

ABBOTS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL
 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
 Held on Wednesday 25th November 2015 at 7.00 pm
 At the Village Hall, Abbots Bromley, pursuant to notice having been given

Present: Cllrs R Jarman (Chair), Mrs C Ashton; P Charles; M Moore; P Ryan; Mrs A Wakefield; B Walters;

In attendance: Mrs S Meads (Clerk),

Members of the Public Attending: 23

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136. Apologies for absence
 Cllrs P Greenwood

137. Public Session

Mr P Male from Lichfield Road asked about the Highways Group that he had suggested earlier in the year and whether any progress had been made in forming one. Cllr Jarman said that no progress had yet been made but it would be revisited, most probably as part of the Neighbourhood Planning process.

Mr D Cotton, Paget Rise said that he would like to raise his objections to planning application P/2015/00822, the turkey shed off Harley Lane. He said that the building will be highly visible, there will be increased traffic on a single track road. The application for a building to house 800 turkeys would also cause problems with smell, removal of waste, increase in vermin and the noise from 800 turkeys would be intolerable. Access to the building will be via Gapstile so drivers will have to drive 150 metres up a field to the building. This building would have a negative effect on the value of properties in the area.

Mr C Bevan said he would like to echo the comments made by Mr Cotton.

Mr J Cartwright of Hobb Lane, Marchington Woodlands raised his concerns about the proposal of the turkey farm on Hobb Lane, 2 x 100 metre sheds. He said that the development would change the character of the area. The applicant says it is an extension of the farm but all they are farming in this area is arable.

He continued, it is estimated 2.5 HGVs per week, this is misleading as it will peak and trough and could be 10-15 per day at peak times. The access is via a single track road that is not even used by bin lorries or school buses. Whichever way you leave the site the road is not suitable and if exiting on to the B5013 this is a very hazardous turn. The roads also have soft verges and the tarmac may well cave in at the sides of the road.

The applicant says that a smell survey has been carried out and that the smells emitted from the sheds will be below EU regulations but this does not address the manure that will be spread on the fields on left in piles outside the sheds.

A resident of High Trees Farm said that he had spoken to ESBC and environmental and they seem to be taking the application in context and seem happy with it. He said that he was genuinely concerned about the environment.

Another resident said that the watercourse feeds into the Blithfield Reservoir.

Cllr R Robb said that she would recommend refusal to ESBC, this was seconded by Cllr Walters. Cllr Jarman urged everyone to write and make a formal complaint.

138. **Declarations of Interests**

Cllr Mrs R Robb declared an interest in the planning application for a Turkey shed off Harley Lane.

139. **Minutes of Previous Meetings**

RESOLVED: *that the minutes of meeting held on 28th October 2015 be approved.*

140. **Matters of Report**

i. **Neighbourhood Development Fund**

Update provided. It was confirmed that both the cycle racks and footpath kissing gates would be considered for the NDF. Cllr Ryan said that funding may not be required for the kissing gates if SCC fund these. Contact needs to be made with the farmer to see if they would agree to the replacement of the existing stiles with kissing gates.

RESOLVED : *The Clerk to make contact with the farmer.*

ii. **Library Services**

Mrs Catherine Mann from Staffordshire County Council provided an update on the library services for the village. She confirmed that following the consultation the library services would be reduced to one stop in the village at the Bagot Arms. This would be there from 3.15pm to 4.45pm, a 90 minute stop in total. Cllr Jarman said that the Parish Council was not consulted properly on this. Mrs Mann confirmed that the email had been sent to the wrong email address. She said that 1054 people had responded to the consultation which is a ¼ of active library borrowers. Cllr Walters asked how figures were calculated and asked if it is just worked out on the transactions or number who visited the library. Mrs Mann said that it was calculated on the number of visitors.

iii. **Parish Surgery**

Cllr A Wakefield attended the Parish Surgery. Concerns raised over street parking.

iv. **Traffic Collision outside Ivy Manor**

PC Boulter explained that the collision occurred as a vehicle was travelling down the village. Vehicle exiting the building side may have been a bit eager to exit the site and clipped the back end of the car that was travelling down the street. This car then hit two other vehicles. It was not considered that speed was a factor. Cllr Jarman said that he had visited the site and the Foreman had said that the cars were allowed to park on the road and wasn't particularly co-operative.

v. **Consultation on the future management of the Staffordshire's Countryside Parks and Green Spaces.**

The Clerk brought this consultation to the attention of the Councillors and asked for any

feedback to be forwarded to her.

vi. **War Memorial**

Repairs to the posts and fencing around the War Memorial were discussed. It was mentioned that the oak posts are now rotten so will need replacing. The Clerk mentioned that Staffordshire County Council Highways would need to be consulted to find out what materials could be used to replace the posts.

RESOLVED: *that the budget should be allowed for this when preparing the 2016-17 budget.*

141. Planning

Applications

960 - P/2015/01407: Abbots Bromley Poultry Farm, Uttoxeter Road, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3EJ Demolition of three existing poultry houses and erection of replacement poultry buildings, formation of attenuation pond, underground dirty water tanks and feed bins/hoppers

Received: 16/10/15 Reply due: 06/11/15 No Objections

963 - P/2015/01400: Proposed residential development, land south of Thyme House, Lichfield Road, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for Minor Material amendment to an outline application for the erection of 5 dwellings including details of access and layout without complying with Condition 4 of outline planning permission P/2014/01047 relating to amendments to approved plans by way of siting of pumping station in the south east corner of the site and Plots 4 and 5 to have a single garage

Received: 05/11/15 Reply due: 26/11/15 Concerns over footpath on the roadside, should be included inside the development boundary.

964 - P/2015/01454: Land South of Hobb Lane, Marchington Woodlands, Staffordshire, ST14 8RG Erection of 2 agricultural buildings for poultry production with associated infrastructure including feed bins, hard standing and drainage attenuation pond

Received: 04/11/15 Reply due: 25/11/15 The Parish Council objects to this development based on unsuitability of the development for the countryside, Highways concerns over the suitability of the lanes and also exit on to B5013 and also the smells produced by manure.

965 - P/2015/00822: Land East of, Harley Lane, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire Erection of an agricultural building

Received: 06/11/15 Reply due: 27/11/15 The Parish Council objects to the application to the unsuitability of the access, the negative impact that the noise will have on residents, the smells produced by the development and the risk of pests.

966 - P/2015/01524: Royal Oak Inn, Bagot Street, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3DB Listed Building application for the retention of a canopy and handrail to existing steps to main entrance

Received: 06/11/15 Reply due: 27/11/15 No Objections

967 - P/2015/01476: Royal Oak Inn, Bagot Street, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3DB Retention of a canopy and handrail to existing steps to main entrance

Received: 06/11/15 Reply due: 27/11/15 No Objections

968 - P/2015/01513: Northwood House, Bagot Street, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3DA Felling of one pine tree, one ash tree and one yew tree and 40% coppicing of the older growth of one hazel tree

Received: 11/11/15 Reply due: 25/11/15 The Parish Council has concerns over felling of trees that are not dead or diseased.

969 - P/2015/01570: Fox Cottage, Goose Lane, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3DE Felling of an Ash Tree

Received: 13/11/15 Reply due: 27/11/15 No Objections

970 - p/2015/01376: Abbots Bromley Hospital Almshouses, Bagot Street, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3BZ Installation of 2 external lighting units on 4m high posts

Received: 17/11/15 Reply due: 08/12/15 No Objections subject to no unnecessary light spread.

971 - P/2015/01463: Heatley Hall Farm, Heatley Lane, Heatley, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3EW Prior approval for the conversion of agricultural building to form one dwelling.

Received: 19/11/15 Reply due: 10/12/15 No Objections

Decisions

Agreed

955 - P/2015/01291: Office Cottage, Uttoxeter Road, Abbots Bromley, Staffs, WS15 3EG Listed Building application for the demolition of existing outbuilding and wall, alterations to existing utility room including pitched roof and single storey rear extension.

956 - P/2015/01290: Office Cottage, Uttoxeter Road, Abbots Bromley, Staffs, WS15 3EG Demolition of existing outbuilding and wall, alterations to existing utility room including pitched roof and single storey rear extension.

959 - P/2015/01403: Holly Cottage, Heatley Lane, Heatley, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3EW Erection of a single storey side extension with storage above

962 - P/2015/01363: Eastmans Croft, Bagot Street, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3DB Crown reduction by 25% and removal of right hand side fork of 1 Horse chestnut tree, felling of 1 Cherry tree and 1 Damson tree, removal of 3 lower branches of 1 Copper Beech tree and crown lift to 3.8m above ground level of 1 Ash tree

ii. Neighbourhood Plan

It was confirmed that following the public meeting several volunteers had come forward to join the Neighbourhood Planning working group. These included: Cllr P Ryan, Cllr R Robb, Cllr B Walters, Mr N Haywood, Mr B Esling (tbc), Mrs A Bebbington, Mr S Appleby, Mr S Perrins, Mr P Male.

Cllr B Walters had prepared a Terms of Reference document prior to the meeting which had been circulated to all volunteers. All agreed to accept the Terms of Reference and these were signed by Cllr R Jarman and Cllr B Walters.

Cllr Walters said that the next steps would be to agree a date for the first meeting so he would circulate some potential dates for a meeting either in December or January.

iii. Newborough Neighbourhood Plan

This was discussed and members agreed that there were no issues with the plan and no comment was needed.

142. 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>
49/1553	Mrs S Meads	408.71	Salary
50/1554	Mrs S Meads	117.34	Non taxable expenses
51/1555	Toplis Associates	109.20	Reissue of cheque due to incorrect amount
52/1556	Reprotec	33.96	Remote repairs to printer plus monthly charges

669.21

RESOLVED: that the above payments be made

ii. Finance Report to 31st October 2015

The Clerk presented the financial report to end October 2015.

iii. Budget Planning 2016

RESOLVED: that the Clerk would email all the finance group to agree a suitable date for the budget planning meeting. Projects to be considered in the budget included ABSA, War Memorial, Hedge laying in the Church Yard, Neighbourhood Plan.

143. Group Reports

i. Recreation

The Clerk reported that the wood chip on the playgrounds would need topping up again in the Spring.

ii. Village Property

Still awaiting the tree report but the inspector had verbally confirmed that no immediate work was required. Cllr P Charles said that the gate at the allotment was becoming weak.

iii. Traffic, Parking & Highways

Highways issues covered in the Public Session with PC Boulter's input.

iv. Competitions

Nothing to report

v. Newsletter

Next issue of the Bulletin to be published in February

vi. Village Hall

Nothing to report

144. Correspondence, bulletins and reports

No additional correspondence.

145. Standing Orders, Risk Assessment & Financial Regulations

RESOLVED: it was agreed that all documents did not require any additions or amendments

146. Transparency Code for Small Councils

The Transparency Code for Small Councils was circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting. The Clerk explained that the new code required small councils to provide more information on-line than is already available. The Clerk said that she was already in process of discussing this with the webmaster and as soon as the code has been approved this can go-ahead.

RESOLVED: that the Transparency Code for Small Councils be accepted, proposed by Cllr Charles and seconded by Cllr Walters.

147. Meeting Dates for 2016

RESOLVED: that proposed meeting dates for 2016 be approved

148. Christmas Tree

RESOLVED: that the Christmas tree be in place by 12th December and be chosen on 5th December.

149. HS2

Nothing to report

150. Agenda Items for the next meeting

*RESOLVED: that the following items be added to the next agenda:-
Neighbourhood Plan, Parish Surgery*

151. Date, time and place of future meetings

January Parish Council Meeting, 27th January 2016, – Village Hall

There being no other business the chair declared the meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed _____ Date 25th November 2015