

ABBOTS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL
 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
 Held on Wednesday 28th March 2012 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 Charles; C Cook;
 E Roy

In attendance: Mrs S Meads (Clerk),

Members of the Public Attending: 1

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33. Apologies for absence
 Cllrs Mrs K Johns, R Mills, Mrs M Moore

34. Public session

Mr S Wilson updated the Parish Council on plans for the Jubilee. He said that he was involved in organising a go-cart race for under 16's and over 16's which would take place on several roads in and around the village. He had been in touch with ESBC and would be requesting permission for road closures while these races were running. He also reported that the Village Hall would be holding an afternoon tea on the Bank Holiday Monday to celebrate the Jubilee.

Mr Wilson went on to ask if he could access some funding towards the organising of the go-cart race and also some bunting. The clerk confirmed that this had been noted and a decision on allocation of donations would be agreed at the next Parish Council meeting.

Mr Wilson also commented on the recent article in the Bulletin regarding being neighbourly in which he assumed that the mention of 'the severe laying of a hedge' referred to the work on the hedge by the Village Hall. He confirmed that he had been in verbal correspondence with ESBC and they had confirmed no wrong doing. He did say that the residents should probably should have been notified beforehand, however, it is still the desire to do all of the hedge.

35. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

36. Minutes of Previous Meetings

RESOLVED: *that the minutes of meeting held on 29th February 2012 be approved with the following amendment: Item No 24 i. a) delete "to". Proposed Cllr C Cook, seconded Cllr R Bell.*

37. Matters of Report**i. Village Mini Bus**

The clerk and Cllr R Jarman updated members on progress that had been made with the mini bus. A list of rules for booking the mini bus was circulated which had been provided by the Scout Group.

RESOLVED: *that councillors would take away the list of rules and provide feedback on them to the clerk by 12th April. A working group was set up consisting of the Clerk, Cllr R Jarman, Cllr E Roy and Cllr Charles.*

ii. Barking Dogs

Cllr R Jarman updated members on the issue. He advised that a mediation meeting between involved parties had been arranged for 13th April. Cllr R Jarman confirmed that neither the Parish Council or Cllr Greg Hall were to be involved in the meeting.

iii. Parish Surgery

Residents had attended the Parish Surgery to find out what powers the PC had in terms of planning and highways. They discussed traffic and speed issues they were experiencing in Bromley Wood. Borough Councillor Hall said that he had spoken to the farmers concerned and had explained why neighbours were unhappy. Since those conversation things had got slightly better. He confirmed that other issues are being looked in to by ESBC and Staffordshire County Council.

38. Planning***Applications*****Applications**

770 - P/2012/00229/SS: Norman Villa, High Street, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15

3BN: Internal and external alterations including the erection of single storey side and rear extensions, a first floor rear extension and 1.8 metre high entrance gates, installation of a satellite dish on the rear elevation and demolition of existing single storey rear extension outbuildings and canopy

Received: 02/03/12 Replied: 28/03/12 Response: No Objections

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772 - P/2012/00117/JI: Hilda Cottage, School House Lane, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3BT: Erection of a detached building to form domestic garage on ground floor with Class B1 offices above including the demolition of existing vehicle repair workshop and erection of a single storey extension to existing dwelling and installation of dormer windows to front elevation (amended plans received 06/03/2012)
Received: 12/03/12 Replied: 28/03/12 Response: No Objections

773 - P/2012/00328/EW: 6A Friary Avenue, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire WS15 3ED:
Erection of a single storey side extension to garage.
Received: 19/03/12 Due: 09/04/12 Response : No Objections

774 - P/2012/00313/EW: 1 Market Place, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3BS: Change of use of ground floor shop (Class A1) and first floor lounge to a Tearoom (Class A3)
Received: 15/03/12 Due: 05/04/12 Response : No Objections although Parish Council wished to highlight that the car park at the rear of The Crown is not a public car park as stated on the plans.

775 - P/2012/00349/EW: Diamond Cottage, High Street, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3BL: Felling of 1 ash tree
Received: 21/03/12 Due: 04/04/12 Response : No Objections

Decisions

Agreed

767 - P/2011/00100/EW: Fenfield Pit Farm, Hobb Lane, Marchington Woodlands, Staffordshire, ST14 8RQ: Installation of a clock tower to roof of dwelling

768 - P/2012/00107/EW: The Beech, Bromley Wood Lanes, Bromley Wood, Abbots Bromley Staffs, WS15 3AJ: Erection of a part two storey, part first floor side extension

Refused

764 - P/2012/00026/JI: Butterton House, Lichfield Road, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3DL: Felling of 1 Monterey Pine tree (TPO 179) – this has now gone to appeal.

Other Planning Issues

- Affordable Housing

Cllr R Jarman updated members on recent correspondence that had been received from East Staffs Borough Council in relation to Affordable Housing. Borough Cllr G Hall said that ESBC would like the Parish Council to run a survey in to the need for affordable housing. The matter was discussed. Cllr Bell suggested that we run a survey in the next Bromley Bulletin.

RESOLVED: that a survey would be incorporated in to the next Bulletin.

39. Financial Matters

B Record of payments for which authorisation will be sought at meeting

Vch/Chq	Payee	Amount	Details	Powers
72/1283	TC Harrison	13005.00	Deposit for Mini Bus	LG & Rating Act 1997
73/1284	Reprotec	7.33	2 x monthly maintenance	
74/1285	Toplis Associates	102.00	Internal Audit Fee	
75/1286	SPCA	396.92	Annual Subscriptions	
76/1287	Npower	24.03	Christmas Light 2010	

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77/1288	Society of LCC	97.00	Subscription	
78/1289	Mrs S Meads	385.88	Salary & taxable expenses	LGA 1972 s. 112(2)
79/1290	Mrs S Meads	11.80	No-taxable expenses	
80/1291	HMRC	289.60	Income Tax	
		<u>14319.56</u>		

C Record of payments received

<i>Date</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Details</i>
1/3/12	Big Lottery	10,000	Grant for Mini Bus
5/3/12	AB 4 Youth	6275.00	Transfer of grant money from Natwest for Mini Bus
7/3/12	SSCC	721.83	Devolved Maintenance
		<u>16996.83</u>	

RESOLVED : that the above payments be approved.

iii. Finance Report to 29th February 2012

The clerk presented the finance report to 29th February 2012

RESOLVED: that the financial report be approved. Proposed by Cllr R Bell, seconded by D Burrows

40. Group Reports

i. Recreation

Youth Club

RESOLVED: to remove this from future agendas

ii. Village Property

Nothing to report

iii. Traffic, Parking & Highways

The clerk provided an updated on pot hole repairs. Cllr P Charles reported that there were issues with the location of some of the A-boards on the village green as they were blocking visibility. Cllr Charles asked if there had been any progress with the road surface on Ashbrook Lane which is badly rutted and with the installation of an additional post box. Cllr Jarman said that the condition of pavement on Goose Lane had become very poor.

RESOLVED: that the clerk would chase up the above issues.

iv. Richard Clarke First School

Nothing to Report

v. Competitions

Cllr Mrs Burrow said that she was sit waiting for the BKV posters from the schools.

vi. Newsletter

Cllr P Charles reported that there were not quite enough newsletters so more would be required for the June/July issue.

viii. Village Hall

The clerk reported that the lift had not yet been fixed at the Village Hall and therefore the next three meeting had been booked at Church House. Cllr P Charles said that a part had been ordered to repair the lift so that may arrive this week.

ix. Millennium Green

RESOLVED: to remove this from future agendas

41. Correspondence, bulletins and reports

- Letter from young resident requesting a skate park
- Letter from the Footpath Society
- Letter re Staffordshire & Stoke-on-Trent Joint Waste Core Strategy
- Fly-tipping poster

***RESOLVED:** that the correspondence be circulated after the meeting or respond accordingly*

42. Parish Assembly

Members discussed possible recipients of the Jubilee Cup. Cllr P Charles agreed to ask those nominated if there would be willing to accept.

Members discussed the Parish Assembly.

***RESOLVED:** that Cllr Charles would order the plaques to be given to last year's recipients. Start time for Assembly to be 7.00pm. The Scouts would be invited to provide and update on the Mini Bus and the Cricket Club would be invited to give updates on the new sports field.*

43. Jubilee

Members discussed the Jubilee. The clerk confirmed that several requests had come in for donations of bunting and funding to help with events.

***RESOLVED:** that donation amounts would be agreed at the next Parish Council Meeting.*

44. Agenda Items for the Next Meeting

- Jubilee
- Parish Assembly

45. Date, time and place of future meetings

April Parish Council Meeting, 7.00pm Wed 25th April 2012 – Church House

There being no other business the chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.07pm

Signed _____

Date 25th April 2012