

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

In attendance: Mrs S Meads (Clerk),

Members of the Public Attending: Six

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131. Apologies for absence
None

132. Public Session

A resident from Bromley Wood spoke about the planning application for recycling at Bromley Wood. The resident asked where the Parish Council stood on this matter and would anyone be attending the hearing on 6th December 2012. Members discussed this matter and advised the resident that the Parish Council had already commented on this application and would only support the application if efforts were made to improve road safety for residents and other road users and if traffic levels returned to those of the original planning application. Councillors advised the residents to be well prepared with their speech for the hearing.

Councillors could not confirm if they would be able to attend the hearing on 6th December, however, if someone could attend they would do. If this was not possible then the clerk would contact the planning department and reiterate the Parish Council's concerns. Cllr E Roy also recommended that it would be worthwhile writing to Cllr P Atkins.

RESOLVED: that the clerk would contact the Planning Department to reiterate the Council's response and also write to Cllr P Atkins.

Representatives from Abbots Bromley Football & Cricket Clubs updated the Council on the progress for the new sports ground. So far £50,000 of funding has been

received from Sport England and additional funding is being sourced. The group is trying to get £150,000 from Staffordshire FA. The Cricket Club has already funded £10-15,000 in order to get to this stage.

The group asked for the Parish Council's support with regard to funding. Councillors suggested that the group put in writing their request so that it could be considered when planning the 2013/14 budget

133. Declarations of Interest

Cllr R Jarman declared an interest in the Poppy Appeal.

134. Minutes of Previous Meetings

Cllr Mrs Johns questioned the report on item 123i regarding the field behind the Village Hall and whether the Village Hall had the powers to purchase the field. She stated that alternative advice had been received. Members agreed that the words "for speculative purposes" be removed from the minutes as this was not the intention of the purchase of the field.

RESOLVED: *that the minutes of meeting held on 31st October be approved with the above amendment*

135. Matters of Report

i. Neighbourhood Forum

The clerk provided a report on progress made with the application for support with footpath work. Mr Wheeldon expressed concerned that he or Mr J Hayley had not been kept up-to-date with progress on this as village representatives on the Neighbourhood Forum. He requested that he be copied in on further emails to ESBC regarding this.

RESOLVED: *that the clerk confirmed that she would do this in future.*

ii. Parish Surgery

Residents that visited the Parish Council Surgery highlighted the following concerns:- flooding and blocked drains on Seedcroft Lane and also the lack of repairs to pot holes on this lane and the need for clearance of passing places.

Concerns were also raised over the orange boards surrounding Ivy House and the mud and pot holes on Radmore Lane.

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

iii. Post Box

The clerk updated on progress being made with the post box. A survey is to be carried out by the Royal Mail to see if the volume of post in the village is sufficient to qualify for a larger post box.

iv. Dog Fouling

The clerk reported that she had received several complaints about this and that wardens from ESBC would be making regular visits to the village.

136. Planning

Applications

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

Planning hearing scheduled for 6th December Response : to reiterate original objects and concerns to this application and also contact Cllr Atkins regarding this.

808 - P/2012/01213: Abbots Bromley Village Hall, Bagot Street, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire: Remove the lowest branch of an oak tree back to the trunk which overhangs the garden of 7 Salter Grange.

Received: 14/11/12 Due: 28/11/12 Response : No Objections

809 - P/2012/01478: Harts Farm, Radmore Lane, Abbots Bromley, Staffs, WS15 3AP:

Installation of a 37 metre high wind turbine

Received: 22/11/12 Due: 13/12/12 Response to object based on impact to countryside and neighbours.

810 - P/2012/01480: 1-7 Almshouses, Bagots Street, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15

3BZ: Erection of single storey rear extensions, alternations to the rear roof plane comprising of the installation of dormer windows and roof lights and the formation of a new patio area.

Received: 22/11/12 Due: 13/12/12 Response : No Objections

811 - P/2012/01494: 17 Hillside, Abbots Bromley, Staffs, WS15 3DP: Erection of a two storey

side extension, first floor rear extension, front porch and formation of a new vehicular access

Received: 23/11/12 Due: 13/12/12 Response : No Objections

812 - P/2012/01481: 1-7 Almshouses, Bagots Street, Abbots Bromley, Staffs, WS15 3BZ:

Internal and external alterations including the erection of single storey rear extensions, alterations to the rear roof plan comprising the installation of dormer window and installation o roof lights and suntubes, installation of new and replacement windows and doors, removal of one staircase, installation of new partition walls, and the installation of new partition walls, kitchen and bathroom suites.

Received: 22/11/12 Due: 13/12/12 Response : No Objections

813 - P/2012/01372: Nursery Lodge, Lichfield Road, Abbots Bromley, Staffs, WS15 3DN:

Change of use of existing buildings to form single dwelling an detached garage and office with store above, including external alternations (non material amendment - alterations to window and door positions)

Received: 20/11/12 Due: 11/12/12 Response : Object on the basis that planning permission should have been sourced before the changes had been made.

Decisions

Withdrawn

804 - P/2012/01161: Barn Farm, Abbots Bromley Road, Bromley Wood, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3BB: Conversion of two agricultural building to form two live work units including associated external alterations.

137. Financial Matters

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

129/1344	Mrs S Meads	11.80	Expenses
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11.80

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

Vch/Chq	Payee	Amount	Details	Powers
130/1345	Mrs S Meads	385.88	Salary & taxable expenses	LGA 1972 s. 112(2)

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131/1346	Mrs S Meads	11.80	Non Taxable expenses	
132/1347	Mr G McCulloch	604.00	Grasscutting, Highways and Tree work	Open Spaces Act 1906 ss9 & 10
133/1348	Toplis Associates Ltd	106.50	Annual Internal Audit Fees	
		1108.18		

C Record of payments received

<i>Date</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Details</i>
29/10/12	HMRC	4210.49	VAT Return

iii. Finance Report to 31st October 2012

The clerk presented the finance report to 31st October 2012

RESOLVED: that the financial report be approved

138. Group Reports**i. Recreation**

Cllr Mrs Johns reported that there will be a village party on 8th December for all the young people in the village.

ii. Village Property

The clerk said that she still had the property signs which she agreed to pass on to Cllr Charles.

iii. Traffic, Parking & Highways

The clerk updated on highways repairs. Councillors highlighted that there were still problems with cars parking near to junctions.

iv. Richard Clarke First School

Nothing to report

v. Competitions

Nothing to report

vi. Newsletter

Nothing to report

viii. Village Hall

It was reported that there is now a temporary new Chair of the Village Hall Committee, Mr Keith Johns and temporary Vice Chair, Mr Ray Bell.

139. Correspondence, bulletins and reports

The following letters were circulated:-

Letter regarding the Post Office which said that no replacement for the Post Office had yet been found.

Letter from the Police Authority confirming the appointment of the new Police Commissioner.

140. Declarations of Interest in Relation to Precept.

The clerk updated the Members on the need to request a dispensation in relation to discussions regarding the Precept. This need to be done prior to budget discussions at 2nd January 2013 meeting.

141. 2013/14 Budget Planning

Members requested that the following be considered of the 2013/14 budget:-

- New notice for under the Buttercross

- Increase in donation for the Poppy Appeal
 - Funding for the new sports field
- 17th December was set as a date for a planning meeting to discuss the budget.

142. Lengthman's Tender

The clerk circulated the Lengthman's Tender documents. She confirmed that the tender will be advertised from 30th November 2012.

143. Christmas Tree

***RESOLVED** : that the clerk would contact Mr Brandrick regarding the Christmas tree and if possible arrange a date when a tree can be selected.*

144. Agenda Items for the next meeting

***RESOLVED**: that the following items be added to the next agenda:-
Parish Surgery
Horn Dance*

145. Date, time and place of future meetings

January Parish Council Meeting, 7.00pm Wed 30th January 2012 – Village Hall

There being no other business the chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.25pm

Signed _____ Date 30th January 2013