

ABBOTS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held on Wednesday 29th June 2016 at 7.00 pm
At the Village Hall, Abbots Bromley, pursuant to notice having been given

Present: Mrs M Moore (Chair) Cllrs R Jarman, P Charles, B Walters;

In attendance: Mrs S Meads (Clerk), Borough Cllr Hall

Members of the Public Attending: 16

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78. Apologies for absence
Cllrs P Greenwood, P Ryan, Mrs Ashton, Mrs R Robb, Mrs A Wakefield

79. Public Session

Mrs Appleby mentioned Ashbrook Lane and asked who should speak on behalf of the residents. Should several speak or should residents nominate people to speak.

Mr Brister asked if previous comments were taken in to consideration.

Cllr Hall confirmed that no timetable had yet been set for the appeal hearing but all previous comments would be taken in to consideration. He said it is most likely that the hearing will take place in Burton-on-Trent and may not be until January. When the hearing opens the inspector will generally ask who wants to speak and what they want to speak about. He said that at a recent hearing two representatives of "Save Our Stretton" were allowed at the main table and cross examined under Rule 6. This would mean an opportunity for one or two people to represent everyone else. He confirmed that the local authority will be defending the appeal and in Cllr Hall's opinion this appeal shouldn't be happening.

Mr Wheeldon said that he had already submitted his comments and said that he had also mentioned the Neighbourhood Plan Group that has already been put in place. Cllr Walters confirmed that the Neighbourhood Housing Survey will have taken place by the time the hearing takes place.

Mrs Mills asked if the inspectors visit the site. Cllr Hall confirmed that this would happen.

A question was asked as to whether it would be better if ten people spoke on separate points or one or two people speak about the key points.

Mr Brister said that the sheep have been removed and could this be the farmer's attempt to make the land look fallow. Cllr Hall said this could be mentioned in a resubmission.

It was also mentioned by a resident that a young lady was seen in the field a few weeks ago and seemed to be examining plants and carrying out research.

Cllr Charles said that at this time of year the sheep are usually taken off the land and then the field is cut for silage.

Another resident said that he had recently spoken to some men in the field on the other side of Askbrook Lane and they were from Taylor Wimpey. They said that they were the owners of that land.

Mr Male said that he had recently visited the doctor's surgery and found out that the physiotherapy treatment would no longer be available at the surgery. Mr Male then commented on when the minutes are made available on the website and asked if these could be published at the same time as they are made available to the councillors. The Clerk said that they are published at the same time as they are made available to councillors but in June the person that manages the website was on holiday and therefore there was a slight delay in posting the papers. This had already been clarified with Mr Male via email before the meeting. Mr Male also mentioned the email he had forwarded to the Parish Council about the footpath/footway on Lichfield Road and who would be responsible for the maintenance of this. Cllr Hall said that this issue had already been raised by Mr Male with him and asked if he still wanted him to deal with it or for the Parish Council to take it on. The Chair confirmed that this will be discussed later in the meeting.

Mr Wheeldon said that people would be convening at the War Memorial to commemorate the Battle of the Somme at 7.15-7.30am on Friday, 1st July.

80. Declarations of Interests

None

81. Minutes of Previous Meetings

RESOLVED: that the minutes of meeting held on 25th May 2016 be approved with one amend.

82. Matters of Report

i. War Memorial

The Clerk reported that one other quotation had been received and this was higher the previous one supplied by Mr Brownhill.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk confirm with Mr Brownhill to go ahead with the work as soon as he can schedule it in.

ii. Goat's Head Car Park

The Clerk confirmed that the Highways Department would not carry out the work. Cllr Walters suggested that Punch Taverns be contacted to see if they will contribute to the repair work.

iii. Public Space Protection Orders

The Clerk explained that there is now an opportunity to add areas of the village to the Protection Orders list for example playing fields to require dogs on leads.

RESOLVED: to contact Abbots Bromley School and also the ABPCC to ask if they would like the playing fields and also the Church Yard added to this list.

83. Planning

Applications

1010 - P/2016/00749: Argyll House, Gardeners Cottage and Stretton Cottage, High Street, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3BN Erection of two storey rear extensions, including alterations to the roof and demolition of existing free standing garage and outbuildings.

Received: 14/06/16 Reply due: 05/07/16 Councillors raised concerns over the quality of the visuals for the front of the properties.

1011 - P/2016/00729: Portfields, Port Lane, Abbots Bromley, Staffs, WS15 3DX Erection of a detached stable block comprising three stables, store and tack room and use of land for keeping of horses.

Received: 13/06/16 Reply due: 04/07/16 Councillors questioned why the plot needed to be moved from the previously approved location.

1012 - P/2016/00738: Heatley Lane Farmhouse, Heatley Lane, Heatley, Abbots Bromley, Staffs, WS15 3EW Erection of an oak framed garden room and porch to replace existing conservatory.

Received: 22/06/16 Reply due: 13/07/16 No Objections

1013 - P/2016/00803: Hillside, Uttoxeter Road, Abbots Bromley, Staffs WS15 3EQ Demolition of existing dwelling to facilitate the erection of a replacement detached dwelling.

Received: 24/06/16 Reply due: 14/07/16 Councillors requested additional street view images as it is unclear what the impact will be of such a modern structure.

1014 - P/2016/00752: Ixworth Barn, Poplar Farm Road, Bromley Hurst, Abbots Bromley, Staffs, WS15 3AY Erection of an oak framed car port

Received: 28/06/16 Reply due: 19/07/16 No Objections

Decisions

Agreed

1002 - P/2016/00475: Bank House, Lichfield Road, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3DL Erection of a single storey rear extension and conversion of existing boiler house to form enlarged kitchen/utility area and installation of rooflights to rear.

1003 - P/2016/00561: Bank House, Lichfield Road, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3DL Listed Building application for a single storey rear extension and conversion of existing boiler house into enlarged kitchen/utility area including installation of rooflights to rear, installation of en-suite to first floor.

ii. Ashbrook Lane

Ashbrook Lane appeal was discussed.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk would resubmit the previous response and also ask for a place at the table for one of the Councillors under Rule 6.

ii. Neighbourhood Plan Update

Cllr Walters confirmed that some briefs had been sent out for the Housing Needs Assessment. The NPD Group had also been looking at traffic and parking evidence. Cllr Walters has also had a meeting with Abbots Bromley School and they are keen to work with the Neighbourhood Group. He had also been in touch with Richard Clarke school but was awaiting feedback on a meeting date. Anna Bebbington currently working on new displays for the village green noticeboards.

84. Financial Matters

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

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

Vch/Chq	Payee	Amount	Details
39/1596	Mrs Sarah Meads	457.49	Salary and taxable expenses
40/1597	Mrs Sarah Meads	87.80	NonTaxable expenses
41/1598	Mr G McCulloch	593.00	Grass cutting & Highways
42/1599	Information Commissioner	35.00	Data Protection
43/1600	Wicksteed Playground	108.00	Safety Inspection
44/1601	Mrs R Maidstone	40.00	Distribution of NP Leaflets

1321.29

III Record of payments received

Date	From	Amount	Details
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IV. Finance Report to 31st May 2016

The Clerk presented the financial report to end May 2016.

v. Annual Return

The Clerk presented the Annual return for 2015-2016 which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED: *that the following be approved*

- a. Annual Governance Statement
- b. Accounting Statement for 2015-2016 (see attachment)

vi. Clerk's Salary

The Clerk reported that the Clerk's salary increase had been agreed by the NJC. The new rate for 2016 would be £10.632 and for 2017 £10.739.

RESOLVED: *that the new rate was approved and back-dated to April 2016.*

85. Group Reports**i. Recreation**

The Clerk updated the Councillors on the safety report for the playgrounds. She said that she would circulate the report, however, all urgent repairs had already been done by Mr McCulloch. All other work required was identified as a low or medium risk. The Clerk did highlight that there was quite a lot of work required over time to bring the playground up to date.

RESOLVED: that the Recreational Group would meet in September to discuss and plan works.

ii. Village Property

Cllr Walters reported that a tree in the Church Yard had a low hanging branch. Cllr Charles said that he would check to see if it was one of the Parish Council trees.

iii. Traffic, Parking & Highways

Cllr P Charles reported that many of the reflectors had been removed or knocked down on the main Uttoxeter Road.

iv. Competitions

RESOLVED: that the Clerk should purchase the vouchers for the winners of the BKV poster competition.

v. Newsletter

RESOLVED: that the next issue would be in October. Abbots Bromley School to submit and article. Contents of the article to be approved.

86. Correspondence, bulletins and reports

- Email from Mr Male had been circulated before the meeting.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk will contact ESBC and Highways to request clarification of who will be responsible for the maintenance of the footpath on the housing developments on Lichfield Road.

87. HS2

RESOLVED: to keep on the agenda

88. Horn Dance

RESOLVED: that Cllr Jarman provide details of stalls bookings prior to the Horn Dance. The New leaflet to be discussed at future meetings.

89. Agenda Items for the next meeting

RESOLVED: that the following items be added to the next agenda:-
Neighbourhood Plan, HS2, Horn Dance, Goat's Head Car Park, Public Space Protection Orders.

90. Date, time and place of future meetings

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

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

Signed _____ Date 27th July 2016