

**ABBOTS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 7.00 pm

At the Village Hall, Abbots Bromley, pursuant to notice having been given

**Present:** Cllr R Jarman, Chair, Cllrs Mrs D Burrows; C Cook; Mrs M Moore; E Roy; P Ryan

**In attendance:** Mrs S Meads (Clerk),

**Members of the Public Attending: 3**

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**127. Apologies for absence**  
Cllrs Mrs K Johns and R Bell

**128. Public Session**

Mr A Sutton, Chair of Stop HS2 Action Group thanked people of Abbots Bromley for their support.

He updated the meeting on what HS2 would mean for the area. Impact on traffic around the Lichfield area would dramatic with over 3000 lorry movements per day. There are also rumours of A38 lane closures and this may impact on traffic through the village. The hybrid bill overrides any other planning bill and this could affect people within the village. There may also be a maintenance loop near Hill Ridware and aggregates coming in from Derbyshire.

Cllr Jarman highlighted the article in the Bulletin and offered that Mr Sutton could add to future Bulletins.

Mr Wheeldon reported back on the Neighbourhood Forum. Two proposals went in and both received positive feedback. Cllr Moore said that the Neighbourhood Forum do require that the money be used for specific items eg "the drive" for the sports ground. Funds also need to be match funded.

Mr Male asked about the agenda and how people know what items will be discussed during Group Reports as these are detailed in the notice. The Chair agreed that these items would be included in future notices.

Mr Male asked if the ESBC Planning Inspector had visited the village and visited the proposed site with a Parish Councillor or Councillors. Cllr Jarman and the Clerk confirmed that no such visit took place.

Mr Male also asked about the local plan and whether the Parish Council had concerns of the potential of the housing requirement being a 'minimum. Cllr Jarman confirmed that we do have concerns.

### **129. Declarations of Interest**

None

### **130. Minutes of Previous Meetings**

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2014 be approved.

### **131. Matters of Report**

#### **i. Neighbourhood Development Fund**

Update already provided as part of the Public Session, however, Cllr Mrs Moore confirmed that more work needed to be done by both organisations and requests for funding needed to be more specific. Cllr Ryan provided an update regarding the field behind the Village Hall.

#### **ii. Parish Council Surgery**

Mrs Blower asked who would change the timers on the lights in the Church Yard. She was advised who to contact as this was not a Parish Council responsibility.

Mr Male asked why the village did not do a Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Moore responded that often ESBC do not take any notice of these.

Mr Male asked if it would be possible to request a copy of the Inspector's Interim Report.

It was agreed that Cllr Charles would do the next surgery.

#### **iii. Uttoxeter Schools.**

Cllr Mrs D Burrows provided an update on the situation of Uttoxeter schools. In summary schools could move from a 3 tier system to a 2 tier system with first schools increasing the age from 9 to 11 years old.

Councillors agreed at the main concern for the village would be traffic and parking as numbers at the school would increase. Cllr Roy suggested a direct approach to Cllr Atkins rather than via the formal route. It was also agreed that Richard Clarke school should be contacted to ascertain their stance on the matter before a response made.

#### **iv. Youth Club**

Cllr Ryan said that the County Council is pulling all funding for youth services. Many youth clubs will cease on 31<sup>st</sup> December except for Abbots Bromley which is attempting to continue so now needs a committee and a constitution. Steve Coxon is the new chair, Jessica Coxon the secretary and Cllr Phil Ryan the treasurer. Cllr Ryan confirmed that they had now taken out their own insurance and have money in the bank. The children won a grant of £2000 for a fun day and whatever they take on the day will go in to the funds for the Youth Club. The event is not just to raise funds but also stimulate membership.

### **132. Planning**

#### **Applications**

**905 - P/2014/01428 : Bromley Orchard House, 12a Lintake Drive, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3EX** Erection of a detached single dwelling (Non-Material Amendment - installation of a first floor window in north elevation)

Received: 06/11/14 Replied: 24/11/14 No Objections

**906 - P/2014/01369: The Orchard, Market Place, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3BP** Erection of a single storey side extension

Received: 03/11/14 Replied: 24/11/14 No Objections

**907 - P/2014/01284: Norman Villa, High Street, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3BN** Felling of 1 Ash Tree, crown reduction by 20% of 1 Yew Tree and selective pruning of overhanging branches to 1 Holly Tree, 1 Laurel Tree and 1 Cherry Tree.

Received: 13/11/14 Reply due: 27/11/14 No Objections

**908 - P/2014/01475: Harley Cottage, Uttoxeter Road, Abbots Bromley, Staffs, WS15 3EG** Erection of a single storey rear extension

Received: 14/11/14 Reply due : 05/12/14 No Objections

**909 - P/2014/01402 : Abbots Bromley School for Girls, High Street, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3BW**

Felling of 6 Sycamore trees, 1 Horse Chestnut tree, 2 English Elm trees, 3 English Oak trees, 2 Norway Spruce trees, 1 Sitka Spruce tree, 1 Elm tree, 1 Wild Cherry tree, 1 Common Yew tree, 1 Midland Thorn tree, 1 Norway Maple, 2 Damson trees, 1 Holly tree and 1 Plum tree and various works to 11 Poplar trees, 9 Sycamore trees, 3 Horse Chestnut trees, 1 European Larch tree, 1 Scots Pine tree, 2 Beech trees, 2 Common Yew trees, 1 Silver Birch tree, 1 Common Lime tree, 1 Box Elder tree, 1 Willow tree, 1 Damson tree and 2 Ash trees according to submitted schedule of works

Received: 21/11/14 Reply due: 05/12/14 Need to request a site visit before any response given.

## Decisions

### Agreed

**902 - P/2014/01329 : Radmore House, Radmorewood Lane, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3AS** Erection of a three storey extension on north east elevation, erection of a two storey extension and replacement of existing dormer windows on south west elevation

**903 - P/2014/01362: Poplar Farm, Poplar Farm Road, Bromley Hurst, Abbots Bromley, Staffs, WS15 3AY** Construction of a new vehicular access for domestic and agricultural use.

**904 - P/2014/01344: Georgian House, Bagot Street, Abbots Bromley, Staffs, WS15 3DA** Felling of one ash tree and one Norwegian spruce tree and removal of lower branches from one holly tree.

## ii. Other Planning Matters

Cllr Jarman read out an email from Borough Cllr Hall explaining the delays the process for The Local Plan and the next steps for the Borough Council. ESBC still has some work to do on this in order for the plan to be accepted. It was agreed that clarification was needed from ESBC on the timing and process for the Local Plan and the interim report from the inspector should be requested.

## 133. FINANCIAL MATTERS

### **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>
40/1475	Mrs S Meads	408.71	Salary and taxable expenses for November	
41/1476	Mrs S Meads	124.70	Non Taxable expenses(Includes plants for village green)	
42/1477	G McCulloch	160.00	Ground Maintenance	
43/1478	Reprotec	16.44		

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**709.85**

**RESOLVED:** that the above payments be made,

## ii. Finance Report to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2014

The Clerk presented the financial report to end September 2014.

## iii. Budget Planning

Councillors requested the following items be considered for the budget for 2015-2016 The Spring on Ashbrook Lane, Increased funding for Youth Club, Astro Turf for football pitch, Funding for the Sports Association, highways improvements, War Memorial improvements, Horn Dance, Flower at Rugeley turn.

**RESOLVED:** that the Clerk would draft a budget for the Finance Committee to discuss at a meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> December. Full council to consider budget at meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

## 134. Group Reports

### i. Recreation

**RESOLVED:** Nothing to report

### ii. Village Property

Cllr Charles asked when the noticeboards would be repaired. The Clerk reported that she had contact two locksmiths with no success but would chase this up as soon as possible.

### iii. Traffic, Parking & Highways

**RESOLVED:** The Clerk reported that PC Boulter would be undertaking speed enforcement in the area in the near future and the PCSO would liaise with residents regarding parking.

### iv. Competitions

Nothing to report

### v. Newsletter

Nothing to report

### vi. Village Hall

Nothing to report

**135. Correspondence, bulletins and reports**

No correspondence

**136. Standing Order, Risk Assessment & Financial Regulations**

**RESOLVED:** *the revised Risk Assessment & Financial Regulations be accepted and the Standing Orders remain unchanged. Proposed Cllr C Cook, seconded Cllr P Charles.*

**137. Christmas Tree**

It was agreed to ask the Brandrick family if a tree could be supplied for the village again. Cllr Charles and Mrs Moore to select tree on 6<sup>th</sup> December and tree to be put up on 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> December.

**138. HS2**

Already covered in the Public Session. Keep on the agenda for future meetings.

**139. Agenda Items for the next meeting**

**RESOLVED:** *that the following items be added to the next agenda:-  
Horn Dance, Election Planning, HS2*

**140. Date, time and place of future meetings**

January Parish Council Meeting, 28<sup>th</sup> January 2015, – Village Hall

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

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date 28<sup>th</sup> January 2015