You may like to keep this copy as a source of background information in the event that you wish to make a planning application.

Work on creating the Design Statement started in 2005 and was aided by the participation of many who contributed to





the photographic exercise and provided feedback on ideas and drafts.

Once the initial burst of activity was completed, the slower process of consultation and eventual approval by East Staffordshire Borough Council began.

More information about the purpose of a design statement is contained within the introduction and additional material is to be found on the web pages.

Parish Council finance

In the twelve months ending 31 March 2007, the Parish Council income was £24,854 with expenditure in the same period amounting to £18,718.

The reasons for this unplanned surplus of over £6,000 are spelt out in detail in the Clerk's report on Parish Council finances on page 3 of the Annual Report.

The Parish Council tries to encourage and support initiatives that will benefit the **com-**

munity and recent grants include:

- Under 5s Playground
- AB Community First Responders
- Scout and Guide Hut



If you or your organisation have a project or idea that will benefit our community, then please talk to a Parish Councillor and see if the Council could support your initiative.

Parish Council information

| Councillor | Tel no. | |
|-----------------|----------|---------|
| Philip Charles | 840251 | |
| Steve Coxon | 840455 | |
| David Eatough | 840902 | |
| Bob Esling | 840778 | QUALITY |
| Alan Elkington | 841011 | PARISH |
| Linda Fox | 840315 | COUNCIL |
| Roger Jarman | 840678 | |
| Caroline Veitch | 840361 | |
| Barrie Waring | 840649 | |
| Parish Clerk | Eric Roy | |
| Telephone | 840153 | |
| | | |

parish.council@abbotsbromley.com

www.abbotsbromley.com/pc

Other useful numbers

Clarence: To report any problems with Highways, Lighting, Signs:

0800 23 23 23

ESBC waste management: To report full re-cycling bins at Schoolhouse Lane:

0800 26 90 98

ESBC Enforcement Team (Dog fouling): 01283 508 576

01200 0

ESBC Planning Enquiries:

01283 508 570

Police: All non emergency calls:

08453 30 20 10

Sustainable Staffordshire:

01785 277253

Bromley 11 Et 111

Lifestyle Choice or Necessity? Editorial

At the Abbots Bromley Annual Parish Assembly held on 18th April, Shirley Mann gave an informative but provocative presentation on sustainability.

What do you believe about climate change? Or are you just too lazy to even think about the possibility and consequences?

This year the theme for the Assembly was "sustainability" and it aimed to create an opportunity both to provide information and to engage people who do care about the future of their community in some thought-provoking discussions.

A copy of the presentation slides and some links to additional web resources are available on our new sustainability page at www.abbotsbromley.com/go-green - read it if you dare!

The sample slide below shows that there is plenty we ALL can do. To learn more or increase the impact you have, then please:



- Read the presentation on the web-site
- Follow some of the links e.g. to Sustainable Staffordshire
- ◆ Talk to a Parish Councillor about taking a part in a Parish Group

Staffordshire County Council is certainly active in this area and there is a Sustainability Officer, Helen Swift whose contact details have been added to the Useful Numbers on the back page of this Bulletin.

Annual report

Available on the web pages and reference copies available in Church House and the Village Hall

Meetings

7.30pm Wednesdays

In the Village Hall:

- 25th July
- 26th September
- 31st October

Surgeries

10-11am Saturdays in Church House:

- 22nd July
- 22nd September

Best Kept Village

Judging continues for those villages through to the second round.

Help keep our village tidy!





E-mail

Website

Think community!

As a Parish Council we continue to urge you to make a contribution to the community we all live in. It doesn't need to be much. If you can organise your time to make just a few hours available in a month then an organisation somewhere in the parish will be glad of your help. Do please try and make a contribution and here are some useful names and numbers for you to contact and find out more about what is involved:

Village Hall Committee:

Mike King 01889 500660

First Responders:

Colin Palmer 840667

Community Transport:

David Thompson 841093

Village Action Plan:

Eric Roy 840153

Your new Council

The following were elected or co-opted to serve the community until May 2011.

Philip Charles - Vice Chairman Steve Coxon David Eatough - Chairman Alan Elkington Bob Esling Linda Fox Roger Jarman Caroline Veitch Barrie Waring

We are delighted to welcome Steve Coxon, Caroline Veitch and Barrie Waring as new Council members.

In future Bulletins we will be running a series of brief introductions to each of the Councillors.

Thank you

A big thank you to Clive Cook, Kate McLoughlin and Jean

Needham for their contribution to the Council and community over past years.

They each decided not to seek re-election this year.

Annual Parish Assembly

The Annual Parish Assembly was held on 18 April 2007 and was attended by some 24 parishioners together with Parish Councillors, our Borough Councillor Alex Fox and Guest Speaker Shirley Mann. The Annual Parish Assembly is a meeting for all electors in the village. Each year it provides an opportunity to ask questions and raise issues with their elected representatives.

This year, in addition to the more formal part of the evening, there was also an opportunity to view various displays and engage in informal discussion with Councillors and recycling experts from East Staffordshire Borough Council.



ESBC re-cycling information display

The first item was the presentation of the Jubilee Cup. This year it was awarded to Colin Palmer and Helen Wilson in recognition of the work of Abbots Bromley Community First Responders and their own contribution in particular.



Len Ferguson, recipient of the Jubilee Cup in 2006, receives a commemorative certificate from Chairman Philip Charles

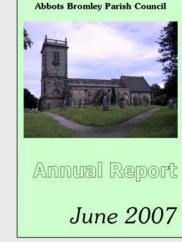
In making the award Council Chairman Philip Charles paid tribute to the group of nine active members which has maintained a virtually continuous 24 x 7 cover since it went 'live'. He went on to say, "This is a tremendous achievement and an extremely valuable service to our community. It is important to remember that it is a totally voluntary activity. All the volunteers give whatever time they can to the rota and we must acknowledge that, in this day and age, time is a very precious commodity to give to others. As a Parish Council, and on behalf of the community, we sincerely thank all the volunteers for their contribution."

The Reports submitted to the Meeting by local organisations were made available in advance of the meeting and made an interesting read. Sadly an underlying theme was one of local organi-

sations under pressure to maintain their service to our community through lack of support. The Village Hall Committee; First Responders; and Community Transport all need help and there are a number of issues identified in the Village Action Plan needing volunteers to take them forward.

All the reports submitted to the Parish Assembly, notes from the meeting and a full copy of the Parish Council accounts have been compiled into an "Annual Report". This report is available for you to view or download and can be found on the Parish Council web pages at www.abbotsbromley.com/pc/information.

For those without access to the internet, printed reference copies have been deposited in the Post Office, Church House and the Village Hall for you to look at.



ABCFR vehicle

The Abbots Bromley Community First Responders are very pleased to announce the imminent arrival of their new vehicle thanks to the tremendous generosity of people and organisations in and around our community. This will replace their current 9 year old vehicle, but all other aspects of the service will remain just the same.

Horn Dance day

This year the date is Monday 10 September. If you or your organisation wants to book a stall on the green, please speak to Councillor Roger Jarman on 840678.

Blithford culvert replacement

We are aware that Staffordshire Highways are planning some major work in this area – the two bridges on the Lichfield Road – that could take 12 weeks and close the road for 7 weeks. We understand that the originally proposed start date of 9 July has yet to be finalised and may be delayed. Be warned and watch out for more information.

Streetlight replacement

As part of a county-wide renewal programme, Abbots Bromley is due to have the street lighting on the main through roads replaced. The aims of the replacement programme are to reduce energy consumption and the costs of future maintenance and repairs.

The existing lighting scheme was installed over thirty years ago. At the time it received an award for the way that it accommodated the character of the village.

Care is being taken in the design of the replacement to be sensitive to the needs of the conservation area while still achieving the objectives of safe lighting.

There is expected to be an opportunity for residents to comment on the proposed scheme. Watch out for details.

