

ABBOTS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL
 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
 Held on Wednesday, 27th April 2011 at 7.00 pm
 At The Village Hall, Abbots Bromley, pursuant to notice having been given

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

In attendance: Mrs S Meads (Clerk),

Members of the Public Attending: 0

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01. Apologies for absence
 There were no apologies for absence

02. Public session
 There was no public session.

03. Declarations of Interest
 There were no declarations of interest.

04. Minutes of Previous Meetings
***RESOLVED:** that the minutes of meeting held on 30th March 2011 should be signed as a true and correct record with the following amendments:-*
Minute Ref 128 should read 'an email' not 'and email'
Minute Ref 128, 129, 130, 131 – correct number sequence as 128 repeated.

05. Matters of Report

i. Internal Audit

The clerk reported that the internal audit had taken place and that a full report would be received in due course although the auditor had said that he was very happy with the systems in place.

i. MIND

The clerk informed the council that MIND had sufficient funding to cover the hire of a venue, however, they would appreciate support with funding for art equipment and materials for the meetings.

RESOLVED: *that the council would provide funding for materials up to the value of one month's rent of Church House. MIND to provide receipts for all purchases before funding given.*

iii. Parish Assembly

The Parish Council agreed that the assembly had gone very well.

iv. The Election

It was agreed that this should be added to the next agenda.

06. Planning

i. Applications

720 - P/2011/00337/EW: Dolphin Cottage, High Street, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3BN: Erection of two detached dwellings and two detached double garages.

Received: 01/04/11 Due: 21/04/11

Response: The Parish Council objects to the above application on the ground of unsuitable and dangerous access.

The appeal for the previous application for Dolphin Cottage was also discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk would draft a response and forward to the Chairman for comment. The response would be to firmly object to the development based upon the unsuitable and dangerous access to the proposed site and insufficient parking. The Clerk to liaise with the County Council to find out why they think the access is suitable.

721 - P/2011/00320/EW: 2 Radmore Lane, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3AT: Erection of a single storey side and rear extension, erection of a conservatory and installation of two dormer windows to the rear elevation.

Received: 01/04/11 Due: 21/04/11 Response: No Objections

722 - P/2011/00341/EW: Field House Farm, Parkgate Lane, Bromley Wood, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3AH: Erection of an agricultural building for storage of hay and machinery

Received: 04/04/11 Replied: 18/04/11 Response: No Objection

723 - P/2011/00373/JI: Meadow Cottage, Ashbrook Lane, Bromley Wood, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3AL: Retention of a replacement dwelling

Received: 07/04/11 Due: 28/04/11 Response : No Objections

724 - P/2011/00385/JI: Police House, Uttoxeter Road, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3EQ: Conversion of police office to form additional living accommodation including the erection of a part two storey, part first floor side extension and erection of porches to front and rear.

Received: 13/04/11 Due: 04/05/11 Response : No Objections

RESOLVED: *that the clerk would feedback the above responses.*

Decisions

Agreed

712 - P/2011/00113/EW: Garage at School House Lane, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3BT: Erection of a detached dwelling

716 - P/2011/00261/EW: Hall Hill, Hall Hill Lane, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3DG: Felling of two Cherry Trees

717 - P/2011/00226/EW: Grange House, Ashbrook Lane, Bromley Wood, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3AL: Erection of an attached double garage with study room above.

Refused

714 - P/2011/00198/EW: Radmore Fields Farm, Radmorewood Lane, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3AS: Outline application for the erection of a detached dwelling including details of access, layout and scale

715 - P/2011/00205/EW: Land at Ivy House, High Street, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire: Erection of 3 detached dwellings and 1 detached double garage

07. Financial Matters

i. Payments to be made

A Record of payments made after discussion with Chairman or Vice Chairman

188/1207	R P George	119.90	Maintenance Work to Footpaths	LGA (Misc Prov) A 1976 s. 19
189/1208	R W Mills	23.20	Entry fee for BKV and stationery	

TOTAL payments made 143.10

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>
01/1210	Down 2 Earth	520.00	Works to dug out and bench	
02//1211	St Giles Hospice	60.00	Donation for Jubilee Cup certificates	
03/1212	R W Mills	35.00	Book Tokens for BKV competition	
04/1214	Community Council of Staffordshire	22.00	Membership	
05/1215	Public Works Loan Board	1661.25	Village Hall Loan repayment	
06/1216	Mrs S Meads	63.96	Non taxable expenses, including laminator	
07/1217	Mrs S Meads	373.21	Salary & taxable expenses	
		<u>2607.50</u>		

C Record of payments received

<i>Date</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Details</i>
15/4/11	Staffordshire CC	123.83	Devolved Maintenance

123.83

RESOLVED : that the above payments be approved

ii. Finance Report to 31st March 2011

RESOLVED: that the contents of the finance report to 31st March be noted and signed by the Chairman.

iii. Year End Accounts

The Clerk presented the year end accounts. In doing so she raised the issue of the grass cutting fee for Mr G McCulloch. It is usual that he receives an annual increase in line with inflation. Cllr Mrs Veitch suggested that this should be a 3.1%.

RESOLVED : that the year accounts be accepted by the council and that a Mr McCulloch should receive an increase of 3.1%.

iv. Audit Return

The clerk presented the annual audit return.

RESOLVED: that the Chairman should sign and approve the return..

08. Group Reports

i. Recreation

Football Pitch

The clerk reported that the work was almost complete on the football pitch and that the dugout and memorial bench were now in place.

ii. Village Property

The clerk reported that she had updated the inventory to include all recently purchased benches.

RESOLVED: that a village walk round should take place in the near future.

iii Traffic, Parking & Highways

Cllr Elkington raised the issue of post and rail fences at the entrance to villages. These had recently appeared at Hoar Cross and several other local villages. The issue was discussed by the council.

RESOLVED: that the matter should not be taken any further as the grass verges at the entrance to the village are not wide enough in some cases.

Cllr Alan Elkington reported that large vehicles were going down Ashbrook Lane and often mounting the pavement near to Cllr Elkington's house.

RESOLVED: that the issue be raised with the Village Warden so that he can monitor the situation when in the village. In addition if the speed watch team could locate on this stretch of road.

iv. Richard Clarke First School

Cllr Mrs Burrows reported that the village would be losing the patrol lady in the evening. The situation had been monitored by the County Council and they had

concluded that not enough children currently cross the road in the evening to warrant the recruitment of another patrol person.

v. Competitions

Cllr R Mills reported that the Big Sweep had been a great success.

vi. Newsletter

The newsletter was discussed

RESOLVED : *that the next issue would be after the elections.*

vii. RISES

Cllr Mrs L Fox reported that the last payment would be due shortly.

viii. Village Hall

The Chairman commented that the issue of noisy events being booked while the Parish Council meetings were being held had not gone away. He requested that this be added to the next agenda.

ix. Millennium Green

The clerk reported that two pieces of worked needed to be done on the MG. These included the washing down of all of the benches and picnic tables. A quotation had been received for this work for £60.00. There were also damaged wooden posts on the bottom section of the playground which needed replacing. A quotation had been received for £70 to replace these posts.

RESOLVED: *that the clerk should give the go-ahead for both pieces of work to be done.*

09. Correspondence, bulletins and reports

No additional correspondence

10. British Legion 90th Anniversary

The Chairman reported that this would take place on Saturday, 11th June starting with a parade at midday and this would be followed with entertainment at the Coach and Horses.

11. Agenda Items for the Next Meeting

- Informal meeting with Cllr P Atkins
- Newsletter
- Noisy bookings at the Village Hall
- The Election

12. Date, time and place of future meetings

May Parish Council Meeting, Wednesday, 18th May 2011 – Village Hall

There being no other business the chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.35pm

Signed _____

Date 27th April 2011