

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting**  
**held on Wednesday, 22 February 2006 at 7.30 pm**  
in the Village Hall, Abbots Bromley, pursuant to notice having been given

**Present:** Cllrs: PJ Charles (Chairman), DT Eatough, AE Elkington, RT Esling,  
L Fox, KA McLoughlin, J Needham

**Also present:** EA Roy (Clerk)

**Apologies:** Cllrs C Cook, RSV Jarman and Borough Cllr A Fox.

**Members of the public attending:**  
Mrs B Hammersley

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**Minute 99: Public Session**

The Chairman welcomed Mrs Hammersley and invited her to address the meeting.

Mrs Hammersley said she was present to express her concerns about the height of the fence for the proposed redevelopment at the Bagot and drew attention to the close proximity to her property. She had written to the planning officer to put her objections on record. A copy of the letter was provided.

The Chairman thanked her for the contribution, and normal business was resumed at 19:36pm.

**Minute 100: Minutes of previous meeting**

***RESOLVED that the minutes of the previous meeting on 25 January 2006 be accepted subject to noting that it was Cllr Needham rather than Fox who would be involved in the BKV options, and confirming that there was no paragraph 94.3.***

**Minute 101: Declarations of interest**

There were none.

## Minute 102: Matters arising and matters of report

- 102.1 Circulated documents:** No issues.
- 102.2 Distraction burglary:** The materials requested from the Uttoxeter Crime Prevention Panel were now available to be passed on to those in the village who the Council feel would benefit. Members took away copies to distribute.
- 102.3 Police DVD:** Cllr Elkington provided feedback on the "Building Safer Communities" DVD he had reviewed. This seemed to merely outline the political agenda for amalgamation of Police Forces.
- 102.4 Parish Assembly date/venue:** Church House is not available for the proposed date, but the Village Hall committee advised that the Players have moved their performances so that there is no longer a clash. The Clerk had subsequently been able to confirm this.
- 102.5 East Staffordshire PCA:** The Chairman reported on attendance by himself and the Clerk at the annual liaison meeting with Staffordshire County Council. Presentations on "Customer First" and "Scrutiny" were followed by lively discussion on highways issues including the need for a review of policy on 20mph limits.
- 102.6 Ambulance Service:** Cllr Esling reported on his attendance at the consultation meeting in Burton, the high level of interest this had generated and strong opinions that were expressed. The Clerk introduced the letter written to the SHA, and response received. He reported that the letter had also been sent to the local papers, Michael Fabricant MP and Janet Dean MP. He noted that the response from the SHA seemed to assume the letter was personal rather than from a community. Agreed that a further letter should be written, clarifying the corporate nature of the response and noting attendance at public meetings.
- 102.7 LocalKids event:** Cllr Needham gave brief report on her attendance at a lunchtime event in Burton. This was arranged to promote a subscription web site giving access to discounts and details of children's activities.

## Minute 103: Planning

### 103.1 Applications

**446 - LB/13574/027: The Goats Head, Market Place:** Installation of one air extract fan on rear elevation and one input air fan on side elevation of existing kitchen block  
Received: 02/02/06 Replied: 06/02/06 Response: The Parish Council raises no objections to this application.

**447 - CU/11242/013: Outbuildings adjacent Bagot Arms:** Conversion of stables and outbuildings to form three residential units with associated revised access  
Received: 09/02/06 Due: 27/02/06 Response: The Parish Council raises no objection in principle to this development, but supports comments made by Mrs Hammersley concerning the boundary fence, access and loss of light. The Council also questions whether the proximity to the Bagot Arms is a suitable environment for domestic accommodation that is not itself part of the licensed premises. If approved, then the Council suggests that a condition be imposed to add foliage screening to the wall and railings to reduce noise and potential for nuisance between the pub and the new dwellings.

**448 - LB/11242/014: Outbuildings adjacent Bagot Arms:** Conversion of stables and outbuildings to form three residential units

Received: 09/02/06 Due: 27/02/06 Response: As above.

**449 - AD/13574/028: Goats Head, Market Place:** Display of 1 externally illuminated hanging sign, 3 non illuminated amenity boards and 1 floodlit letter sign

Received: 09/02/06 Due: 27/02/06 Response: The Parish Council raises no objection to this application.

**450 - LB/13574/028: Goats Head, Market Place:** Display of 1 externally illuminated hanging sign, 3 non illuminated amenity boards, 1 floodlit letter sign and the installation of 2 lanterns and floodlights

Received: 09/02/06 Due: 27/02/06 Response: As above.

**451 - HO/01890/014: Barkley House Farm, Pinfold Lane:** Erection of a single storey rear extension

Received: 13/02/06 Due: 03/03/06 Response: The Parish Council raises no objection to this application.

***RESOLVED: That the Clerk communicate these responses to the local planning authority.***

### 103.2 Decisions

The following applications have been **AGREED** subject to stated conditions - NONE

The following applications have been **REFUSED** for stated reasons

**439 - HO/14807/023: The Croft, Uttoxeter Road:** Installation of a clock tower and weather vane on existing single storey detached building

**440 - LB/18945/017: Bromley House, Uttoxeter Road:** Conversion and alterations of former doctors surgery to form dwelling, two storey extension and demolition of existing garage and stores

The following applications have been **REVISED** - NONE

The following applications have been **WITHDRAWN** - NONE

### 103.3 Correspondence and other planning matters

The Clerk reported that a public examination of the SCC Minerals and Waste Framework SCI was scheduled for Tuesday 11 April.

Cllr Eatough reported on his attendance at the appeal hearing for the Ivy House applications at the end of January. It had been an interesting and informative day that underlined the significance of the conservation area and "need" in helping to direct development in the village. The process – including a site visit – had been extremely thorough, and saw the traffic issues in the High Street first hand.

## Minute 104: Financial Matters

### 104.1 Financial report

The Clerk introduced the financial report for February 2006.

***RESOLVED: That the statement be approved and the Chairman sign the report.***

**104.2 Report on payments made since the last meeting**

The Clerk reported that no payments had been made since the last meeting.

**104.3 Bills to pay**

The Clerk introduced the following for payment:

<i>Vch/Chq</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Powers</i>
72/739	G McCulloch	225.00	Devolved maintenance work	LGA 1972 s.101
73/740	E A Roy	384.53	Clerk's salary/expenses	LG(FP)A 1963 s.5 LGA 1972 s.112(2)
STO	AB School for Girls	1.00	Lease on Nuttery	OSA 1906 s.10
	<b>TOTAL payments</b>	<b>610.53</b>		

***RESOLVED: That these payments be made.***

**104.4 Section 137 payments**

The Clerk introduced a request from Laura Tomlinson for support in preparing for her trek to Peru in aid of the Multiple Sclerosis Trust. As the request did not fall within the scope of section 137, the Council was unable to respond with financial support. The Clerk was asked to write passing on good wishes and suggestions made by the members of the Council for potential funding sources.

**104.5 Other financial matters**

104.5.1 Tree on green: Cllr Fox reported that the Rises Committee would be willing to contribute to the tree or lights. The Clerk introduced a short summary of some options from which the Council chose the Western Red Cedar. The Chairman will advise on a location that takes into account the cable position.

***RESOLVED: That the Clerk was make arrangements with Mr McCulloch for supply and planting.***

**Minute 105: Group Reports****105.1 Recreation**

The Clerk reported that the equipment for Project Playground was expected to arrive at the UK warehouse of the supplier by the end of February.

**105.2 Village Property**

The Clerk advised that an inspection of Council property was now due, and invited a Councillor to join him in the activity. Cllr Elkington offered.

**105.3 Traffic, Parking, Highways**

Cllr Needham reported that she had been contacted by Mr Wright about hedges in Schoolhouse Lane interfering with traffic and this had been reported to Clarence. Mr Wright had also expressed an interest in the nature of safety barriers on the pedestrian exit from the Nuttery.

Cllr Fox reported that Jill Crookes had pointed out the amount of mud that seems to be present on the lower part of Schoolhouse Lane and issues with Narrow Lane. This could also be reported to Clarence for action.

The Clerk provided an update on SCC Highways plans for resurfacing Lichfield Road in the new financial year and for dealing with the continued water-logging of Narrow Lane.

Cllr Charles reported on a conversation with the publican at the Goat who professed not to know that the car park in front of his establishment was public, and owned by the Parish Council. This could be addressed by a piece in the next Newsletter.

#### **105.4 Competitions**

Cllr Elkington reported that an entry had been made for the 2006 BKV competition and plans would be made for preparations. There are some supporting poster competitions for children across Staffordshire.

#### **105.5 Newsletter**

Cllr McLoughlin reported the feedback on example newsletters that had been circulated. It was agreed to send out the full set of comments made for discussion at the next meeting.

#### **105.6 School Governor's Report**

Cllr Eatough reported that work on the roof was due to be carried out in half term.

#### **105.7 Village Plan**

The Clerk reported that the meeting planned for earlier in the week had been postponed until after the Parish Assembly in order to allow additional publicity with a view to drawing in additional volunteers.

#### **105.8 RISES**

Cllr Fox reported that, as previously noted, the committee would be willing to contribute to the cost of the new tree and/or lights. Clerk to advise Cllr Fox once costs are known. Could some ground improvement in the area of the recycling bins be done to improve ease of access?

#### **105.9 Village Hall**

No report.

### **Minute 106: Correspondence, bulletins and reports**

- 106.1 SPCA Advisory Notes issue 104 and follow up email from SPCA correcting one piece of advice given in Advisory Notes. Cllr Eatough noted the item on rural issues.
- 106.2 SPCA has written with details of two training events – "Current Employment Issues" on 21 Feb and "End of Year Accounts" on 1 March. Clerk to attend the latter.
- 106.3 A letter from Staffordshire County Council asks for input to a review of local bus services. The Clerk was asked to write asking for clarification.
- 106.4 Lichfield and District Council for Voluntary Service is soliciting an update to their database and the Council may wish to consider whether it wishes to be a member. Agreed that membership was not appropriate.
- 106.5 The Chairman of Staffordshire County Council has invited members of the Parish Council to attend the annual Civic Service in Stafford on Sunday 12 March. None wished to do so although Cllr Fox advised she was already expecting to attend.
- 106.6 NALC has invited contributions for their response to Defra on the Quality Town and Parish Council scheme. Noted.

106.7 West Midland Planning Aid is running a free event "Engaging in the Planning Process" in Leek on Thursday 30 March. Noted.

### **Minute 107: Jubilee Cup and Parish Assembly**

107.1 There were two nominations and following a show of hands the Chairman was asked to approach a person and establish their willingness to receive the award.

Following a suggestion from the Chairman, it was agreed that at the next meeting consideration should be given to the possibility of also having a "group" award.

The format of the Parish Assembly was discussed without reaching any conclusions and it was agreed to give this further consideration at the next meeting.

### **Minute 108: Review of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations**

108.1 The Clerk introduced a summary paper proposing minor changes to the Financial Regulations and noting some changes which could be made to the Standing Orders when next revised.

***RESOLVED: That the Financial Regulations be amended as proposed subject to confirmation at the next meeting.***

### **Minute 109: Items for agenda of next meeting**

- Jubilee Cup and Annual Assembly
- Confirmation of changes to the Financial Regulations
- Review of asset inspection and insurance cover

### **Minute 110: Date, time and place of next meetings**

It was agreed that the next meeting should be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 29 March 2006 in the Memorial Room at the Village Hall.

The Meeting concluded at 22:17 pm.

Chairman .....

Date: .....