

ABBOTS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held on Wednesday 27th November 2013 at 7.00 pm
At the Village Hall, Abbots Bromley, pursuant to notice having been given

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

In attendance: Mrs S Meads (Clerk),

Members of the Public Attending: 0

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148. Apologies for absence
Cllrs Mrs K Johns, E Roy, P Ryan

149. Public Session
None

150. Declarations of Interest
None

151. Minutes of Previous Meetings
RESOLVED: that the minutes of meeting on 30th October 2013 be approved. Proposed Cllr C Cook, seconded Cllr Mrs M Moore.

152. Matters of Report

i.. Field Behind the Village Hall

Cllr Ryan provided an update. He confirmed that there would be a slight delay before this can go before the planning committee as negotiations were now having to take place with new solicitors regarding the 'ransom strip' to the land.

ii. Neighbourhood Development Fund

Cllr Mrs Moore provided an update following the Neighbourhood Forum meeting. She said that only one application from the village had been submitted. ~~from Bagets Ward.~~ She confirmed that an application had been put in for £20,000 for improvements to the village hall and the field.

iii. **Parish Council Surgery**

Nothing to report. Cllr P Charles and Cllr P Ryan to attend the next surgery in January.

153. Planning

Applications

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 Replied: 06/11/13 Response: 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 Replied: 06/11/13 Response: The Parish Council is concerned over the amount of hedgerow that will be removed and the impact that this will have on natural habitat.

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 Replied: 06/11/13 Response: No Objections

850 - P/2013/01370: 3 Bagot Barns, Bagot Street, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3DB

Listed Building consent for the erection of a single storey extension on north and east elevation

Received: 22/11/13 Reply due: 13/12/13 Response: the Parish Council has concerns that the development will reduce the parking available at the three properties. Planning officer to ensure that parking spaces are still available for each property.

851 - P/2013/01351: 3 Bagot Barns, Bagot Street, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3DB

Erection of a single storey extension on north and east elevation with associated landscaping and parking amendments.

Received: 22/11/13 Reply due: 13/12/13 Response: as above

Decisions

Agreed

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

Installation of double glazed sash windows to the front elevation

Withdrawn

840 - P/2013/00945: Nursery Lodge, Lichfield Road, Abbots Bromley, Staffs, WS15 3DN

Erection of a two storey side extension, retention of existing side extension and formation of a driveway and parking area

ii. **Other Planning Matters**

The Clerk reported that she had not received any correspondence from residents regarding the Local Plan Consultation. Cllr Charles mentioned that some hedges had been removed at Poplar Farm without permission. The Clerk also updated councillors on the felling of trees at the girl's school. She confirmed that work had ceased at the moment until the application to do work is processed.

154. Finance**A Record of payments made after discussion with Chairman or Vice Chairman**

188/1407	AB British Legion	50.00	Donation
189/1408	Mr G McCulloch	680.00	Grass cutting and grounds maintenance
		730.00	

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>
190/1409	Mrs S Meads	415.31	Salary and taxable expenses	
191/1410	Mrs S Meads	138.83	Non taxable expenses	
192/1411	Mr T Veitch	206.00	Repairs to football shelter	
193/1412	Riverside Printers	102.00	Printing of newsletters	
194/1413	Reprotec	8.29	Photocopy charges	
195/1414	HMRC	553.93	Income Tax & National Insurance	

1424.36**ii. Finance Report to 31st October 2013**

The clerk presented the finance report to 31st October 2013

iii. Budget Planning

The Clerk said that S137 budget cannot be carried over until the next financial year. Clerk to speak to the internal auditor to clarify the situation with regard to the donation to the new sports field. The budget planning meeting was arranged for the Finance Group and would take place on 18th December 2013.

155. Group Reports**i. Recreation**

Nothing to report

ii. Village Property

The Clerk reported that work had been carried out on the trees next to the Millennium Green and that the two trees causing crowding had now been felled.

iii. Traffic, Parking & Highways

Cllr Mrs Burrows reported that the bin collections on Wednesday mornings were still causing problems as the vehicles are collecting on the main road during the busy time in the morning. The previous week there had been gridlock and the school buses were then late for school. The collection of bins for Dolphin Lane were discussed.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk speak to ESBC to find out if the bins can be collected from the top of Dolphin Lane and not from the main street.

iv. Competitions

Nothing to report

v. Newsletter

The clerk reported that Mr Hayley had contacted the Parish Council. Mr Hayley had said in his email that he was not happy that the newsletter was being used to convey personal opinions, in particular Cllr Jarman's opinion on HS2. Councillors discussed the issue.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed that they were happy for the newsletter to be used as a vehicle to communicate personal views. Councillors agreed that the Clerk should contact Mr Hayley and offer him the opportunity to prepare an article for the next newsletter.

156. Correspondence, bulletins and reports

The following items of correspondence were received:-

- A letter from St Giles Hospice requesting donations. This was discussed by councillors.

RESOLVED: that a donation of £100 be made. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Moore, seconded by Cllr Mrs Burrows.

- A letter from Tindell Solicitors informing the council that the deeds to the Village Green had now been moved to their keeping since the previous solicitor had gone out of business. This was discussed by councillors.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk request that the documents are returned and then sent for safe keeping to Hand, Morgan and Owen in Rugeley.

157. Christmas Tree

RESOLVED: that the tree be erected before 12th December. The tree would be chosen on 7th December and then put up on 11th December at 10.00am. The Clerk to confirm arrangements with Mr Brandrick.

158. Fish & Chip Van

Councillors discussed the complaint made by the girl's school regarding the location of the Fish and Chip van. The Clerk confirmed that no residents had complained recently about the vehicle.

RESOLVED: that the current location of the vehicle is better than most in the village and therefore no action would be taken.

159. HS2

Nothing to report

160. Agenda Items for the next meeting

RESOLVED: that the following items be added to the next agenda:-
HS2, Parish Surgery, Speed Watch

161. Date, time and place of future meetings

January Parish Council Meeting, 7.00pm Wed 29th January 2014 – Village Hall

There being no other business the chairman declared the meeting closed.

Signed _____ Date 29th January 2014