

ABBOTS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL
 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
 Held on Wednesday 12th October 2011 at 6.45 pm
 At Church House, Abbots Bromley, pursuant to notice having been given

Present: Cllrs R S VJarman (Chair); R Bell, Mrs D Burrows; P J Charles; C Cook
 Mrs K Johns; R Mills, E Roy

In attendance: Mrs S Meads (Clerk), Borough Cllr G Hall

Members of the Public Attending: 0

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69. Apologies for absence
 Were received from Cllr Mrs M Moore
RESOLVED: to accept the apologies

70. Public Session

Councillors asked Borough Cllr Hall for clarification on areas of the Core Strategy document that the Parish Council should address and respond to. Cllr Hall also advised that the Parish Council should consider possible areas of land that may be considered for small scale development in the future.

Meeting resumed at 7.10pm

71. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

72. Planning

- i. **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

The Parish Council studied the plans and agreed that the response should include the following objections and concerns:-

- there is a lack of parking for each house, the properties are large and one parking space plus a garage will not be sufficient, particularly as these houses will attract families possibly with teenage children with cars. This will lead to additional cars being parked on the High Street outside Ivy House.

- The Parish Council also expressed concerns over the access driveway. The Planning Department needs to ensure that both the developers and future occupants have clear right-of-way and that this can not be disputed.

ii. ESBC Core Strategy Document

The document was discussed at some length. All councillors agreed that the main point to address in the document was that Abbots Bromley did not fit in to the category of a Strategic Village. Abbots Bromley does not fulfil the requirements as it does not have sufficient amenities. Although the village does have a doctor's surgery, emergency services and a primary school it does not meet the rest of the criteria with very limited shopping facilities, no Post Office (from November 2011) and only a very limited bus service to Lichfield .

The document details the classification of a Local Service Village. Abbots Bromley fits in to this classification along with other villages such as Marchington and Denstone. It was highlighted that Yoxall and Mayfield were also listed as Local Service Villages although they have considerably more services than Abbots Bromley which raised the question why Abbots Bromley has been categorised higher up in the hierarchy as a Strategic Village.

RESOLVED : that the clerk should draft a response to the Core Strategy which highlights why Abbots Bromley does not meet the requirements of a Strategic Village and requests that the village move down the hierarchy and be reclassified as a Local Service Village. The clerk should draft the response and forward to the Chairman for approval before submitting.

73. Agenda Items for the Next Meeting

- Neighbourhood Plan
- Village Surgery

74. Date, time and place of future meeting

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

There being no other business the chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.30pm

Signed _____ Date 26th October 2011