

ABBOTS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL
 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
 Held on Wednesday 25th March 2015 at 7.00 pm
 At the Village Hall, Abbots Bromley, pursuant to notice having been given

Present: Cllrs R Jarman (Chair), R Bell, Mrs D Burrow; Mrs K Johns; Mrs M Moore; P Ryan; E Roy

In attendance: Mrs S Meads (Clerk),

Members of the Public Attending: 35

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37. Apologies for absence
 Cllrs C Cook, P Charles

38. Public Session

Mr N Haywood commented that the proposed development on Ashbrook Lane had been brought forward due to no agreed plan being in place. He said it is the wrong kind of development and contravenes the local plan. He asked if the village has a Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Roy responded to say that the likelihood is that it would have little impact. Cllr Ryan said that the Village Design Statement which is in place, the local plan for 2006 and also input from the Highways Department will all be taken in to consideration by the Planning Department. Mr Haywood said that an outline planning application is a cheap punt and the developers should be pushed for a detailed application. He also added that under the Freedom of Information Act we could ask for any information from ESBC regarding discussions with the developers.

Mr K Baker said that he agreed with everything that Mr Haywood had said and added that until the local plan is in place and land supply has been met then the NPPF will be adopted. We need to forget the 40 homes in the local plan. The only agency we can gain help from is the Highways Department. If we can persuade Highways that there is a problem. Cllr Jarman said that Highways often work from a computer model and don't always come out to visit a site.

Mr J Caucer of Ashbrook Lane said that the developers had carried out a speed survey and coming out of the village speeds were recorded at over 40mph. Speed limit needs to be addressed and traffic levels.

Mr J Chapman, Ashbrook Lane, added that the speed going out of the village is high, it is often difficult to pull out on to Ashbrook Lane and visibility is poor.

PC J Shepherd updated the meeting on what action is being taken against parking in dangerous ~~sports~~ driving in the village. She said that advertisements are being placed in Parish News about parking and residents are going to be spoken to. She also added that there will be action taken against speeding.

Mrs Taylor, Ashbrook Lane, said that some vehicles are so big, they are often speeding and on mobile phones.

Mrs Strudwick, Ashbrook Lane, said that often the road is so busy that it is impossible to reverse in to their garage.

Mr A Elkington, Ashbrook Lane, said that many trucks are coming through the village as the satnavs are sending them through but their trucks are so ~~busy~~ big they can't make the turns.

Mr B Waring, Ashbrook Lane said that Skippers Trucks are using it as a short cut. He also added that PC Boulter is very slow at handing out parking tickets. PC Shepherd that the idea of speaking to residents about parking was to try to gain a bigger picture. The Clerk said that it would be more effective to speak to those using the pavements such as those with pushchairs going to school. PC Shepherd mentioned the community speed watch and said that Draycott had the road safety team in to make a safety talk.

Mr P Male, Lichfield Road, said please don't forget Lichfield Road. He had reported road safety problems but nobody had come back to him.

Mr G Brereton said that the new development will mean that traffic problems are just going to get worse.

Mr T Wheeldon agreed that the two are linked. He said that the National Planning Policy is worth have a look at. In sub section 12 it states that developers have to work closely with communities to preserve the historical nature. He asked what the Parish Council plans to do. Cllr Ryan said that is it worth looking at Hallam's (the developer) response to the local plan as this contradicts the proposed application.

Mr A Gray, Bagot Street said that the school is currently overloaded, extra houses means more children. Can we use this ~~is~~ as an argument.

Cllr Jarman thanked everyone for their input and said that the Parish Council would take on board all of these comments. He said that anyone who wished to leave the meeting now could do so.

39. Declarations of Interest

None

40. Minutes of Previous Meetings

RESOLVED: that the minutes of meeting held on 25th February 2015 be approved with one amend.

41. Matters of Report

i. Parish Surgery

Mr Brister visited the Parish Surgery and raised concerns over the size of the proposed development on Ashbrook Lane. He stressed this was too big a development on green belt land and that there is a large oak tree which should be protected.

ii. Dangerous Parking/Speeding

This was already covered in the public session, however, the Clerk updated on requests for speed monitoring. She said that the more reports of dangerous parking and speeding then the more success we may have with measures being taken.

42. Planning

Applications

923 - P/2015/00290 : Erection of a single storey rear extension and a first floor rear extension Fonthill, Uttoxeter Road, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3EQ

Received: 24/02/15 Reply due: 17/03/15 No Objections

924 - P/2015/00316: The Cross, Market Place, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3BP
Listed building application for the installation of five replacement double glazed sliding sash windows.

Received: 02/03/15 Reply due: 23/03/15 No Objections

926 - P/2015/00335: Grange Farm, Ashbrook Lane, Bromley Wood, Abbots Bromley, Staffs, WS15 3AL Prior approval for the conversion of an agricultural building to form a dwelling

Received: 09/03/15 Reply due: 30/03/15 No Objections

927 - P/2015/00381: Proposed Residential Development, Heatley Lane, Heatley, Abbots Bromley, Staffs, WS15 3EW Prior approval for the conversion of an existing agricultural building to two dwellings.

Received: 13/03/15 Reply due: 03/04/15 No Objections

Decisions

Agreed

914 - P/2014/01270: Abbots Bromley Cricket Club, Lichfield Road, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire Change of use of agricultural land to recreational land and the erection of cricket pavilion, cricket pitch, football pitch, 5-a-side pitch and associated parking and landscaping

918 - P/2015/00119 : Swan Lane, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire Erection of a detached dwelling and construction of vehicular access

921 - P/2015/00211: Northwood House, Bagot Street, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3DA Crown raise one Yew tree by 2.5 metres and crown reduction by 25% of one Lime tree

922 - P/2015/00281 : Harley Cottage, Uttoxeter Road, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3EG Erection of a single storey rear extension (Non-Material Amendment - removal of parapet roof and replacement with timber fascia and guttering)

ii. Conservation Area Review

RESOLVED: *the Parish Council's response was approved with the addition of a request for an extension to the conservation area on Uttoxeter Road.*

iii. Proposed Development on Ashbrook Lane

The council discussed this further following comments made in the public session.

RESOLVED: *that the council needs to use the time before the application is submitted to gain as much information as possible and be prepared. It was agreed to contact ESBC and ask for a meeting.*

43. 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>
58/1493	Mrs S Meads	408.71	Salary & taxable expenses	
59/1494	Mrs S Meads	11.80	Non taxable expenses	
60/1495	Community Council	25.00	Membership	
61/1496	Wicksteed	3.00	Outstanding balance from inspection	
62/1497	Abbots Bromley VH	170.25	Room Hire	
63/1498	The Village Handy Man	95.00	Painting Bench	
64/1499	Community Council	23.50	Best Kept Village entry	

737.26

RESOLVED: *that the above payments be made, proposed Cllr R Bell, seconded Mrs M Moore*

ii. Finance Report to 28th February 2015

The Clerk presented the financial report to end February 2015.

44. Group Reports

i. Recreation

The Clerk reported that work was currently being carried out to tidy Millennium Green, including replacement of rotten woodwork and raking of the bark.

ii. Village Property

Nothing to report.

iii. Traffic, Parking & Highways

Cllr Roy put in a request from the Footpath Society for the Parish Council's support for a request for a concessionary footpath to the reservoir. Cllr Jarman asked if this request could be put in writing from the Footpath society.

The Clerk said that correspondence had been received from Mr Male requesting that a Highways working group be set up. Cllr Jarman said that as we are coming towards the end of this Council it would be more appropriate to set something up after the election when new councillors are in place. This could also be advertised in the next Bulletin.

iv. Competitions

RESOLVED: *that the Clerk would produce a note to attach to the BKV flyer that is posted through letterboxes to ask if residents if they can display it in their window.*

v. Newsletter

RESOLVED: that an additional A4 Bulletin be produced to provide information to all residents on the Parish Council's response to the Conservation Area Review and the proposed development on Ashbrook Lane. The Clerk confirmed that it would be possible to produce this within the next two weeks.

45. Correspondence, bulletins and reports

All councillors present confirmed that they had received a personal letter from Mr Keith Baker.

46. Parish Assembly/Jubilee Cup

RESOLVED: Following discussions in the public session it was agreed to try and get a road safety presentation as part of the Assembly if the road safety team are available. Cllr Ryan also agreed to find out if the main hall would be available for the meeting rather than the Memorial Room to ensure that everyone could be accommodated.

47. Election Planning

Nothing to add

48. HS2

RESOLVED: add to next agenda

49. Horn Dance

RESOLVED: add to the next agenda.

50. Agenda Items for the next meeting

RESOLVED: that the following items be added to the next agenda:-
HS2, Horn Dance, Parish Assembly,

51. Date, time and place of future meetings

April Parish Council Meeting, 29th April 2015, - Village Hall
May Parish Council Meeting, 20th May 2015, – Village Hall

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

Signed _____ Date 29th April 2015