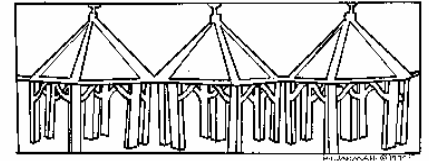


# THE BROMLEY

## BULLETIN.....



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#### **Annual report 2005**

Those present at the Annual Parish Assembly on the 11th May heard a range of interesting reports from organisations active in the village. Unfortunately there is not enough space to include them here but a full version is available on the Parish Council's web site, [www.abbotsbromley.com](http://www.abbotsbromley.com).

The Chairman summarised some key aspects of the Council's work during the past year including:

- Dealing with 73 planning applications. The Council supported change of use from light industrial to allow development of new homes on the land at Ivy House. However the schemes submitted by the developer have been inappropriate for the location, and planning permission was not given.
- AB Energy's application to develop a wind farm in Bagot's Park started a period of intense consultation when many local residents took the opportunity to make their views known to the Parish Council. Through extensive local publicity the Council did their best to give anyone who wished for it, the opportunity to participate. Articles in the local press helped raise awareness. Having listened to the arguments, the Council was unanimous in the view that this proposal was not in the interest of the area. The application has been withdrawn temporarily while missing information is acquired and will be re-submitted in June.
- Supporting the Community First Responder team by awarding them a grant towards set up costs. The Council congratulates and thanks those who have successfully completed a rigorous training course and are now responding to emergencies in the area.
- Contributing £1000 towards the capital cost of extending street lighting in Goose Lane to the nursery entrance, ensuring safety for pedestrians during the winter months.
- Working with the Staffordshire Police to create Community Speed watch teams in order to help reduce the speed of traffic through the main street of the village.
- Submitting our application for Quality Status. The Council congratulates our Parish Clerk, Eric Roy who has been awarded the Certificate in Local Council Administration with distinction.

The Council has set a budget for the coming year that will allow support for projects arising out of the Vital Villages Action Plan and also for implementation of any traffic calming measures that County Highways will support. This has been achieved with a minimal increase in the precept.

Reports were given by Alex Fox, our Borough Councillor, Philip Atkins, our recently re-elected County Councillor, and Police Inspector Andy Mason.

The following village organisations: United Charities, Community First Responders, Richard Clarke First School, Voluntary Transport Scheme, Village Hall, Village Action Plan and Project Playground gave updates on their last year's activities.

#### **Enclosures with this Bulletin**

- A copy of the Financial Report 2004/2005.
- A Housing Needs Survey. Please take the time to fill in this form and post it back to ESBC in the Freepost envelope provided by 15th July. This information will help to establish whether there is a need for affordable housing in the village and these statistics are useful when any developers are considering building in our area.
- A newsletter from the Village Action Plan giving an update on their progress.

### **Best Kept Village Competition**

The Best Kept Village competition is ongoing. The judges have visited the village once and will be returning, so please continue to keep the village clean and tidy. Congratulations to poster competition winners and thank you to all the Brownies and pupils of Richard Clarke First School who entered.

### **Cleaner and better environment**

Did you know it is an offence under The Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1976 not to clean up after your dog? You could be fined up to £1,000. Dog foul can carry a disease that causes blindness. If your area is badly fouled please inform the local Enforcement Officer who will visit the area. All complaints are treated confidentially and your identity will not be revealed. Please contact Cheryl Maxim Enforcement Officer on 01283 508343.

### **Audio newsletter**

The Abbots Bromley Action Plan included a proposal for an audio version of this newsletter for the benefit of those who are unable to read the printed edition. If you know of someone who would benefit from this service or if you would be willing to help record/deliver an audio news, please let the Parish Clerk know.

### **Horn Dance Date**

The old edition of the free Abbots Bromley map incorrectly stated the date for the Horn Dance in 2005. It should of course be Monday 12th September as shown in the newly published revised map. The new map has been printed in brown to distinguish it from the earlier green edition. Supplies of the map are available on request from the Parish Clerk. If anyone is interested in holding a stall on Horn Dance Day this year, please contact C. Cook regarding licences on 840928.

### **Village web pages**

To complement the availability of broadband in the village, recent months have seen the addition of several new services to the village web pages. You can now link to local weather forecasts, catch up on news headlines from BBC UK, read local news, including the latest information on the wind farm application. Also suggest events for inclusion into an on-line village diary, read and print Parish Council minutes and annual reports, look at a list of planning applications currently in consultation. Village clubs can have privileged access to directly enter their own events and if they wish, use on-line community discussion forums. Village clubs and businesses wishing to promote their activities and services on-line are able to download a simple form to complete and return to the webmaster.

### **Goat Toilets closed**

The Councillors appreciated the willingness of licensees at the Goats Head to allow access to their outside toilets by the public. However recent misuse of the facilities has resulted in their closure. An offer for the Council to take over responsibility has been considered but is not thought practical in the short term. Regrettably this means that for the time being there is no public convenience in the village.

### **Contacting your Parish Councillors**

The start of a new Council year for the Parish Council and Philip Charles remains as Chairman (840251) and David Eatough becomes Vice Chairman (840061). The next two PC surgeries will be on Saturday 23rd July and Saturday 24th September at 10.00- 12.00 in Church House. The Parish Clerk, Eric Roy can be contacted during office hours on 840153 or email him at parish.council@abbotsbromley.com.

### **Bulky waste dates**

The next two collections will be on Saturday 11th June from 10.30 – 14.00 and Saturday 6th August from 11 – 14.00 at the Crown car park.

### **Tell Clarence**

Problems with street lighting or blocked gullies? Please call 0800 232323 and quote the reference number on the lamppost.

### **Closure of the Burton road.**

During August SCC highways will be renewing the road surface from the end of the traffic calming on Ashbrook Lane to the Hoar Cross turn. Initially traffic lights will be in use for installing new kerbing. Then the road will be closed to traffic whilst resurfacing takes place over two weeks. Local residents will be informed in advance to limit access problems as much as possible.

### **Jubilee Cup**

Mike King was unable to be present to receive his award of the Jubilee Cup at the Parish Assembly, but the Chairman drew attention to Mike's significant contributions to village life over many years including the Cricket Club and the Village Hall.

### **Trafalgar Weekend**

A national programme of celebrations during the weekend of 21st-23rd October is proposed for the bicentenary of the Battle of Trafalgar. If you would like to be involved in planning local events please contact Eric Roy for details.

### **S. Nicholas Churchyard**

The PCC of S. Nicholas intend to carry out a survey of the churchyard in order to establish whether any memorials/gravestones are unstable. It is their intention to rectify any problems. If you think that your family memorial/gravestone may be affected please contact Gill Grundy on 840208 or Anthea Blower on

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