

ABBOTS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL
 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
 Held on Wednesday 29th January 2020 at 7.00 pm
 At the Village Hall, Abbots Bromley, pursuant to notice having been given

Present: Cllrs N Taylor-Brown (Chair); Mr K Baker, Mrs K Haywood, P Freeman, M Lockey, Mrs C Spratt

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

Members of the Public Attending: 3

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7. Apologies for absence
 Cllrs Dr C Whorwood and Cllr R Love

8. Public Session

PC Lymer gave an update. He said that there have been some staff changes. The Chief Inspector is now Clare Langley and PC Boulter will be working with PC Lymer covering Abbots Bromley. PCSO Mandy Hales has now moved to Uttoxeter.

There has been a 15% increase in crime but much of this can be attributed to criminal damage associated with the badger cull.

Cllr Lockey asked if business theft also included farms. PC Lymer said that was the case.

PC Lymer said that he had checked to see if an Open Space Order could be applied for at the reservoir. He said that ESBC had said that this was not possible as not owned by ESBC. Cllr Hall said that this may be worth double checking as it may be possible with the owner's agreement.

Anti-social behaviour at the Village Hall was discussed. It was agreed that any incidents should be reported via 101 and registration numbers and names taken if possible.

Mr Wheeldon asked for an update on the War Memorial repairs as there is an event on 21st June. The Clerk confirmed that she had been chasing the selected contractor in order to meet up and discuss the works and arrange a start date but had not been successful in doing so. It was agreed that the Clerk and Mr Wheeldon would both chase up. Mr Wheeldon also asked if the Iron Man competition would be going ahead this year as Mrs Wheeldon had suggested that this would be a good day for a village litter pick as the roads would be quiet. The Clerk confirm that the Iron Man would be going ahead again.

Cllr Hall provided an update on Abbots Bromley School and the meeting that had taken place with ESBC. Cllr Taylor Brown updated on meeting with the school and Savills. Main position being that they still want to sell as a school and as a whole site rather than splitting, however, there is a Plan B which we are moving nearer to as time is going on. Cllr Hall said that the site must be used for education. Cllr Baker said that policies are currently being written for the school as part of the Neighbourhood Plan and a meeting was being held on 6th February to pull together rationales. It was confirmed that at this stage there is no weight to the plan as it has not been consulted on. Cllr Hall said that the new planning contact at ESBC is Ashley Baldwin and he would be happy to have a meeting with the group. Cllr Lockey said that there is a renewed sense of urgency by the NDPG.

Mr Cooper asked if it would not be possible to draft a policy with caveats. Members of the NDPG said that hopefully the meeting on 6th February should give an idea of where the group is heading. The policy that has been drafted by the consultant is significantly general and advice needs to be sought from the consultant. The group can draw on the 2015 conservation document for what developers need to be mindful of and focus on existing policies and what protection these can give. Tree protection orders were discussed and it was suggested that these should be applied for to protect trees and the area around the school. The Clerk said that she could ask the village groundsman to visit the village and help to identify the trees prior to applying for TPOs.

Cllr Hall left the meeting.

9. Declarations of Interests

None

10. Minutes of Previous Meetings

RESOLVED: *that the minutes of meeting held on 29th November 2019 and 2nd January 2020 be signed as a true and correct record*

11. Neighbourhood Development Plan Update

- Mike Hobbs has now resigned as Chair, however, three new members of the group; Cllrs Love, Lockey and Freeman have all joined the group.
- Currently working on the rational of the key policies
- Cllr Lockey said that Terms of Reference will need to be revised to allow for changes. A new Chair will be needed for the group and could possibly one of the councillors once they have had time to settle in.

12. Matters of Report

i. **Parish Councillor Vacancy**

RESOLVED: that the Clerk should contact previous applicants to ascertain if still interested in being a Councillor and to check advertising requirements with ESBC

ii. **Parish Surgery**

Nobody attended

iii. **Welcome Pack**

Cllr Baker had provided a series of headings for the Welcome back and asked if anyone would like to take on the project. Cllr Mrs Spratt said that she would be involved but couldn't commit to too much time due to family commitments. The Clerk mentioned that the Horn Dance leaflet already had quite a lot of information in. Cllr Lockey said that some information could be drawn from the conservation document

iv. **Tourist Guide**

Cllr Mrs Spratt said that she would be happy to be involved with this along with the Welcome Pack as long as there weren't tight deadlines.

v. **The Big Climate Fight Back**

The Clerk reported that she had not heard back from The Scouts regarding the purchase of trees with the grant offered.

There had also been no feedback received by Cllr Philip Atkins regarding the cutting of verges in lanes.

Cllr Baker also asked where and when wildflower seeds could be sowed. The Clerk explained that the Rugeley turn wildflowers were quite expensive due to the cultivating of the land and also the mowing throughout the growing season.

RESOLVED : to invite Cllr Atkins to a meeting to discuss climate and highways issues.

Councillors also discussed the possibility of locating an old boat near to the Rugeley turn which would be planted with flowers.

vi. **Mission Statement**

RESOLVED: Cllr Baker to email to all councillors. Once approved the Mission Statement should be included on the website, on letters and agendas

13. Planning

1245 - P/2019/01529: Orchard Farm, Ashbrook Lane, Bromley Wood, Abbots

Bromley, WS15 3EJ Conversion and alterations to existing detached garage/games room to form annexe for visiting guests

Received: 03/01/20 Replied: 16/01/20

The Parish Council objects to this application as it is further development outside of the development boundary. As a previous application was submitted and refused for this site for an identical property the Parish Council believes that this is an attempt to get the same application through under a different pretext. If ESBC are minded to approve the application, a condition should be attached to forbid permanent occupation of the dwelling or for it to be separated from the main house.

1246 - P/2020/00023: High Trees Dairy, Hobb Lane, Marchington Woodlands,

Staffordshire, ST14 8RQ Erection of an orangery on the south elevation.

Received: 16/01/20 Reply due: 06/02/20 No Objection

1247 - P/2020/00027: Rowan Barn, Pinfold Lane, Bromley Hurst, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3AF Erection of a single storey side extension and first floor front extension
Received: 17/01/20 Reply due: 07/02/20 No Objection

1248 - P/2020/00016: Anta Cottage, Bagot Street, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3DA Felling of two Cherry trees
Received: 22/01/20 Reply due: 05/02/20 The Parish Council objects to this applications as the removal of the trees will have a negative impact on the street scene within the conservation area.

1249 - P/2020/00064: Bromley Cottage, Uttoxeter Road, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3EG Crown reduce by up to 3 metre of 1 Willow tree and cut back branches by up to 3 metres of 1 Yew tree.
Received: 24/01/20 Reply due: 07/02/20 No Objection

Agreed

1242 - P/2019/01418: Oak Lodge, Yeatsall Lane, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3DY
Roof alterations and installation of dormer window to enlarge existing bedroom and formation of covered area on south elevation and formation of dormer on north elevation

1239 - P/2019/01328: Middleton House, Bagot Street, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3DA
Installation of new window to side elevation to facilitate en-suite bathroom

1242 - P/2019/01418: Oak Lodge, Yeatsall Lane, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3DY
Roof alterations and installation of dormer window to enlarge existing bedroom and formation of covered area on south elevation and formation of dormer on north elevation

14. Finance Matters

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

66/1897	Fresh Air Fitness	5998.50	Final payment for gym equipment
67/1898	S Meads	576.69	Salary
68/1899	S Meads	11.80	Expenses
69/1900	Riverside Printers	118.00	Printing of the Bulletin

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

Vch/Chq	Payee	Amount	Details
70/1901	S Meads	576.69	Salary for January
71/1902	SCC Pensions	439.04	Pension contribution for December & January
72/1903	S Meads	11.80	Expenses
73/1904	ABPCC	115.00	Room hire for Church House
74/1905	G McCulloch	430.00	Winter clearance of playgrounds

8277.52

RESOLVED: that the above payments be approved.

15. Group Reports

i. Recreation

The Clerk reported that G McCulloch had cleared the Nuttery and washed down the wetpour. A planning application had also been submitted for the pruning of the trees on The Nuttery.

ii. Village Property

Nothing to report

iii Traffic, Parking & Highways

Councillor discussed parking by the school, the pavement by The Goat and Harley Lane. Repair work required to Narrow Lane drain also discussed. The Clerk said that this has now been reported numerous times of the past two years and still no sign of work being done.

RESOLVED: raise issue of Narrow Lane with Cllr Atkins when he meets with the council.

iv Competitions

The Clerk reported that Tom Thumb nursery had been in touch and are keen to be involved in BKV, possibly providing some planters for The Nuttery playground. Cllr Taylor-Brown to provide an article for the next Bulletin.

v. Newsletter

Next issue out in February. Contents to include: Best Kept Village, outdate from NDPG, article on listed buildings and information on new councillors.

vi. Village Hall - Nothing to report**vii. ABSA**

Email received from Mr Woods regarding a representative from the Parish Council to join ABSA. Cllr Taylor-Brown said that he would contact Mr Woods.

16. Correspondence, bulletins and reports

- SPCA Bulletin
- Letter from Savills regarding AB School, letter circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. Letter advised Councillors that a buyer had not yet been found for the school.
- Email concerning safety issues at the Village Hall – circulated prior to the meeting. Councillors discussed and suggested that the Village Hall committee install a new sign highlighting that the basketball court is not a parking area and also install a chain across the entrance so that the area is kept clear for people to play.
- Email about rubbish outside The Ruchi, circulated prior to the meeting. The Clerk to contact ESBC to ascertain what work is being carried out and if it requires planning permission.
- Email from Richard Clarke deputy head regarding a new directional sign to highlight where the school is. Councillors discussed and did not feel that a sign would be suitable. The Clerk to contact the school and offer publicity for the school via the Bulletin and website. Invite to the Head or Chair of Governors to come to a future meeting.

17. Horn Dance

Councillors discussed attracting more people to Horn Dance day and possible activities that can take place during the day to keep people entertained. Possibility for guided tours and exhibitions. **RESOLVED** : to add to next agenda

18. Agenda Items for the next meeting

Horn Dance, Co-option of new members, Welcome Pack/Tourist Guide

19. Date, time and place of future meetings

Wednesday, 26th February 2020, 7.00pm, Abbots Bromley Village Hall.

Signed _____ Date 26th February 2020

Abbots Bromley Parish Council will do all it can to protect Abbots Bromley's heritage and village status and seek to enhance the well-being of the community by moving towards a greener and more sustainable environment.