

ABBOTS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL
 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
 Held on Wednesday 27th February 2013 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,

In attendance: Mrs S Meads (Clerk),

Members of the Public Attending: One

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22. Apologies for absence
Cllr E Roy

23 Public Session

Mr T Wheeldon thanked the Parish Council for the opportunity to listen to the meeting the previous month. Mr Wheeldon asked if any progress had been made on a donation of any funding towards the new sports ground on Lichfield Road. The clerk confirmed that £2,500 had been set aside as a donation in this year's budget. This would be confirmed to Mr J Stevenson.

Mr Wheeldon went on to say that he had recently attended the county conference for the British Legion and that the Abbots Bromley branch of the British Legion had been awarded the Lord Gretton Trophy which is awarded to the branch that has excelled. All members passed on their congratulations.

24. Declarations of Interest
None

25. Election of Vice Chairman.

Cllr Jarman nominated Cllr Mrs M Moore, seconded by Cllr R Bell. Cllr Mrs Moore confirmed that she was happy to take the position. All voted in favour.

26. Minutes of Previous Meetings

RESOLVED: *that the minutes of meeting held on 30th January 2013 be approved with no amendments. Proposed Cllr C Cook seconded Cllr Mrs K Johns.*

27. Matters of Report**i. Mud on Roads**

The clerk confirmed that this had been reported to PC Boulter who had made visits to the farmers concerned..

ii. Planning Applications Committee Meeting

Cllr R Jarman reported that he had recently attended the Planning Applications Committee Meeting to present the Parish Council's objections to the wind turbine at Harts Farm. He confirmed that the application had been refused along with 2 other wind turbine applications on the same day. He continued to say that it is most likely that the applicant will take this to appeal.

28. Planning**Applications****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 Replied: 01/02/13

The Parish Council objects to this revised application on the following grounds:-The height of 36.8 m is from the hub to the foundations. To the blade tip (which will be very visible) it is in fact 48.5 m. Given the prominent location of this structure as well it will be highly visible from miles around. The survey re bats and herons appears to be incomplete because it was not taken at the most relevant time of the year.. Distance from all surrounding dwellings is not clearly stated. SCC are one of many councils considering an "exclusion zone" to dwellings of up to 2km. Although this exclusion zone is not yet in place we are aware of many properties in close proximity that will be affected by the noise. If the turbine is being installed mainly to produce electricity to the farm, with the surplus being sold off. The Parish Council would question why it needs to be so large? If this application is passed it will set a precedent and could open the flood gates for future applications which would have a dramatic effect on the landscape. At a recent ~~a-resent~~ Parish Council meeting the council received 5 letters of objection to this application and one resident attended the meeting to reinforce his objections. The Parish Council has also received correspondence from neighbours of the applicant that have not been consulted despite being in close proximity. It has also been brought to the council's attention that most of the neighbours did not receive notice of consultation for the first application in November and have only recently been made aware of this.

816 - P/2012/01205: Chase View, Lichfield Road, Abbots Bromley, Staffs, WS15 3DN

Erection of an agricultural building for the housing of livestock and storage of fodder and equipment.

Received: 25/01/13 Replied: 01/02/13 Response: No objections

817 - P/2013/00107: Adj to The Bungalow, Radmorewood Lane, Abbots Bromley, Staffs,

WS15 3AS Retention to use of agricultural building as a mixed use for agricultural and storage for charity goods. Received: 31/01/13 Reply due: 22/02/13 Extension requested. Response: The Parish Council objects to this application based on the unsuitability of the access for the size of vehicles visiting the site and the damage being done to the road and verges. The storage of bikes outside the shed is also an eyesore.

818 - P/2013/00140: Land to the rear of Ivy House, High Street, Abbots Bromley,

Staffordshire Substitution of house types on plots 1 to 7. Received: 07/02/13 Reply due: 01/03/13 Response : No Objections

819 - P/2013/00159: Hilda Cottage, School House Lane, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3BT Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the erection of a detached building to form domestic garage on the 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 a dormer windows to front elevation without complying with Condition 11 of planning permission P/2012/00117 dated 29/3/12 relating to the office only being occupied by the operators of the approved dwelling. Received: 13/02/13 Reply due: 07/03/13 Response: No Objections

RESOLVED: that the clerk forwards the above responses to ESBC Planning Department.

Decisions

Agreed

814 - P/2012/01582: Ashleigh, Uttoxeter Road, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3EQ
Erection of single storey extensions to existing outbuildings to provide ancillary living accommodation

815 - P/2013/00024: Offices at Cana Family House, Radmorewood Lane, Abbots Bromley, Staffs, WS15 3AS Retention of access and hard standing Received: 10/01/13

Refused

809 - P/2012/01478: Harts Farm, Radmore Lane, Abbots Bromley, Staffs, WS15 3AP
Installation of a 37 metre high wind turbine

29. Financial Matters

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

Vch/Chq	Payee	Amount	Details	Powers
138/1357	Mrs S Meads	386.08	Salary & taxable expenses	LGA 1972 s. 112(2)
139/1358	Mrs S Meads	11.80	Non Taxable expenses	
140/1359	Reprotec	13.25	Photocopier costs	
		411.13		

RESOLVED: that the above payments be made

ii. Finance Report to 31st January 2013

The clerk presented the finance report to 31st January 2013

RESOLVED: that the financial report be approved

30. Group Reports

i. Recreation

Cllr P Charles asked if any details on pigeon spikes had been sourced. The clerk agreed to forward these details on to him.

ii. Village Property

The clerk said that she would forward a full inventory list on the to Cllr P Charles

iii. Traffic, Parking & Highways

The clerk updated on highways repairs. Cllr Mrs Moore said that she had also received a report from a resident about a damaged pavement on Ashbrook Lane.

RESOLVED: that the clerk would continue to chase up highways maintenance and also report the damaged pavement.

iv. Competitions

The clerk would contact Roger Mills to request the BKV file so that this year's forms can be completed. Cllr Mrs D Burrows to contact the schools regarding the poster competition.

v. Newsletter

The clerk reported that the newsletter was almost ready to go but there were still some additions to make so it would most likely be available first week in March.

vi. Village Hall

It was reported that there will be a fundraising event on 10th May.

RESOLVED: that the clerk contacted Mrs C Veitch before the next meeting for a update on the field fundraising.

31. Correspondence, bulletins and reports

The following correspondence had been received:-

Letter from St Giles Hospice regarding Thanks Giving Service – circulated

Letter from Staffs County Council regarding Footpath Grants – passed to Cllr P Charles for circulation to the Footpath Society

Community Councils and Clerks Newsletter – circulated.

32. Horn Dance

The clerk confirmed that Mr G McCulloch had quoted £100 to put up and take down the stalls

RESOLVED: that Mr G McCulloch should be requested to do this nearer the time.

33. Councillor Vacancy

The clerk reported that ESBC will provide a notice to display on the noticeboard announcing the vacancy to ascertain whether the electorate want an election. If this is not requested by the electorate then the Parish Council will be free to co-opt.

34. HS2

The members discussed the matter. Cllr R Jarman confirmed that he had written an article about HS2 for the newsletter, however, as he could not find one positive reason for HS2 he felt that it was appropriate that he put his name to the article as his views and not necessarily the view of the council. The article directs people to other sources of information and also request that people contact the council or attend future meetings should they wish to make their views known.

RESOLVED: to keep this item on the agenda for the foreseeable future.

35. Jubilee Cup

This was discussed and a nomination for a recipient was made.

RESOLVED: that Cllr R Bell would speak to this person to see if they were willing to accept.

36. Agenda Items for the next meeting

RESOLVED: that the following items be added to the next agenda:-

HS2, Jubilee Cup, Councillor Vacancy, Parish Assembly

37. Date, time and place of future meetings

March Parish Council Meeting, 7.00pm Wed 27th March 2013 – Village Hall

There being no other business the chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.33pm

Signed _____ Date 27th March 2013