

ABBOTS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held on Wednesday 28th September 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; C Cook
Mrs K Johns; R Mills, Mrs M Moore, E Roy

In attendance: Mrs S Meads (Clerk),

Members of the Public Attending: 16

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56. Apologies for absence
Were received from Cllr R Bell and Borough Cllr G Hall
RESOLVED: to accept the apologies

57. Public session

Mr P Atkins, a resident from Admaston, spoke about the proposed caravan park at St Stephen Hill Farm. He said that at a recent meeting of the Parish the residents of Admaston voted 51 against the development, 3 for and 3 abstained. He stressed that the residents were not against farm diversification as such but in this case were very concerned about preserving the area around Blithfield Reservoir. Their concerns also included, the level of traffic that would be generated on the main road and on Steenwood Lane, the impact on wildlife, in particular the 10,000 birds that winter at the reservoir every year and the impact on the landscape. He also stressed that 28 two and three bedroom dwellings would completely dwarf Admaston Village itself which has a completely insufficient sewage system to deal with the additional properties.

Mr T Wheeldon, representing Abbots Bromley Cricket Club, presented the plans for the relocation of the club. He provided the plans for everyone to have a look at if required. He explained that the new site, if planning permission was granted, would be on Lichfield Road on a piece a land that they have been granted a 55 year lease on by Abbots Bromley School. The plans for the new site include a new club

pavilion, 5 aside football pitch, a football pitch and a cricket pitch. He stressed that the club wanted to work with the village and welcomed any advice on the plans.

Mr A Fox said that the cricket club needs to be aware that it is open countryside and as such noise will travel. He suggested that the football pitch needs to be further away from the houses on Lichfield road due to the noise of spectators. He also mentioned that the field needs to be well drained as the ditch that runs by the hedge takes the drainage water from the field and from the houses at the top of the field. He urged the council to consider the use of the pavilion, especially not for late nights. He did, however, say that he thought that it was a fantastic idea.

Mrs L Fox of Lichfield Road said that there needed to be consideration for where the screening is placed and that traffic to and from the site also needs to be carefully planned. Lichfield Road is an extremely busy road and it may be necessary to look to move the 30mph signage or alter the entrance to the lane in some way.

Three members of the public expressed concern over the recent 'screening opinion' for a wind turbine at Bagots Park. Although not a formal planning application they felt that this would lead to an application in the near future. They would be writing to ESBC to express their concerns and recommend that any future applications should require noise and environmental reports.

The meeting resumed at 7.55pm

58. Minutes of Previous Meetings

RESOLVED: *that the minutes of meeting held on 27th July 2011 should be signed as a true and correct record with the following amendments:-*

P 1, add Cllr G Hall to the attendees

P 4, minute 50 ii add "Cllr G Hall presented" after meeting closed

P 4, minute 50 v change Cllr R Mills to Cllr P Charles

59. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

60. Matters of Report

i. Land at Rear of Village Hall

Meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Mrs C Veitch presented the opportunities that are available for funding to enable purchase of the land at the rear of the Village Hall. These options included Queen Elizabeth II Field Trust – 2012 pieces of land which requires match funding of £1 for £1 and The Big Lottery Fund which does not require match funding.

Meeting resumed again at 8.15pm

The council discussed the options available for purchase of the land.

Three options were agreed upon as possible ways forward:-

Option 1 – Set up an independent trust

Option 2 – The Parish Council would take the project on

Option 3 - The Village Hall would take the project on

Cllr P Charles expressed concern that the only access to the field, once purchased, would be via land owned by the Village Hall. He also expressed concern that parish councillors were not involved in discussions on pricing with the landowners, and a councillor or councillors should be present at any future meetings.

RESOLVED : that there were no objections to Mrs C Veitch pursuing avenues for funding to see if any are available. If funding is available then further discussion would take place.

ii. **Strategic Villages Meeting**

RESOLVED: that Cllr R Mills would attend the next meeting.

iii. **Parish Surgery**

2 residents attended the Parish Surgery. One raised the issue about vehicles parked on the Goat Car Park and Crown Bank that are advertising vehicle sales. The other requested updates on recent planning issues including the Caravan Park, Ivy House and Dolphin Cottage.

RESOLVED: that the situation with the vehicle sales would be monitored.

iv. **Millennium Green Bins**

The clerk reported on the recent damage to the bins at the Millennium Green. No action required at present as awaiting feedback from ESBC on whether the bins can be replaced or repaired.

61. Planning

741 – P/2011/00805/JI: Mount Pleasant Farm, Poplar Farm Road, Bromley Hurst, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3AY: Internal and external alterations to facilitate the conversion of two agricultural buildings to form two dwellings including raising of the ridge height of one building to provide first floor and erection of a single storey extension to the second building, demolition of two existing agricultural buildings to facilitate the erection of a detached dwelling and detached triple garage and formation of a new vehicular access.

Received: 09/08/11 Replied: 24/08/11 Response: No objections

742 - P/2011/00859/EW: Hall Hill, Hall Hill Lane, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3DG:

Replacement of 3 west gable windows and installation of roof light to rear of main roof slope

Received: 12/08/11 Replied: 05/09/11 Response: No objections

743 - P/2011/00953/JI: Land adj Meadow View House, Lichfield Road, Abbots Bromley:

Outline application for the erection of a detached dwelling

Received: 26/08/11 Due: 16/09/11 Response: That the parish council objects on the grounds of poor visibility for the proposed access and proximity of the site to the neighbours.

744 - P/2011/00888/JI: St Stephen Hill Farm, Steenwood Lane, Admaston, Staffordshire, WS15 3NQ: 28 holiday lodges (static caravans) and change of use of agricultural land to facilitate the siting of the lodges, including associated engineering operations, for a holiday season of 11 months

Received: 05/09/11 Due: 30/09/11

These plans were discussed at some length.

Response: That the parish council objects to the plans on the grounds of:-

- visual impact and loss of amenity
- creation of an undesirable precedent
- change of use from agricultural land
- impact on wildlife and birds
- impact on the scale and size of Admaston village
- impact on the landscape

745 - P/2011/00963/JI: Lichfield Road, Abbots Bromley, Rugeley, Staffordshire: Change of use of agricultural land to form recreational land and the erection of a cricket pavilion, formation of cricket pitch and erection of practice nets, football pitch, 5-a-side pitch with associated parking and landscaping

Received: 16/09/11 Due: 02/10/11 Response : No objections but need to highlight the issue over access from the busy Lichfield Road and the poor view line.

746 - P/2011/01039/EW: Land at Ivy House, High Street, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire:

Erection of 3 detached dwellings and 1 detached garage.

Received: 21/09/11 Due: 12/10/11 Response: more research required by the Clerk before a response can be submitted.

P/2011/01055 Bagots Park Dunstall Lane Abbots Bromley Staffordshire Screening opinion for wind turbine at Bagots Park. Response : the parish council would write to ESBC to request that if an application is submitted that noise and environmental reports should be required..

RESOLVED: *that the clerk should relay the above responses to ESBC*

Decisions

Agreed

726 - P/2011/00451/JI: Land adjacent to 2 Bagots Bromley Cottage, Newton Hurst Lane, Heatley, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3EL: Change of use of agricultural land for equestrian use and training facility

728 - P/2011/00545/CEH: Portfields, Port Lane, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3DX: Application for a certificate of lawfulness for continued use of land as domestic cartilage

732 - P/2011/00644/EW: The Forge House, Bromley Wood Lanes, Bromley Wood, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3AG: Erection of a two storey rear extension.

733 - P/2011/00600/JI: Yeatsall Farm and Yeatsall Manor, Yeatsall Lane, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3DY: Application for a certificate of lawfulness for the continued use as two separate dwellings.

734 - P/2011/00639/JI: Land adjacent to 2 Bagots Bromley Cottages, Newton Hurst Lane, Heatley, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3EL: Formation of a menage

736 - P/2011/00453/EW: Broom House, Bagot Street, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3DB: Installation of two replacement windows

737 - P/2011/00699/EW: Barn Farm, Abbots Bromley Road, Bromley Wood, Abbots Bromley WS15 3BB: Erection of a part single storey and part two storey rear extension

738 - P/2011/00718/EW: The Flat, 1st Floor, The Crofts, Market Place, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3BS: Change of use of first floor flat (Class C3) to office use (Class B1)

739 - P/2011/00780/EW: Dunstall Hall Farm, Dunstall Lane, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3EP: Erection of an agricultural building to house livestock.

62. Financial Matters

i. Payments to be made

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

35/1245	Audit Commission	342.00	Annual auditor's fee	
36/1246	J Bradbury	428.00	Painting of Nuttery	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss.9 and 10
	TOTAL payments made	770.00		

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>
37/1247	Mrs S Meads	771.96	Salary & Taxable Expenses and non taxable expenses for August & September	LGA 1972 s. 112(2)
38/1248	Malcolm Barnes Cartographer	934.00	Horn Dance Leaflets	
39/1249	G McCulloch	390.00	Mowing	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss.9 and 10
		<u>2095.96</u>		

C Record of payments received

<i>Date</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Details</i>
24/9/11	Community Council of Saffordshire	200.00	Prize money for BKV
24/9/11	Cash	10.00	Horn Dance books
24/9/11	Stall Holders	<u>220.00</u>	Horn Dance Stall money
		<u>430.00</u>	

iii. Finance Report to 31st August 2011

The clerk presented the finance report to 31st August 2011.

63. Group Reports

i. Recreation

Youth Club

Cllr Mrs Johns reported that the Youth Club had raised £339 on Horn Dance day. The clerk reported that she had recently had a meeting with Mr P Ryan and a representative from Youth Services. At the meeting the future financial state of the Youth Club was discussed. As funding is now very difficult to find the Youth Club is struggling to find enough money to pay for the hire of the Village Hall. To help the situation Youth Services have agreed to pay for both youth workers and not just one providing the Parish Council puts the £1000 that has been set aside to pay for a youth worker towards paying for the hire of the village hall.

RESOLVED: that £1000 should be paid to the Youth Club. Proposed by Cllr E Roy, seconded by Cllr Mrs M Moore. Representatives from the Parish Council should also try to persuade the Village Hall Committee to reduce their fees further to help the Youth Club

Football pitch

The clerk reported that the lock had been damaged on the box at the football pitch and it may now be beyond repair.

ii. Village Property

The clerk reported that an inventory walk had not yet taken place.

RESOLVED: that the clerk and Cllr Charles would liaise with Cllr Mills to arrange a new date for the walk.

iii Traffic, Parking & Highways

The clerk read out the letter regarding the work that will be carried out on Radmore Lane and the proposed road closure. It was also reported that the two bricks missing from the middle of Cecil Payton Close were still missing and that the kerb had dropped outside Portfields.

RESOLVED: that the clerk should speak to Highways to report the issues..

iv. Richard Clarke First School

Nothing to report.

v. Competitions

The clerk reported that the council had now received £200 as prize money for winning the BKV competition. The council agreed to put this money towards a new picnic table and bench for the Millennium Green.

vi. Newsletter

Nothing to report

vii. RISES

The clerk reported that the final payment had been received and the RISES committee had confirmed that this money could go towards a new picnic table for the Millennium Green.

viii. Village Hall

Nothing to report

ix. Millennium Green

Nothing to report

64. Correspondence, bulletins and reports

- A letter regarding the closure of the Post Office was ready out
- A letter regarding the closure of Bromley Hurst bridge was read out
- Additional correspondence including the Core Strategy document were passed to the Chairman to read and then circulate to all councillors

65. Horn Dance

Cllr R Mills and Cllr P Charles reported that the day went well. Some people that had booked stalls did not show up due to the weather or ill health.

66. Queen's Jubilee

RESOLVED: to add to future agendas for further discussion.

67. Agenda Items for the Next Meeting

- Post Office
- Jubilee
- Neighbourhood Plan
- 2012-2013 Budget
- Meeting dates for 2012

68. Date, time and place of future meetings

October Parish Council Meeting, 7.00pm Wed 26th October 2011 – Village Hall

There being no other business the chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.45pm

Signed _____

Date 26th October 2011