

PC Meetings

7.30pm Wednesdays

In the Village Hall:

- 22nd October 2008 (extra meeting)
- 29th October 2008
- 26th November 2008
- 28th January 2009
- 25th February 2009
- 25th March 2009

PC Surgery

10-11am Saturdays in Church House:

- 22nd November 2008
- 17th January 2009
- 21st March 2009

Parish Council Grants

Every year the parish council makes a small number of grants to organisations which serve the community of Abbots Bromley. For example in the past, grants have been made towards the First Responders and currently some money is provisionally allocated for a youth project.

In the next few weeks the council will be working out its budget for the financial year beginning in April 2009.

If your group has a project that would benefit from financial support from the council, then now is the time to contact us. Please write to or email the clerk with the details before the end of November.

In the current financial year which runs to 31st March, 2009, the council still has some funds available to be used for grants and the council will be considering how this money should be used at their February meeting. Any requests for grants from these funds should also be made in writing to the clerk, via post or email, as soon as possible.

Village Hall

This important and valuable amenity is open to all comers and provides so much to the community of Abbots Bromley. However, it can only continue to fulfil this role if more people come forward to act as Trustees and help manage the affairs.

At the Annual General Meeting in 2009, a number of officers will be standing down and it is imperative that new volunteers come forward to serve on the management committee.

Please take time to think about whether you feel that you could help in any way and if you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mike King (Chairman) on 01889 500660.

And Finally – Treat or Fright ?

It's that time of year when ghouls, fireworks and treats all merge into one.

Fireworks

Residents are reminded to be careful when letting fireworks off in back gardens, last year several rockets landed in neighbouring properties where they could have caused fires or serious injury. Why not attend an organised display like the one by Uttoxeter Lions (Saturday 1st November @ 7pm), instead of putting yourself or others at risk ?

Halloween

If you are planning to be out on Halloween, 'trick or treating', please spare a thought for our elderly or infirm residents who may be uneasy about opening doors after dark, or even those who just don't wish to participate. Many people enjoy taking part in the fun, but please ask your children to be considerate. Look for the 'signs', most people who want to take part will display pumpkins or other similar decorations.

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Abbots Bromley Lighting

As you will be aware there has been much discussion and publicity over recent weeks regarding the new lighting scheme in Abbots Bromley.

The parish council discussed the issue at some length at the meeting held on 24th September, 2008, and took into consideration all the correspondence received by that date, comments made at the bi-monthly parish council surgery on Saturday, 20th September, 2008 and comments made during the public session at the parish council meeting on 24th September, 2008.

The parish council was first contacted on the proposed changes to the street lighting of Abbots Bromley by Staffordshire County Council's (SCC) contractor, ABB (recently bought out by E.ON), on July 26th 2006. This was part of the Staffordshire County Council Highways Department Lighting Scheme, to both update the lighting levels, and to improve energy efficiency throughout Staffordshire, and would affect the B5234 through the centre of the village, including the Market Place.

It became obvious at the outset that SCC/ABB had very clear guidelines which were not for general negotiation. These guidelines related to lighting standards, not to aesthetics. If, for example, individual householders did not give permission for the upgrading of the wall lights on their properties, then ABB had the authority (and willingness) to place lamp posts all through the main street of Abbots Bromley. This was demonstrated by the erection of a lamp post outside of the Bagot Barn conversions, subsequently removed following parish council involvement.

Against this background the parish council was not able to either reject the scheme outright, or make any major modification to it. Despite this the parish council did manage to obtain a general reduction in the level of lighting, and additional funding to make the four lamp posts in Market Place less industrial in appearance.

The parish council has attempted to make residents aware that changes were to be made to the lighting and reference to the lighting scheme appeared in the Bromley Bulletins dated June 2007 and June 2008, which are delivered to every house in the parish.

Following concerns raised by some residents and discussions at the September parish council meeting the parish council has agreed to hold a meeting with Staffordshire County Council and their contractor E.ON. It is hoped that the meeting will provide an opportunity to discuss what alternatives, if any, may be available, what legal standards have to be met, how the final scheme can be justified and what the installed lighting levels are now that the scheme is complete.

This meeting will be on Wednesday 22nd October at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The meeting will be an extra parish council meeting, which will have an open public session as at any other parish council meeting.

Members of the public are most welcome to attend this meeting.

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Did You Know ?

Recycle, using the facilities in the village, and the proceeds get ploughed back into the village !!!

If you use the facility located in the Crown car park (off Schoolhouse Lane), any revenue raised goes to good causes such as the young cricket players and footballers, the scout hut roof, etc. Earlier this year the recycling committee (RISES) received £520 for the village and the latest amount exceeded this. If you use the kerb-side collection, the village does not get any revenue from this service.

So, do **two** goods things in **one**, recycle and raise money !!!

If you want to know more or want to suggest good causes for funding, please contact Linda Fox (840315)



Food & Drink Cans

Mixed Glass
(Bottles & Jars)

Plastic Bottles
(PETE & HDPE Plastic)



Cardboard

Paper

Newspaper

Magazines

Junk Mail

Brochures

Telephone Directories



Please wash out food and drink containers to prevent wasps and vermin.



Don't leave surplus material (if it can't be recycled here in the containers provided, please take it to one of the council facilities !!)

Best Kept Village Competition

The council would like to thank everyone who helped towards Abbots Bromley's entry to the Best Kept Village Competition this year. Unfortunately, the village was not placed on this occasion - which sets us a challenge to do better next year.

Thank you.

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Think Village - Think Community!

This is a theme which has featured on previous bulletins and it seems an appropriate time to remind residents of one or two elements which fall under this umbrella.

1. Parking

The parish council is concerned about the ongoing problems of parking in the village, particularly on the corner as you go past the Goats Head towards Bagot Street. If cars are parked on the corner or poorly parked it leads to poor visibility for other road users which could be potentially very dangerous.

In addition, where vehicles are parked on the road side, partly on the pavement, please remember that the footpath must be kept clear to allow the passage of pedestrians, wheelchair and pushchair users. Pedestrians should not be expected to have to walk in the road to get round cars parked on the pavement!

2. Hedges

If you have a hedge which borders a footpath, please keep it trimmed back so that it does not encroach onto the footpath and make the passage of pedestrians difficult.

3. Dog Fouling

Dog fouling is unpleasant, unhealthy, smelly, a blight on the village and senseless as it is completely AVOIDABLE!

If you are a dog owner please be responsible and clear up any mess your animal makes in public places. There is both a legal and social obligation to do so.

If you wish to report an offender the ESBC Enforcement Team can be contacted on 01283 508576.

Remember with just a little responsible consideration, dog fouling could be eradicated from our village forever!

Police Non-emergency Number

The police non-emergency number has changed. In future please call:

0300 123 44 55

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: 0300 123 44 55
- Sustainable Staffordshire: 01785 277253