

ABBOTS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held on Wednesday 25th July 2018 at 7.00 pm
At the Village Hall, Abbots Bromley, pursuant to notice having been given

Present: Cllrs P Charles (Chair); J Houlihan; Mrs R Robb; B Walters

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

Members of the Public Attending: 21

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88. Apologies for absence
Cllrs P Ryan, Mrs A Appleby, D Denny, Mrs M Moore, R Jarman

89. Public Session

Mr T Wheeldon asked for an update on the War Memorial. The Clerk clarified the reasons why the grant request was unsuccessful. Mr Wheeldon offered his help to move the works forward.

A member of the public asked about HS2 power and what the Parish Council knew about the situation. The Chair said that this would be brought forward earlier on the agenda so that it could be discussed and the way forward agreed, although it is early days at the moment. It was acknowledged that many of the public attending the meeting were there to raise concerns over the proposal for power lines proposed by HS2.

Mrs J Wheeldon provided the following statement.

*Dear Mr Chairman,
This evening the new NDP Chair will be addressing the PC.
However, for completeness in respect statements made by me at the last PC meeting on 27th June (prior to a new NDP Group being formed) I would like to briefly conclude a couple of points.*

A copy of my points will be provided to the Parish Clerk for inclusion in the minutes.

At the PC meeting on 27th June 2018, I submitted a statement and annex which appear in the minutes for that meeting.

I am aware that this documentation was forwarded to Naomi Perry of ESBC for her observations/input.

In her response Naomi has:-

- 1. Confirmed that in respect of the development allowance of 40, the word 'minimum' was removed by the Inspector in his report.*
- 2. Confirmed that SHLAA sites nominated for development, and other sites within the existing settlement boundary (which had been amended in 2013 to allow for development to take place within it) can be considered under the auspice of a NDP.*
- 3. Also added that in "relation to housing type" – "Housing mix policies can be included in a NDP and used in decision making for future planning applications. A key consideration is the need for such policies to be based on evidence".*

Mr Mike Hobbs, Chair of the Neighbourhood Development Planning Group (NDPG) joined the meeting.

Mr Hobbs said that group had met four times with the main purpose being that it is a learning curve for many. He thanked Cllr Walters for all his work on the plan so far and said that he didn't want to throw the baby out with the bath water.

A communication plan was provided for the Parish Council to consider. Mr Hobbs said that he wanted to challenge the PC on the start-up of a separate website. He also provided copies of the communication plan, a draft terms of reference and a draft letter to be send to Abbots Bromley School and requested feedback after the meeting. The councillors confirmed that it should be possible to do this prior to the next meeting in September.

Mr Hobbs confirmed that he had received an email from Cllr Hall which had been circulated to all councillors as well. Cllr Hall provided clarity on his email. He said that the revised National Planning Policy published yesterday gives more protection than before and the land supply issue is being dealt with more sensibly. This gives the village more quality time, without drawing out the process.

Mr Hobbs summarised by saying there is lots of enthusiasm, visibility is key as is working with the Parish Council and the consultant.

Funding was discussed and it was confirmed that grants are available.

It was expected that the consultant would feed back by the third week in August.

Mr Hobbs asked how decisions would be made in between meetings. It was confirmed that it is possible to do this via email.

Cllr Walters suggested that the NDPG work up a time plan. He suggested that it would be good to work to timescales in with the next Parish Council election in May 2019. Cllr Mrs Robb advised that there are specific timescales that need to be kept to.

Cllr Walters said that it all sounds positive and good to hear that not everything is being thrown out.

Cllr Houlihan asked how the group were intending to drive people to the new website and monitor it. Mr Hobbs said that Google Analytics will provide details on what is being achieved.

The councillors said that they would try to feedback on documents provided by Mr Hobbs by 2nd August.

90. Declarations of Interests

Cllr B Walters declared an interest in the best front garden competition as his garden had been entered in to it.

91. Minutes of Previous Meetings

- **RESOLVED:** *that the minutes of meetings held on 27th June be approved with no amendments.*

92. HS2 (brought forward in meeting)

Councillors and members of public discussed the proposal for power lines by HS2 which would cross the parishes of Abbots Bromley, Newborough and Hoar Cross. It was confirmed that this was a new option being put forward to replace the original proposal of power lines running from the former power station site in Rugeley. It would involve a substation with lines running across country to join the HS2 line. Most of the information gained so far had been by residents carrying out their own research as very little had been provided directly by HS2. Cllr Hall said that it was the first he had heard of the proposal.

RESOLVED: *that the Parish Council should pursue HS2 and arrange a meeting between them and other Parish Councils involved and also speak to National Power.*

93. Neighbourhood Plan

- **Recruitment of Consultant**

The Clerk confirmed that she had spoken to several consultant companies and provided them with a brief of work that needed to be undertaken to review the work undertaken so far on the Neighbourhood Plan. Three quotations had been received along with references for consultants and these had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Councillors agreed that the preferred consultant to carry out this work was Mr C Keble.

RESOLVED: *that the Clerk would contact Mr Keble and confirm appointment and provide copies of all documents required.*

- **Update from Neighbourhood Planning Group**

Provided as part of the public session

94. Matters of Report

- i. **GDPR**

The Clerk provided an update on this and said that she would soon be starting the GAP Analysis.

- ii. **Speed Watch**

The Clerk reported that so far seven volunteers had come forward and training would be starting on 31st July.

- iii. **Parish Surgery**

Nothing to report.

95. Planning

Applications

1145 - P/2018/00785: Land to the rear of Argyll House, High Street, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3BW Erection of a new single detached dwelling, cycle store and associated parking.

Received: 03/07/18 Reply due: 24/07/18 (Extension agreed) The Parish Council objects to this application. Reinforce objections made to previous application including insufficient parking, poor outlook and living standards for occupants.

1146 - P/2018/00787: Radmore House, Radmorewood Lane, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3AS

Erection of first and second floor front and single storey rear extensions

Received: 04/07/16 Reply due: 25/07/18 The Parish Council commented that the design is poor and out of character with the original house design.

1147 - P/2018/00802: Radmore Farm, Radmore Lane, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3AT

Formation of a menage and associated fencing

Received: 13/07/18 Reply due: 03/08/18 The Parish Council had no objections but made comments regarding no floodlighting.

1148 - P/2018/00362: Thyme House, Town End Farm House, Lichfield Road, Abbots**Bromley, WS15 3DL** Erection of 5 detached dwellings and associated garaging, including widening of existing access and provision of footpath and installation of pumping station (Revised Scheme) (Amended Drawings)

Received: 20/07/18 Reply due: 10/08/18 No comments.

Decisions**Agreed****1118 - P/2017/01562: Land to the West of , Lichfield Road, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire**

Change of use of agricultural land to recreational land and the erection of cricket pavilion, cricket pitch, football pitch, practice football pitch, new temporary changing facilities and parking, all weather area and associated parking.

1135 - p/2018/00574: Nursery Lodge, Lichfield Road, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15**3DN** Erection of a two storey rear extension**1138 - P/2018/00632: Old Blacksmiths Shop, Bromley Wood Lanes, Bromley Wood, Abbots****Bromley, WS15 3AG** Erection of a two storey extension on the south facing elevation and a single storey extension on the west facing elevation alterations to windows and change of use of agricultural land to domestic use.**1139 - P/2018/00642: Beck House, Lichfield Road, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3DL**

Erection of a part first floor and single storey rear extension, front porch, 1.2m high retaining wall to front and widening of existing access

1142 - P/2018/00625: 1 Bagots View, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3BU

Removal of Conifer hedge

96. 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>
22/1775	Mrs Sarah Meads	406.87	Salary and taxable expenses
23/1776	Mrs Sarah Meads	37.80	Non Taxable expenses
24/1777	SCC Pensions	145.34	July Employee and Employer contribution plus outstanding balance
25/1778	SCC Pension	145.34	August Employee and Employer contribution plus outstanding balance
25/1778	Mrs S Meads	406.87	Salary and taxable expenses (Aug)
26/1779	Mrs S Meads	11.80	Non Taxable Expenses (Aug)
27/1780	Riverside Printers	118.00	July Bulletin
28/1781	Reprotec	13.31	Photocopy costs
29/1782	Staffs County Council	390.00	GDPR Analysis and Officer
30/1783	HMRC	303.20	PAYE

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C Record of payments received

Date	Amount	Details
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RESOLVED: *that the above payments be made.*

ii. **Finance Report to 30th June 2018**

The Clerk reported that she had not had time to complete the finance report.

97. Group Reports

i. **Recreation**

The Clerk had circulated the safety report prior to the meeting. Cllr Houlihan mentioned that the weeds by the Nuttery still needed treating.

ii. **Village Property**

The Goat's Head car park was mentioned. The Clerk reported that she had not had a response from the owners of the pub regarding car park repairs. It was mentioned that the allotment on Lichfield Road had the potential to provide two starter homes.

iii **Traffic, Parking & Highways**

RESOLVED: *that the Clerk should ask Highways what their plans are for future re-surfacing of the roads and also plans for gully clearing.*

iv **Competitions**

BKV award evening to take place on 6th August 2018.

v. **Newsletter**

Nothing to report

vi. **Village Hall**

Nothing to report

vii. **ABSA RESOLVED:** *that the Clerk would send a letter of support on behalf of the Council*

98. Correspondence, bulletins and reports

- SPCA Newsletters, circulated prior to the meeting.
- Letter from young resident with concerns over Neighbourhood Planning, forward on to Mr Hobbs

99. Horn Dance

The Clerk reported that there are still some stalls available. Mr McCulloch booked to put up and take down the stalls. This year the Clerk and her husband are not available to help with this.

100. Agenda Items for the next meeting

RESOLVED: *that the following items be added to the next agenda:-
Neighbourhood Plan, HS2, Speed Watch, Horn Dance, GDPR*

101. Date, time and place of future meetings

September Parish Council Meeting, 26th September 2018, – Village Hall

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

Signed _____ Date 26th September 2018