

Parish Clerk vacancy

We are sorry to report that Eric Roy is retiring from the post of Parish Clerk with effect from early 2008. Eric has made a truly significant contribution to the smooth and effective running of the Parish Council. He has, in addition, built and maintained the web-site; coached and guided the Parish Council to 'Quality' status; and contributed greatly to Parish organisations and activities. The Village Design Statement

probably wouldn't have been completed without his input. He will indeed be greatly missed and we wish him well for the future.

If you are interested in filling the post of Parish Clerk, or know someone who is, then in the first instance please make contact with Eric to obtain a briefing on the role and responsibilities prior to making a formal application.

ABCFR

As a quick update we can report that

- ♦ on October 1st the Staffordshire Ambulance Service merged with West Midlands Ambulance Service
- ♦ the ABCFR group has now passed the 1000 attendances – still around one per day since they started
- ♦ the new vehicle is up and running

On the people front, both Colin Palmer and Helen Wilson received prestigious awards at a recent West Midlands Ambulance Service presentation evening. Colin's award was for the CFR attending the most incidents in Staf-



fordshire. Helen's was the Chief Officer's Commendation for exceptional performance at an incident.

Bromley Bulletin

Graffiti - the scourge *Editorial*

The scourge of graffiti has struck the Parish!

Since it is difficult to imagine that people would have travelled into the village just to do this, the sad conclusion is that residents are deliberately spoiling their own village. But why? Is it adults with a grudge? Is it younger people with nothing better to do?



Whatever the cause, graffiti is an unwelcome and unwanted sight in our village and Parish. Someone, somewhere must know who is involved and they have the opportunity to do something about it – either directly to those involved or anonymously through Crime Stoppers (0800 555 111).

Surely we haven't all lost our ability to care for our Parish and to Think Community!!

PC Meetings

7.30pm Wednesdays

In the Village Hall:

- 28th November
- 30th January

PC Surgery

10-11am Saturdays
in Church House:

- 24th November

Revised Code of Conduct

Abbots Bromley Parish Council has adopted a revised Code of Conduct using the model code in Statutory Instrument 2007 No. 1159, with effect from 3rd May 2007.

Anyone interested in the details, can view the Code of Conduct on the Parish Council web pages .

Parish Council information

Councillor

Philip Charles	840251
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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
ESBC Planning Enquiries:	01283 508 570
Police: All non emergency calls:	08453 30 20 10
Sustainable Staffordshire:	01785 277253

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Community Help Lines

Speedwatch:

Although many people in the parish, particularly on the main through roads in the village, continue to complain about speeding, very, very few put any action where their mouth is. The appeal with the last issue of the Bulletin received virtually no positive response – where were you all?

Clive Cook (840928) and his team need more volunteers. It isn't hard work and it will make a difference. Don't just expect someone else to do it for you, get out there and do it for yourself.

As a reminder there continue to be other ways to Think & Act Community by getting involved with any of the following:

Village Hall Committee:

Mike King 01889 500660

First Responders:

Colin Palmer 840667

Community Transport:

David Thompson 841093

Village Action Plan:

Eric Roy 840153

HGV watch

As a separate, but related, concern to speed there is a move towards a formal campaign to reduce the number of heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) coming through the village.



This will require the collection of factual evidence of HGV passage through the village (time, direction, etc) and is likely to take the form of a survey covering say one week.

Such a survey will therefore need volunteers for the spotting and recording to be comprehensive enough for use in a formal campaign.

If you are willing to give some of your time to such an important issue, then contact Barrie Waring (840649).

Millennium Green

The Millennium Green was set up for the benefit of the community 'in perpetuity' - that is for all time. The Green has been managed by a group of Trustees. The Trustees have limited access to funds and the Parish Council has met the day-to-day running costs and managed the play area.

Finding new Trustees to take on responsibility has proved impossible, and therefore after considerable discussion and research to ensure that the original principles are protected, the Parish council has agreed to become the Trustee on behalf of the community.

The legal formalities for the transfer of Trusteeship are progressing, but the community will not see any actual change to the usage of the area.

As regards the maintenance, the Parish Council has allocated funds to re-bark and generally tidy-up the playground area in addition to covering the cost of dealing with the graffiti.



Youth Project

We now have available to the Parish community the Under 5s Playground and the Millennium Green. There is however still a gap in the facilities available to young people in the Parish.

The Under 5s Playground development has indeed shown that a group of focussed people can make something big happen.



The Parish Council, led by Chairman David Eatough, is now looking to initiate and support a major project on behalf of the young people in the Parish. There is, as yet, no fixed framework.

We are looking for a group to take a project forward and to collect ideas from everyone especially the young people themselves.

Providing our young people with facilities is good for all of us.

So, if you are at all interested or have any ideas, please make contact with David or any of the other Parish Councillors.

Parish RISES to challenge

Well done to all who support the re-cycling in the Parish and use the 'Containers' in the Crown car park to dispose of glass, paper, tins and plastic bottles.

Over the last six months we have received £541 from the Recycling Incentive Scheme in East Staffordshire (RISES) – the most so far!

By combining this sum with the previous payment, we have been able to purchase attractive new litter bins for the village.

Now let's raise even more next time. Please continue to use the communal 'containers' in Crown car park and encourage your friends and neighbours to do the same. All the revenue from these containers returns to the Parish. The contents of the individual boxes collected from households **do not** help in raising money for your community.

If you have any suggestions for ways of spending future funds please contact Linda Fox (840315).

Parish Council grants

Each year the Parish Council makes a small number of grants to organisations that serve the local community. For example, this year the Parish Council has been pleased to support the First Responders with a grant towards the cost of a replacement vehicle.

In a few weeks time, the Council will be preparing a budget for the twelve months from May 2008. If your group plans a project that would benefit from major financial support from the Council, then now is the time to make one of the Councillors aware of the need.



In the present financial year, the Council still has some funds available to be used for grants and is expecting to make a decision on how these are dispersed at the February meeting. Any requests for grants from these funds should be put in writing to the Clerk