

ABBOTS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL
 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
 Held on Wednesday 26th September 2012 at 7.00 pm
 At the Village Hall, Abbots Bromley, pursuant to notice having been given

Present: Cllr R Bell (Chair); Mrs D Burrows; P Charles; C Cook; R Jarman; Mrs K Johns; Mrs M Moore, E Roy

In attendance: Mrs S Meads (Clerk),

Members of the Public Attending: One

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105. Apologies for absence
 Were received from Cllr R Mills

106. Public session
 None

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

108. Minutes of Previous Meetings
RESOLVED: *that the minutes of meeting held on 25th July 2012 be approved with two amendments.*

109. Matters of Report
 i. **Horn Dance**

It was reported that the Horn Dance went well and was well attended. Cllr Charles highlighted that the licenses still said 8.00pm although they should say until 6.00pm. Cllr Charles proposed that the time on the licenses be changed to 6.00pm, seconded by Cllr R Bell.

RESOLVED: *that the clerk change the times on the licenses*

Cllr Charles also reported that Cllr Mills may not wish to continue running the Horn Dance stalls.

ii. **Parish Surgery**

Two issues had been raised at the Parish Surgery:-

- a hole had appeared in the gutter outside 17 Paget Rise
- weeds on the housing estates needed to be treated.

RESOLVED: *that the clerk would report the hole on Paget Rise to Highways and would request that G McCulloch spray the weeds on the housing estates as Highways had not yet treated them.*

iii. **Post Box**

The clerk reported that she had again contacted Royal Mail regarding the installation of a larger post box but had not yet received a response.

110. Planning

Applications

794 - P/2012/00971: Land to the rear of Ivy House, High Street, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire: Repositioning of plots 1, 2, and 3 and detached garage, to include omission of parallel private driveway.

Received: 01/08/12 Due: 22/08/12 Response : No Objection

This property was discussed and it was suggested that the clerk write to Walton Homes to find out when the work will start on the properties due to the unsightly boards surrounding Ivy House.

795 - P/2012/00956: Oaklands Farm, Pinfold Lane, Bromley Hurst, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3AF: Conversion of existing workshop to family games room including erection of a single storey side extension

Received: 27/07/12 Replied: 31/08/12 Response: No Objection

796 - P/2012/01020: Coach and Horses, High Street, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3EJ: Display of externally illuminated painted letter sign to gable end and front elevation, non-illuminated letter sign to front elevation, externally illuminated hanging sign, 2 non-illuminated amenity boards and a hoarding sign, illuminated menu case, 2 externally illuminated gable signs and 3 floodlights

Received: 15/08/12 Due: 05/09/12 Response: The Parish Council objects to the signage on the gable end due to its prominent location in a conservation area as it is detractive to the amenity of the street scene.

797 - P/2012/01128: The Birches, Ashbrook Lane, Abbots Bromley, Staffordsdhire, WS15 3DW: Erection of a single storey front extension, front porch, bay window and single storey side and rear extension with a glazed lantern.

Received: 10/09/12 Due: 01/10/12 Response : No Objection

798 - P/2012/01099: Upper Sunnyside Farm, Sunnyside Farm Road, Bromley Hurst, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire: Erection of an agricultural building to house livestock

Received: 12/09/12 Due: 03/10/12 Response : No Objection

799 - ES.12/17/5010 W: Bromley Park Buildings, Abbots Bromley, Rugeley, Staffordshire: Retention of Wood Waste Processing to produce animal bedding at Bromley Park Buildings.

Received: 29/08/12 Due: 28/09/12 Response : The Parish Council will only support this application if money is spent to improve road safety for other vehicles, pedestrians and

residents in the area. Vehicle levels visiting Bromley Park Buildings should also be as specified in the original planning application.

800 - P/2012/01098: Upper Sunnyside Farm, Sunnyside Farm Road, Bromley Hurst, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire: Erection of two extensions to existing agricultural buildings for the housing of cattle

Received: 12/09/12 Due: 03/10/12 Response : No Objection

801 - P/2012/001154: Coach and Horses, High Street, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3BN: Display of externally illuminated painted letter sign to gable end and front elevation, non-illuminated letter sign to front elevation, externally illuminated hanging sign, 2 non-illuminated amenity boards and a hoarding sign, illuminated menu case, 2 externally illuminated gable signs and 3 floodlights. - Listed Building Consent.

Received: 11/09/12 Due: 02/10/12 Response: The Parish Council objects to the signage on the gable end due to its prominent location in a conservation area as it is detractive to the amenity of the street scene.

802 - P/2012/01166: Somoma, Miresbrook Lane, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3BJ: Felling of 2 Leylandii trees and 1 cypress tree, reduction in height by 40% and general pruning of 1 Laurel tree, removal of new growth and poisoned stump of 1 willow tree, crown reduction by 10% from off the top and 5% from off the sides of 1 cypress tree and prune back lower branches of 3 willow trees.

Received: 24/09/12 Due: 08/10/12 Response : No Objections.

RESOLVED : that the clerk should forward above responses to the planning department.

Decisions

Agreed

769 - 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 demolition of existing vehicle repair workshop and erection of a single storey extension to existing dwelling and installation of dormer windows to front elevation.

789 - P/2012/00765: Millstone Cottage, School House Lane, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3BT: Felling of one Cherry Tree

790 - P/2012/00701: Barn Farm, Abbots Bromley Road, Bromley Wood, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3BB: Erection of a single storey rear and side extension to form granny annexe.

792 - P/2012/01002: Crofts Barn, School House Lane & Crofts Lawn, Market Place, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire: Tree works to 6 trees to include crown lifting to 4 metres of 1 sycamore tree and to 3.5 metres of 1 beech tree, selective pruning of branches from 2 sycamore trees and 3 beech trees.

793 - P/2012/01002: Crofts Barn, School House Lane and Crofts Lawn Market Place, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire: Tree works to 6 trees to include crown lifting to 4 metres of 1 sycamore tree and to 3.5 metres of 1 beech tree, selective pruning of branches from 2 sycamore trees and 3 beech trees.

795 - P/2012/00956: Oaklands Farm, Pinfold Lane, Bromley Hurst, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3AF: Conversion of existing workshop to family games room including erection of a single storey side extension

Refused

784 - P/2012/00555/JI: Portfields, Port Lane, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3DX: Formation of vehicular access and driveway including entrance gates and walls.

111. Financial Matters

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

111/1325	ABPCC	740.00	Church Yard Grasscutting	Open Spaces Act 1906 ss9 & 10
112/1326	Mrs S Meads	385.88	Salary & Taxable Expenses	LGA 1972 s. 112(2)

1125.88

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>
113/1327	Mrs S Meads	386.08	Salary & taxable expenses	LGA 1972 s. 112(2)
114/1328	Came & Company Ins	1376.14	Insurance premium	
115/1329	Audit Commission	480.00	Audit Fee	
116/1330	Smith & Derby	222.00	Service to Church Clock	
117/1331	Reprotect	10.38	Photocopier costs	
118/1332	Mr G McCulloch	804.00	Grasscutting & Highways work	Open Spaces Act 1906 ss9 & 10
119/1333	Mr T Veitch	123.00	Removal of steel box and repairs to bench	
120/1334	Wicksteed Playscapes	108.00	Playground inspections	
121/1335	Mrs S Meads	14.30	Non taxable expenses	
122/1336	HMRC	289.40	PAYE	
123/1337	ABPCC	4.20	Printing of BKV leaflets	
		3817.50		

C Record of payments received

<i>Date</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Details</i>
25/7/12	Horn Dance	66.00	2 x Horn Dance stalls plus £16 Horn Dance Books
19/09/12	Horn Dance	233.00	Horn Dance stalls money

C Record of payments received

<i>Date</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Details</i>
		<u>299.00</u>	

Cllr Jarman raised a request for a further payment for the donation of £25.00 towards the Poppy Wreath. Cllr Mrs Moore suggested that as the cost of the wreath was £22.50 then this was only a very small donation and that could it be considered that the donation be raised to £30-35.00 when setting the budget for 2013.

RESOLVED : that the above payments be approved. Proposed Mrs Cllr Burrows, seconded Cllr Bell.

iii. Finance Report to 31st August 2012

The clerk presented the finance report to 31st August 2012

RESOLVED: that the financial report be approved

112. Group Reports

i. Recreation

Cllr Mrs Johns reported that the youth club was still very popular.

The clerk reported that the hedge on the Village Hall drive needed cutting back.

It was also reported that the wooden kerbing around the pathway on the Millennium Green was rotting so would need to be considered for replacement in the future.

Cllr Charles also reported that the hedge near the exit to the Nuttery was now blocking vision coming out of the park.

RESOLVED: that G McCulloch be asked to carry out the necessary works required on the Village Hall drive and also to contact home owners near the Nuttery to find out if it is possible to trim the hedge back.

ii. Village Property

It was reported that there were still a few strands of bunting up in the village so it is now time to take it down.

RESOLVED : that the clerk contacted Mr Wilson to ask if he could help with the removal of these and that also a small article should be placed in the newsletter requesting that homeowners remove their bunting.

iii. Traffic, Parking & Highways

It was reported that Narrow Lane is still flooding and also excessive run off from Crown Bank was causing flooding along the High Street during heavy downpours.

RESOLVED : that the clerk would report these issues to the Highways Department.

The clerk also reported that she has recently chased up all of the work that had been requested for highways repairs.

iv. Richard Clarke First School

Nothing to report

v. Competitions

Cllr Charles said that the full report was still not available but should be for the next meeting.

vi. Newsletter

RESOLVED: that the next issue of the newsletter would be published in October
articles to include:-

- BKV results and report
- Fuel Buying Scheme
- Post Box
- Bunting
- Code of Conduct
- Be Seen Be Safe
- Dog Fouling
- Article from ABPCC

113. Correspondence, bulletins and reports

No correspondence was read out at the meeting.

114. Standing Orders

The revised Standing Orders were circulated before the meeting.

The clerk highlighted that the amendment to how planning applications were dealt with had now been done.

RESOLVED: that the Parish Council adopts the amended Standing Orders.

Proposed by Cllr R Bell,, seconded by Cllr E Roy. All members voted in favour.

115. Meeting Dates for 2013

The clerk provided an up-to-date list of meeting dates for 2013. It was noted that the Parish Assembly on 8th May would clash with the Village Hall meeting. As some Members would need to be at both meetings it was suggested that the meeting be held slightly earlier.

RESOLVED: that the Parish Assembly take place at 6.15pm on 8th May 2013.

116. Neighbourhood Forum Funding

The clerk reported that the Parish Council had been requested to consider projects for funding via the Neighbourhood Forum. A previous suggestion had been to clear and improve Narrow Lane. As the Parish Council already undertook this work and reclaimed the money from Highways, Cllr Charles suggested that the footpath from Ashbrook Lane be considered instead as there was no other funding available for this lane.

RESOLVED: that the clerk should liaise with ESBC regarding this project and also request further information on the type of projects that can qualify for funding.

117. Agenda Items for the next meeting

Neighbourhood Forum Funding

118. Date, time and place of future meetings

October Parish Council Meeting, 7.00pm Wed 31st October 2012 – Village Hall

There being no other business the chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed _____

Date 31st October 2012