

ABBOTS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held on Wednesday 20th May 2015 at 7.00 pm
At the Village Hall, Abbots Bromley, pursuant to notice having been given

Present: Cllrs R Jarman (Chair), P Charles; P Greenwood; Mrs M Moore; B Walters

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

Members of the Public Attending: 0

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65. Apologies for absence

Cllr P Ryan

66. Public Session

None

67. Election of Chairman

Cllr Mrs Moore nominated Cllr Jarman. Seconded by Cllr Charles. Cllr Jarman accepted the Chair.

68. Election of Vice Chair

Cllr P Charles nominated Cllr Mrs Michelle Moore, seconded by Cllr B Walters. Cllr Mrs Moore accepted.

69. Authority to Act Between Meetings

RESOLVED : that the executive powers to act between meetings are delegated to (either) the clerk to the council or to the Chair and Vice Chair in accordance with Standing Order paragraph 72. Proposed by Mrs Moore, seconded by Cllr Charles.

70. Working Groups

RESOLVED: to postpone until the next meeting after co-option of new members.

71. Declarations of Interests

None

72. Minutes of Previous Meetings

RESOLVED: that the minutes of meeting held on 29th April 2015 be approved with three amends.

73. Matters of Report**i. Parish Surgery**

Mrs Cadman reported that various trees were encroaching on the traffic calmers on Lichfield Road. Mrs Grundy asked when the Nuttery playground would reopen. She also reported dog fouling on Church Lane and dogs not on leads in the church yard.
RESOLVED : to ask Dog Warden to visit properties in Church Lane. Cllr Moore to attend the next surgery in July.

ii. Election/Co-option of New Members

The clerk reported that one person had so far come forward with interest in becoming a councillor. Ads had been placed on noticeboards and on the website. Co-option to take place at the next meeting in June.

iii. The Nuttery Willow Tree

The clerk reported on the quotation that had been provided so far at a total cost of £700 for the pollarding of the tree. Cllr Jarman said that he felt that the quotation was vague and requested additional quotes be sourced. The clerk confirmed that a further quotation had been requested from another tree surgeon.

RESOLVED: that the work be carried out as soon as additional quotation received so that the playground can be re-opened.

iv. Village Planters

The clerk requested that she refill the planters with fresh flowers. All members agreed. The wild flowers at the Rugeley turn were also discussed. It was agreed that it was too late this year to get the work done but this could be considered for next year using volunteers. Cllr Greenwood said that he would put white posts in place if there were any signs of flowers coming through from last year.

v. Staffordshire Flag

Cllr Walters updated members on the Staffordshire Flag. He reported that a group or people were trying to register a flag as the official Staffordshire Flag but there had been little or no public engagement which concerned him.

RESOLVED: that Cllr Walters reports this and his research findings to Staffordshire County Council and also to the SPCA so that word is spread throughout other Parish Councils.

74. Planning**Applications****933 - P/2015/00560 : Northwood House, Bagot Street, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15**

3DA Listed Building Consent for the erection of a single storey rear/side extension, and replacement painted timber window to front living room

Received: 13/05/15 Reply due: 03/06/15 No Objections

934 - P/2015/00678 : Ash Tree House, Ashbrook Lane, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15

3DN Erection of a single storey two bay garage

Received: 13/05/15 Reply due: 03/06/15 No Objections although concerns raised over inaccurate information in planning applications regarding loss of parking spaces.

935 - P/2015/00708: Heatley Hall Farm, Heatley Lane, Heatley, Abbots Bromley,

Staffordshire, WS15 3EW Prior Approval for the conversion of agricultural building to form two dwellings

Received: 15/05/15 Reply due: 05/06/15 No Objections

936 - P/2015/00725: High Trees Farm, Hobb Lane, Marchington Woodlands, Staffordshire, ST14 8RQ Erection of a single storey rear extension with balcony over, first floor side extension and dormer to rear elevation

Received: 19/05/15 Reply due: 09/06/15 No Objections

937 - P/2015/00724: Brookside, Goose Lane, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3DE

Felling of 2 Apple trees, 1 Sycamore tree, 1 Ash tree and 1 Conifer tree

Received: 19/05/15 Reply due: 09/06/15 No Objections

Decisions

Agreed

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

Refused

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.

iii. Proposed Development on Ashbrook Lane

Cllr G Hall updated councillors. He said that the application is likely to be validated in the coming week. He said that the local plan had identified enough houses and that this application was inappropriate in size and housing numbers. He said that since the application has been going through the validation process a couple of events have happened. Recent calculation is that a five year land supply has been identified. Second event is that the local plan hearings are happening now. Inspectors are due to come back with findings in July. Cllr Walters asked if the application would be assessed based on the old ESBC or the emerging plan. Cllr Hall said that the more responses to the application the better. If the application did gain approval then a request would be made for Section 106 monies. The Clerk confirmed that ESBC Planning Department had been invited to a meeting in the village but the officers did not want to commit to this until the application was in. Cllr Hall said that this meeting could take place now and he would ask his officers if they would attend an open meeting. 3rd June was agreed as a potential date for the meeting depending on availability of planning officers and availability of a room at the Village Hall.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk would book a room at the Village Hall and Cllr Hall would ask ESBC Planning Officers if they can attend a meeting on 3rd June and confirm this with the Clerk.

75. Financial Matters

A Record of payments made after discussion with Chairman or Vice Chairman

1501	Jelly Tots	150.00	Grant for equipment	Section 137
1502	Richard Clarke FS	165.00	Grant for rug	Section 137

B Record of payments for which authorisation will be sought at meeting

Vch/Chq	Payee	Amount	Details	Powers
08/1511	Mrs S Meads	408.71	Salary	
09/1512	Mrs S Meads	11.80	Non taxable expenses	
10/1513	Riverside Printers	78.00	Newsletter	
11/1514	ABVH	93.75	Hire of village hall for Nostalgia day	Section 137

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>
12/1515	ABVH	24.50	Additional costs for VH for Parish Assembly	
13/1516	St Giles Hospice	20.00	Donation for plaque for Jubilee Cup	
14/1517	Reprotec	23.92	Photocopier costs	
15/1518	G McCulloch	468.00	Grounds Maintenance	
16/1519	Mrs D Burrows	45.00	Vouchers for BKV Competition	
17/1520	Toplis Associates	91.00	Audit for 2014	

1264.68

C Record of payments received

<i>Date</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Details</i>
07/05/15	G Holloway	25.00	Booking for Horn Dance Stall

RESOLVED: that the above payments be made, proposed Cllr P Charles, Seconded Cllr B Walters

ii. Finance Report to 30th April 2015

The Clerk presented the financial report to end April 2015.

iii. Annual Return

The clerk presented the Annual Return for approval by the council. The Annual Return was approved by councillors and signed by Cllr R Jarman.

76. Group Reports**i. Recreation**

Nothing to report

ii. Village Property

Nothing to report

iii. Traffic, Parking & Highways

The clerk confirmed details of Ironman road closures. Surface dressing in the area due to take place.

iv. Competitions

Nothing to report

v. Newsletter

RESOLVED: that the next edition would go out in June/July

77. Correspondence, bulletins and reports

- No additional correspondence

78. HS2
RESOLVED: *add to next agenda*

79. Horn Dance
RESOLVED: *to discuss publicity at the next meeting.*

80. Agenda Items for the next meeting
RESOLVED: *that the following items be added to the next agenda:-
HS2, Horn Dance, Co-option of new members, Working Groups*

81. Date, time and place of future meetings
June Parish Council Meeting, 24th June 2015, – Village Hall

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

Signed _____ Date 24th June 2015