

ABBOTS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL
 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
 Held on Wednesday 26th June 2013 at 7.00 pm
 At the Village Hall, Abbots Bromley, pursuant to notice having been given

Present: Cllrs R Bell; Mrs D Burrows; P Charles; C Cook; Cllr R Jarman (Chair), Mrs K Johns; E Roy;

In attendance: Mrs S Meads (Clerk),

Members of the Public Attending: 1

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90. Apologies for absence
Cllr Mrs M Moore

91. Public Session
Mrs Emma Catterall updated the members on the Staffordshire County Council School Transport Consultation and how this will impact on the village. She requested support from the council and individuals to help raise awareness in the whole village and to respond to the consultation.

***RESOLVED:** that the Parish Council would respond with concerns over the proposed changes to school transport and help to raise awareness through word of mouth.*

92. Declarations of Interest
None

93. Minutes of Previous Meetings
***RESOLVED:** that the minutes of meeting held on 15th May 2013 were approved. Proposed Cllr Mrs D Burrows, seconded Cllr R Bell.*

94. Matters of Report
i. **Councillor Vacancy**
Cllr Jarman informed members that Mr P Ryan had shown an interest in the vacant position of councillor.

RESOLVED: that Mr P Ryan be co-opted on to the council. Proposed by Cllr E Roy, seconded by Cllr R Bell. All members voted in favour.

ii. **Field Behind The Village Hall**

Cllr Jarman updated members on the progress and that an open meeting was planned to update the village on the plans for the field. Members discussed the negotiations for the field and whether the Parish Council should consider the suggestion of putting two houses on the plot as part of the village plan. It was agreed that the decision on how to proceed would be down to the Village Hall Committee and that the Parish Council will continue to support the Village Hall in whatever way they decide to move forward.

iii. **Lichfield Road Sports Field**

Cllr Jarman advised members that the Parish Council had been approached to become more closely involved in the project with the aim of the VAT being reclaimed via the Parish Council accounts. The clerk reported that she had investigated if this would be possible and reported back that the council did not have the powers to do this so would not be able to become involved. Cllr E Roy suggested that the fundraisers for the field should look to become registered as a charity and then they will also be able to claim back the VAT.

RESOLVED : that the Parish Council invite the group to the next meeting to provide an update on the project.

95. Planning

Applications

825 - P/2013/00375: Church View, Goose Lane, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3DF External alterations including the erection of a verandah, creation of a new window opening and repointing

Received: 23/04/13 Replied: 20/05/13 Response : No Objections

826 - P/2013/00397: Butterton House, Lichfield Road, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3DL Removal of 4 branches, crown thinning by 5% and selectively prune roots that are lifting the drive of 1 pine tree (TPO 179)

Received: 25/04/13 Replied: 20/05/13 Response : No Objections

The Parish Council objects to the pruning of the roots to this tree as this could damage or lead to the death of the tree. As the tree has a TPO on it then every care should to be taken to ensure that this tree is protected.

827 - P/2013/00494: The Old Chapel, Hall Hill Lane, Abbots Bromley, Staffs Erection of a detached dwelling (non-material amendment - alterations to the design of the eaves and lowering of the ridge height.

Received: 28/04/13 Replied: 20/05/13 Response : ~~No objections~~

The clerk to contact J Imber to find out what is happening with the project as work seemed to be progressing before permission given.

828 - P/2013/00653: Kingposts, Radmore Lane, Abbots Bromley, Staffs, WS15 3AT Infilling of existing open porch by the insertion of glass to sides and door to front

Received: 04/06/13 Reply due: 26/06/13 Response : No objections

829 - P/2013/00615: Hall Hill, Hall Hill Lane, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3DG Erection of an extension to existing detached garage and replacement porch,

Received: 23/05/13 Reply due: 13/06/13 Response : No Objections

830 - P/2013/00555: Hall Hill, Hall Hill Lane, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3DG Installation of staircase from first to second floor, block up existing ground floor window and reinstate window in east gable, installation of additional second floor window, relocation of partition wall between bedroom and en-suite and removal and replacement of porch.

Received: 23/05/13 Reply due: 13/06/13 Response : No Objections

831 - P/2013/00677: Fisher's Pit Farm, Ashbrook Lane, Bromley Wood, Abbots Bromley, Staffs, WS15 3AL Erection of a part two storey, part single storey side extension and two storey rear extension with balcony and porch

Received: 12/06/13 Reply due: 03/07/13 Response : No Objections

832 - P/2013/00719: The Bungalow, Radmorewood Lane, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3AS

Prior notification for a replacement agricultural building for the storage of fodder

Received: 18/06/13 Reply due: 09/07/13 Response : No Objections

Decisions

Agreed

823 - P/2013/00390: Bromley Park Building, Bromley Park Farm, Bromley Wood Lanes, Bromley Wood, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3AJ Erection of a first floor side extension

824 - P/2013/00405: Millennium Green, St Nicholas Churchyard and The Village Green, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire Crown reduction to reduce the sides by up to 2m of 1 Red Oak tree (Village Green), reduce two smaller stems by 0.6m of 1 Western Red Cedar tree (Village Green), reduce top part of stem closest to the church by up to 5 m of 1 Cedar tree (Churchyard), crown lifting to give 4m clearance over footpath of 1 Red Oak tree (Churchyard) and felling of 2 Alder trees (Millennium Green)

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iii. Other Planning Matters

- The Village Plan

Members discussed the current development boundary and the sites that had been identified by ESBC and landowners as potential development plots to accommodate the additional 40 homes that need to be provided. Each plot was discussed in terms of suitability for development, disruption to neighbours and the village, suitability of the road network and access. After some discussion the members agreed that at this stage the most suitable plots seemed to be the one on Uttoxeter Road at the edge of the village and the other the one on Lichfield Road next to the proposed sports field. However, it was agreed that more discussion and research would need to take place and further feedback would be needed from ESBC.

RESOLVED: *that the clerk would liaise with ESBC to feedback on the council's initial discussions and how progress should be made to develop this further.*

- Bromley Wood

Cllr Mrs D Burrows updated the members on the ongoing issues at Bromley Wood and the wood recycling plant. Members discussed how the Parish Council could help. Cllr E Roy suggested that the residents write to their MP as he may be able to help if the residents have had issues with damaged water supplies. It was also suggested that the Parish Council write to Staffordshire County Council to suggest that they need to offer a solution of the residents as there seems to be no way forward at this stage.

RESOLVED : *that the clerk write to the County Council*

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>	<i>Powers</i>
159/1378	Mrs S Meads	408.71	Salary & taxable expenses	LGA 1972 s. 112(2)
160/1379	Mrs S Meads	56.50	Non Taxable expenses	
161/1380	Premier 1 UK Ltd	1062.00	Village Planters & Maintenance	
162/1381	Reprotec	16.07	Photocopying costs	
163/1382	Mr G McCulloch	480.00	Grass cutting and grounds maintenance	
164/1383	ICO	35.00	Data Registration	

2058.28

RESOLVED: *that the above payments be made*

ii. Finance Report to 31st May 2013

The clerk presented the finance report to 31st May 2013

97. Group Reports

i. Recreation

Nothing to report

ii. Village Property

Nothing to report

iii. Traffic, Parking & Highways

The clerk reported that the Highways Team will be in the village in July

RESOLVED: *that the clerk requests that they include cleaning of the signs and clearing of passing places during the visit.*

The clerk also reported that Cllr G Hall had requested more evidence that the yellow lines are required so that he can pass this on to the Joint Parking Committee.

RESOLVED: *that the clerk write to Cllr Hall providing evidence of the need for the yellow lines.*

iv. Competitions

BKV – the property on Hillside was discussed, however, it was agreed that the Parish Council has now powers to act to request improvements.

v. Newsletter

The following contents were agreed for the next issue which would be published in July:-

- Chairman's Report, Jubilee Cup, Highways Update – Speed Cameras
- Surgery Update, Church Fundraising Report, BKV Update and winning posters
- HS2, New councillor welcome

vi. Village Hall

Nothing to report

98. Correspondence, bulletins and reports

No correspondence circulated at the meeting.

99. School Transport Consultation

RESOLVED: *to respond as discussed earlier in the meeting*

100. HS2

Nothing further to report at this stage but keep on the agenda.

101. Horn Dance

Nothing further to report at this stage but keep on the agenda

102. Mini Bus

The clerk reported that she had not yet had chance to progress this.

103. Christmas Tree Lights

The clerk requested go-ahead to purchase battery operated Christmas Tree Lights

RESOLVED : *that the clerk should go-ahead and get costs for these.*

104. Agenda Items for the next meeting

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

HS2, Horn Dance, Mini Bus, The Village Plan

105. Date, time and place of future meetings

July Parish Council Meeting, 7.00pm Wed 31st July 2013 – Village Hall

There being no other business the chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed _____ Date 31st July 2013