budgets to not exceed £580 to cover the dugout and £1,500 for the football pitch. Proposed Cllr P Charles, seconded Cllr Mrs L Fox.*

Youth Club:

Cllr Mrs Veitch and The Clerk reported that the club was still very well attended with 26 at this week's club. The Clerk gave a full report on the recent activities that had been undertaken by the club and the proposed forthcoming trips. She also highlighted the efforts that the club had made to raise their own funding.

ii. Village Property

The Clerk reported that the Nuttery safety inspection had recently taken place and that no immediate action was required. The inspection also covered the slide on the Millennium Green and the inspection did highlight that some work around the slide and to the paintwork was required. The Clerk also reported that she was currently sourcing quotes to undertake the painting work at the Nuttery and that this would also include the slide at the Millennium Green.

The weekly inspection of the playgrounds no longer takes place.

***RESOLVED:** that the Clerk should contact the insurance company to ascertain if a weekly inspection is necessary.*

iii. Traffic, Parking & Highways

The Clerk reported that Richard Rayson had confirmed that the cost for clearing the ditch on Goose Lane could be taken from the Devolved Maintenance budget. Mr Rayson will require quotations before the work goes ahead but the parish council could employ a local contractor to do the work.

RESOLVED: *that Cllrs R Jarman and P Charles would inspect the ditch to ascertain the level of work required.*

The entrance to the girl's school was also discussed as this has not yet been reversed.

RESOLVED: *that the Clerk should contact the school to clarify the situation.*

iv. Richard Clarke First School

The Clerk reported that The Fun Run would take place again this year in March.

v. Competitions

Cllr R Mills reported that the entry forms had been received for the Best Kept Village competition. He suggested that this year some A4 posters be ordered as well as A5 posters. Cllr Mills requested that The Highways department be contacted regarding sweeping of pavements and gutters prior to the first judges' visit.

vi. Newsletter

The newsletter was discussed

RESOLVED : *that the next issue would be published in February/March. Articles to Dog Fouling, update on Grit Bins, Elections, Parish Assembly, RISES, Best Kept Village and an update on the Football pitch. Articles to be forwarded to Cllr Mrs Johns and The Clerk by the next meeting.*

vii. RISES

Cllr Mrs L Fox reported that the latest RISES payment had been received for £412.00.

RESOLVED: *that the Clerk should obtain costs for a picnic bench to be located at the Nuttery playground.*

viii. Village Hall

It was reported that Tom Thumb's litter bin was being left at the bottom of the Village Hall drive and should be removed after it had been emptied.

RESOLVED: *that the Clerk should contact the nursery and request that it is removed.*

ix. Millennium Green

Nothing to Report

101. Correspondence, bulletins and reports

Letter from Mike King – to be included in the next Bulletin

Letter regarding The Queen's Diamond Jubilee – no further action

Information on Electoral Review of Staffordshire – circulated

Letter from M Fabricant MP – the Clerk read out contents of letter

Letter regarding Pur Brook Bridge – no further action

102. Annual Parish Meeting 2011

It was confirmed that the meeting would start at 7.00pm. The Youth Club would be asked if they wished to contribute to the meeting.

103. Agenda Items for the next meeting:-

The following items should be added to the next agenda:-

The Jubilee Cup

104. Date, time and place of future meetings

March Parish Council Meeting, Wednesday, 30th March 2011 – Village Hall.

There being no other business the chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.17pm

Signed _____ Date 23rd February 2011