

ABBOTS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL  
 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
 Held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 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, Mrs R Robb; Mrs A Wakefield

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

**Members of the Public Attending:** 1

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49. Apologies for absence  
 Cllrs J Houlihan and P Ryan

**50. Public Session**

Mr T Wheeldon updated on the War Memorial. He said that permeable tarmac is still the preferred surface and possibly putting sets around the tarmac would soften the effect. The lights would also need replacing but any work to these would need to be done by Highways. It was agreed that Highways should be involved at this stage.

**RESOLVED:** that the Clerk should contact Highways to start discussions regarding the lighting.

**51. Declarations of Interests**

Cllr Mrs Wakefield said that she employs a consultant who is also a governor of Abbots Bromley School. This may need to be raised again in the future if a planning application is submitted by the school.

**52. Minutes of Previous Meetings**

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of meetings held on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2017 be approved with three amendments.

**53. Matters of Report****i. Horn Dance Leaflet**

The Clerk updated on the leaflet and reported that a list of 6 small images would be included in the leaflet along with two maps. Sheila Godfrey is ready to start work on the images once approval has been given.

**RESOLVED:** All members agreed to progress with the leaflet.

**ii. War Memorial**

Discussed previously in the meeting.

**iii. Parish Surgery**

Cllr P Charles to attend the next Surgery

**iv. Social Media**

The Clerk reported that she attended a presentation and training on use of Social Media and would be happy to set up a Facebook page for the Parish Council if required. Need to ensure that a social media strategy is in place beforehand.

**v. Speed Restriction on Lichfield Road**

The Clerk and Cllr Charles updated Members on a meeting held with Highways to discuss the location of the 30mph signs on Lichfield Road. They informed Members that Highways did not want to incorporate the turning to the new sports fields within the 30mph limit, however, Cllr Atkins had supported that Parish Council's view that the signs should be located to incorporate the turning. Highways were asked to liaise with Cllr Atkins.

**vi. The Goat's Head**

The Clerk reported that contact had been received from Punch Taverns and they had confirmed that further work would be taking place to finish the renovation of the pub. It was also confirmed that the car park would be resurfaced when the work on the pub is finished.

**54. Planning****1068 - P/2017/00432: St Benets House, High Street, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3BW**

Removal of two Yew trees T8 and T9

Received: 10/04/17    Reply due: 24/04/17    The Parish Council objected to the application as no justification given for the removal of the trees.

**1069 - P/2017/00412: Hightrees Stables, Hobb Lane, Marchington Woodlands, ST14**

**8RQ** Erection of a two storey rear extension and installation of windows on west elevation

Received: 07/04/17    Reply due: 28/04/17    No Objection

**1070 - P/2017/00373: Flat B, Yeatsall Farm, Yeatsall Lane, Abbots Bromley, WS15**

**3DY** Installation of an external staircase to first floor flat, including insertion of a door and alterations to the roof.

Received: 31/03/17    Reply due: 21/04/17    No Objections

**1071 - P/2017/00411: High Trees Dairy, Hobb Lane, Marchington Woodlands, Staffordshire, ST14 8RQ** Erection of a detached oak framed garage and cart bays with office above

Received: 12/04/17    Reply due: 03/05/17    No Objections

## Decisions

### Agreed

**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.

**1061 - P/2017/00209: Rear of St Benets House, High Street, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3BW** Felling of a Yew Tree

### iii. Neighbourhood Plan Update

Cllr Walters said that the next meeting would be on 4<sup>th</sup> May. He also reported that he had attended a meeting with Cllr Hall and Highways to discuss issues raised regarding the Radmore Lane access.

## 55. 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>
111/1671	Mrs S Meads	403.46	Salary and taxable expenses expenses
112/1672	Mrs S Meads	63.35	Non Taxable expenses
113/1673	Staffordshire County Pension Fund	131.94	April Employee and Employer contribution
114/1674	Down To Earth	250.00	Wildflower patch preparation
115/1675	G McCulloch	592.00	Grounds Maintenance
116/1676	G McCulloch	280.00	Highways work
117/1677	SPCA	367.00	Annual Membership
118/1678	PWLB	1661.25	Village Hall Loan Repayment

### **C Record of payments received**

Date	From	Amount	Details
31/3/17	ASD	150.00	BKV Donation
31/3/17	Cricket Club	100.00	Donation for War Memorial
31/3/17	Mr S Slater	287.00	Donation for War Memorial

### ii. Finance Report to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017

The Clerk presented the financial report to end March 2017.

**56. Group Reports****i. Recreation**

The Clerk updated on progress with work. Quotes requested for painting of The Nuttery and also repairs of the wetpour.

**ii. Village Property**

The Clerk reported that the spare part for the bench had been ordered.

**iii. Traffic, Parking & Highways**

Pot holes still on Radmore Lane. Still issues with parked contractors vehicles near the school. Request to be made to the school to ask if vehicles could park at the school. Traffic lights have caused a major issue with congestion. Contractors to be asked to manage the lights manually at peak times to avoid grid lock.

Road signs to be reported to ESBC: Radmore Lane, Mires Brook Lane and Goose Lane.

**.iv. Competitions**

Cllr Appleby updated on activity so far for Best Kept Village and thanked everyone for turning up to the village tidy. Top Shop to clean up the bus stop. It was reported that there will be a competition for the best front garden/front step. The Clerk reported that an email had been received which complained about the state of the church yard, in particular the grass cuttings around the grave stones. The Clerk reported that she had raised No 1 Hillside with ESBC.

**RESOLVED:** *the Clerk to forward the letter of complaint to the Church and state that the Council agrees with the comments in the email.*

**v. Newsletter**

Next issue scheduled for June/July. Articles to include the Chair's report, Smart App, Speed Watch, Dog Fouling, First Responders.

**vi. Village Hall**

The Clerk reported that an email had been received from Mr Baker asking whether the Parish Council would be able to support the Village Hall with maintenance of the field. It was agreed that Mr Baker should be asked to outline requirements before the next budget preparation meeting at the end of the year so that the Parish Council can consider it.

**vii. ABSA**

It was reported that there were more opportunities for other sports to get involved in the sports fields. Possibilities for tennis, netball and rugby.

**57. Correspondence, bulletins and reports**

Letter received regarding trees at the Village Hall from Mrs Fairbrother. The Clerk to contact Mrs Fairbrother to advise her that the trees are the responsibility of the Village Hall committee and not the Parish Council.

**58. HS2**

**RESOLVED:** *to keep on the agenda*

**59. Jubilee Cup**

**RESOLVED:** *A potential candidate was discussed. Cllr Mrs Moore reported that she had spoken to the recipient and they would be delighted to accept.*

**60. Parish Assembly**

**RESOLVED:** *to promote on Facebook*

**61. 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, Parish Assembly, AGM*

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

May Parish Council Meeting, 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017, – Village Hall

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

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017