

ABBOTS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held on Wednesday 30th October 2013 at 7.00 pm
At the Village Hall, Abbots Bromley, pursuant to notice having been given

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

In attendance: Mrs S Meads (Clerk), Cllr P Atkins (SCC)

Members of the Public Attending: 2

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133. Apologies for absence
Cllr R Bell

134. Public Session
Ms S Slater asked if the Parish Council had experienced any problems with the chip van parking near the girl's school in the village. She said that the school are not 100% happy with it. Cllr Jarman said that the matter would be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

135. Declarations of Interest
None

136. Minutes of Previous Meetings
RESOLVED: that the minutes of meeting on 30th October 2013 be approved.

137. Matters of Report

i.. Field Behind the Village Hall

Cllr Ryan provided an update. He confirmed that the solicitors are still awaiting signatures of Section 106 although he does not envisage any problems. He confirmed that a letter would be going out on 31st October to all 47 homes that had donated money. Cllr Ryan also stated that any monies that were not returned would be used to help develop the field including a new access, a hard surface pathway and a separate entrance to the village hall.

ii. **Neighbourhood Development Fund**

Cllr Ryan confirmed that the Village Hall Committee would be putting in an application to the Neighbourhood Development Fund to help aid work with the field and proposed improvements. A representative from the Committee would be attending the meeting on 19th November 2013.

The Clerk confirmed that S Botham from ESBC had confirmed that the Parish Council could also claim match funding for work to maintain the footpaths.

RESOLVED: *members approved application for match funding providing it was made clear that the match funding would come from funds received from Staffordshire County Council Highways devolved maintenance. Cllr Mrs Moore also confirmed that she would attend the meeting on 19th November 2013.*

iii. **Staffordshire County Council Update – Cllr Atkins**

Cllr Jarman read out a letter from Mr Tim Coates regarding work undertaken at the Cross O Hands.

Cllr Atkins provided an updated on the County Council and confirmed that he is still leader of the council. He said that the council is presently undertaking many consultations and that they are directing funds where it is really needed. He said that the county currently has an unemployment level of 2.1% and 8,600 new jobs have recently been created. He said that there are a lot of people in the county requiring care.

Cllr Jarman raised concern over the state of the roads in the village and how long many repairs have been outstanding. Main concerns were raised over Goose Lane, Radmore and the lane by Dunstall Hall Farm. Cllr Atkins said that the crews were flat out trying to do repairs but these had to be prioritised. The matter was discussed at some length with several councillors raising concerns, particularly over the condition of Goose Lane which is now becoming unusable due to regular flooding and deep pot holes.

Cllr Atkins said that he would ask Chris Mitchell from SCC Highways to arrange a meeting with the Parish Council and visit the areas of concern. He said he would also take a drive around the area and have a look at the areas of concern.

Cllr Jarman asked if it would be possible to have the 20 is Plenty scheme back in the village and to also extend the signage to incorporate the girl's school as it had been noted that the signs are currently located outside the school at Bishton which is a private school. Cllr Atkins confirmed that the rules had now changed on the scheme and it may now be possible to extend the signage. Cllr Atkins said that he would request that the village was added to the list again.

Cllr Atkins confirmed that the County Council voted against HS2 and that there is no economic advantage for Staffordshire. He said that the County Council would need to petition government. 1800 homes are affected directly in the county but so many more will be affected by all the work that will be undertaken. The council is trying to ensure that the voices of the people are heard and is putting money up to petition parliament.

138. Planning

Applications

843 - P/2013/01090: Lane Adjacent to The Old Chapel, Hall Hill Lane, Abbots Bromley, Staffs
App under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for a minor material amendment

for the erection of a detached dwelling without complying with condition 2 of planning permission P/2010/00424/JI dated 01/01/2011 relating to amendments to the approved plans by way of amended siting, design of eaves and lowering of ridge to take account of the increase height of proposed finished floor levels

Received: 16/09/13 Replied: 08/10/13 No objections, however, the Parish Council does question why the applicant has said that there is no highway when Hall Hill Lane is a highway.

844 - P/2013/01049: Sunny Mead, Uttoxeter Road, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire WS15 3EQ

Installation of double glazed sash windows to the front elevation

Received: 19/09/13 Replied: 08/10/13 No objections

845 - P/2013/01120: Freedom Brewery Ltd, Bagots Park, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire WS15 3ER

Erection of two malt silos, 6 fermentation tanks, relocation of existing CO2 and cold water tank.

Received: 01/10/13 Replied: 22/10/13 No objections

846 - P/2013/01222: Sycamore Apartment, Latham House, High Street, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3BN Felling of 1 Sycamore tree (T2 of TPO 187)

Received: 21/10/13 Reply due: 11/11/13 No Objections

847 - P/2013/01234: Rookery Farm, Orange Lane, Bromley Hurst, Abbots Bromley, Staffs, WS15 3AX Removal of 672m of hedgerow

Received: 22/10/13 Reply due: 12/11/13 The Parish Council has concerns over the amount of hedgerow being removed and the impact on wildlife.

849 - P/2013/01235: Fisher's Pit Farm, Ashbrook Lane, Bromley Wood, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3AL Erection of detached garage block

Received: 24/10/13 Reply due: 14/11/13 No Objections

Decisions

Agreed

842 - P/2013/00973: Norfolk House, High Street, Abbots Bromley, Staffs, WS15 3BN Listed building consent for internal works to re-open passageway dividing the two properties and installation of first floor doorway to form 1 dwelling

843 - P/2013/01090: Lane Adjacent to The Old Chapel, Hall Hill Lane, Abbots Bromley, Staffs App under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for a minor material amendment for the erection of a detached dwelling without complying with condition 2 of planning permission P/2010/00424/JI dated 01/01/2011 relating to amendments to the approved plans by way of amended siting, design of eaves and lowering of ridge to take account of the increase height of proposed finished floor levels

845 - P/2013/01120: Freedom Brewery Ltd, Bagots Park, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire WS15 3ER Erection of two malt silos, 6 fermentation tanks, relocation of existing CO2 and cold water tank.

Withdrawn

827 - P/2013/00494: The Old Chapel, Hall Hill Lane, Abbots Bromley, Staffs

Erection of a detached dwelling (non-material amendment - alterations to the design of the eaves and lowering of the ridge height

ii. Local Plan Consultation

The Local Plan Consultation was discussed by members. It was agreed that either a flyer or an insertion in the newsletter be done to publicise the public meetings that were taking place in November. In order for residents to have plenty of warning it was agreed that the newsletter be completed as soon as possible. Proposed by Cllr Roy, seconded by Mrs M Moore.

139. Finance

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

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

Vch/Chq	Payee	Amount	Details	Powers
183/1402	Mrs S Meads	408.71	Salary and taxable expenses	
184/1403	Mrs S Meads	11.80	Non taxable expenses	
185/1404	Npower	22.45	Christmas Tree Lights	
186/1405	Grant Thornton	240.00	Audit Fees	
187/1406	PWLB	1661.25	Village Hall Loan	

2,344.21

C Record of payments received

Date	From	Amount	Details
30/09/13	ESBC	10,635.00	Precept
20/10/13	Horn Dance Books	34.00	Sales of Horn Dance Books

ii. Finance Report to 30th September 2013

The clerk presented the finance report to 30th September 2013

140. Group Reports

i. Recreation

Nothing to report

ii. Village Property

The Clerk reported that she was going to purchase the Christmas tree lights before the next meeting. As the battery powered slights only stay on for six hours it was agreed to purchase two or three sets so that the lights could be set to come on at different times.

iii. Traffic, Parking & Highways

Cllr Charles raised the issue of the ivy growing over the garage on School House Lane, this is now growing in to the road.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk would write to the owners of the garage.

iv. Competitions

Nothing to report

v. **Newsletter**

RESOLVED: that the next issue would be completed week commencing 4th November 2013

vi. **Village Hall**

Nothing to report

141. Correspondence, bulletins and reports

Correspondence to be circulated to councillors after the meeting

142. Finance Regulations and Standing Orders

Cllr Roy commented that the Finance Regulations should now state "Accounts and Audit Regulations 2011".

RESOLVED: that the Clerk make the amends where appropriate. No amendments required to the Standing Orders.

143. Risk Assessment

Cllr Roy asked if the Register of Interests is present at each meeting. The Clerk confirmed that this is the case.

Cllr Roy also asked what procedures were in place to enable the duties of the Clerk to be undertaken.

RESOLVED : that the Clerk would look in to this and ensure that a system is in place and that this is noted in the Risk Assessment.

144. Meeting Dates for 2014

The Clerk circulated a list of dates for meeting for 2014. Cllr Charles raised a concern that Church House may not be available for meeting on 8th January.

RESOLVED : The Clerk to check availability of Church House. All meeting dates approved.

145. HS2

Nothing to report

146. Agenda Items for the next meeting

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

HS2, Parish Surgery, Budget Preparation, Fish and Chip Van, Christmas Tree.

147. Date, time and place of future meetings

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

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

Signed _____ Date 27th November 2013