

ABBOTS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held on Wednesday 22nd February 2017 at 7.00 pm
At the Village Hall, Abbots Bromley, pursuant to notice having been given

Present: Cllrs Mrs M Moore, (Chair); Mrs A Appleby; B Walters, P Charles, R Jarman, J Houlihan; Mrs R Robb; Cllr P Ryan

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

Members of the Public Attending: 1

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21. Apologies for absence
Cllr Mrs A Wakefield

22. Public Session
It was reported that there are just two first responders left to cover the village. Mr and Mrs Palmer have now retired after giving 10 years of service. Robert Stevenson has taken over and wants to keep the service going but more volunteers are needed. At the moment only providing one or two nights a week cover. Cllr Hall asked what the expectations are. Mr Stevenson clarified that training is provided by West Midlands Ambulance service. Cllr B Walters said that it would be possible to use the Parish Assembly as a platform to recruit new volunteers, possible displays at the Assembly. Councillors advised that social media should also be used to reach a wider audience.

23. Declarations of Interests
None

24. Minutes of Previous Meetings
***RESOLVED:** that the minutes of meetings held on 25th January 2017 be approved with amendments made.*

25. Matters of Report

i. **Horn Dance Leaflet**

Cllr Houlihan and The Clerk updated members on progress made so far with the leaflet. It was reported that they had met up and discussed that the leaflet should be similar to the current leaflet, possibility less images but bigger maps. Rewrite of some of the copy required to update it. Full colour print and simple font. Awaiting quote from Sheila Godfrey for the creation of illustrations.

ii. **Parish Surgery**

Cllr J Houlihan agreed to attend the next Parish Surgery

iii. **War Memorial**

Update provided on progress to date. Drawings being prepared. Need to obtain three quotes for additional work to be undertaken.

iv. **Wild Flower Planting**

The Clerk reported that a quotation had been received for £250 to spray off the area for the Wild Flower Planting and then cultivate ready for sowing of the Wild Flower Seeds.

RESOLVED: *that the cost be approved and the contractor be appointed.*

v. **Environment Agency Day**

Cllr Walters reported that there was still a day in lieu to work with the Environment Agency. Possible work to undertake would be the clearing of the area by the Millennium Green, work taking place in the Autumn or alternatively litter picking on Lichfield Road and Ashbrook Lane.

vi. **Speed Restriction on Lichfield Road**

Councillors agree response regarding the 30mph signs on Lichfield Road. Agreed approval of the movement of the 30mph limit further down Lichfield Road, however, this should include the entrance to the new sports facility and also include traffic calming.

26. Planning

Applications

1058 - P/2016/01824: Falcot, High Street, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3BL Listed building application for the installation of replacement windows on the front elevation.

Received: 31/01/17 Reply due: 21/02/17 The Clerk confirmed that this application also includes The Inglenook. Councillors confirmed that they are still not happy with the detail as very vague. Clerk to respond to request additional details on design of replacement windows.

1059 - P/2017/00152: Land at Hobb Lane, Marchington Woodlands, Abbots Bromley Erection of a reception/general purpose building and siting of water tank on approved poultry unit.

Received: 15/02/17 Reply due: 08/03/17 No Objections

Decisions

Agreed

1057 - P/2016/01463: 1 Holly Bank Lichfield Road Abbots Bromley WS15 3DL

Erection of a single storey rear extension

iii. Neighbourhood Plan Update

Cllr Walters reported on the recent surveys carried out by the Neighbourhood Plan Group.

Highways:-

The village very concerned about the issue. Although the Neighbourhood Plan cannot directly address this issue it could help with plans for the future. For example removal or not replacing white lines on roads as this may help reduce speed by showing people that they are using a shared space.

Housing:-

Assessment process completed. Twelve categories used to assess the SHLAA sites but didn't take any of them forward. The group drew up a list of eight additional sites adjoining or just out of the settlement area. All sites have been accessed and marked against criteria. Two sites that scored highly were Site 8, Bagots View, which book ends Bagots View, also Anglesey Playing Field at the school. The school wants to sell off the land for development. The school will be removing equestrian facility from the site and offering it elsewhere in the Parish. There is the potential for a housing mix on the school site and great community gain. Potentially the site could provide a new location for the village doctor's surgery.

The Neighbourhood Planning Group is in a strong position as this is the only mechanism that would enable development and would give a lot of control over what is on the site.

Cllr Charles raised concerns over the access to this site via Radmore Lane as it is little more than a single track road.

RESOLVED: that the Parish Council is happy for the process to proceed. All members in agreement.

Cllr Walters reported that full results of the surveys would be reported at the village meeting to be held on 15th March at the Village Hall.

27. 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>
94/1654	Mrs S Meads	401.97	Salary and taxable expenses expenses
95/1655	Mrs S Meads	11.80	Non Taxable expenses
96/1656	Staffordshire County Pension Fund	133.43	November Employee and Employer contribution
97/1657	ABPCC	155.00	Hire of Church House
98/1658	Reprotec	15.50	Photocopy Costs
99/1659	HMRC	301.60	PAYE

C Record of payments received

<i>Date</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Details</i>
02/02/17	Mrs H A Morris	£125.00	Allotment Rent

RESOLVED: that the above payment would be made.

ii. **Finance Report to 31st January 2017**

The Clerk presented the financial report to end January 2017.

28. Group Reports

i. **Recreation**

The Clerk and Cllr J Houlihan updated members on progress made so far with playground repairs. It was reported that to date three contractors had been and visited the site and were providing quotes. One quote had already been received in excess of £40,000 with another one being received purely for the replacement of the Woodchip and the wooden posts on Millennium Green at a cost of £5,500. Additional quotes expected over the next few weeks.

ii. **Village Property**

Nothing to Report

iii. **Traffic, Parking & Highways**

The following issues were raised:-

Large pot hole by the pedestrian crossing,

Reflector posts on B5013

Pot holes by Froggy's Farm

Drains on the lower part of Crown bank, water still coming out when it rains.

iv. **Competitions**

Cllr Mrs Appleby ran through the plans for BKV. The house on Ashbrook Lane was discussed and Cllr Appleby agreed to speak to the residents about the grass bank. Request the Fire Service to remove the sign from the village green. Cllr Walters agreed to sand and stain the noticeboards.

v. **Newsletter**

Newsletter now published

vi. **Village Hall**

Nothing to report

vii. **ABSA**

Thanks were made to the Parish Council for donations received so far. The group is still working on raising funds for Phase 2.

29. Correspondence, bulletins and reports

Letter from SCC regarding adoption of Footpath changes.

30. HS2

RESOLVED: to keep on the agenda.

31. Jubilee Cup

RESOLVED: A potential candidate was discussed. Cllr Mrs Moore to speak to the nominee to ascertain if they were willing to accept.

32. Parish Assembly

RESOLVED: that the following to be included in the Parish Assembly:-

Neighbourhood Plan update, First Responders, BKV update, Visuals by Historical Group, Visuals/update from ABSA. The Clerk to contact last year's winners regarding attendance at the Assembly.

33. Agenda Items for the next meeting

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

Neighbourhood Plan, HS2, Horn Dance Leaflet, War Memorial, Parish Surgery, Jubilee Cup, Wild Flower Planting, Parish Assembly

34. Date, time and place of future meetings

March Parish Council Meeting, 29th March 2017, – Village Hall

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

Signed _____ Date 29th March 2017