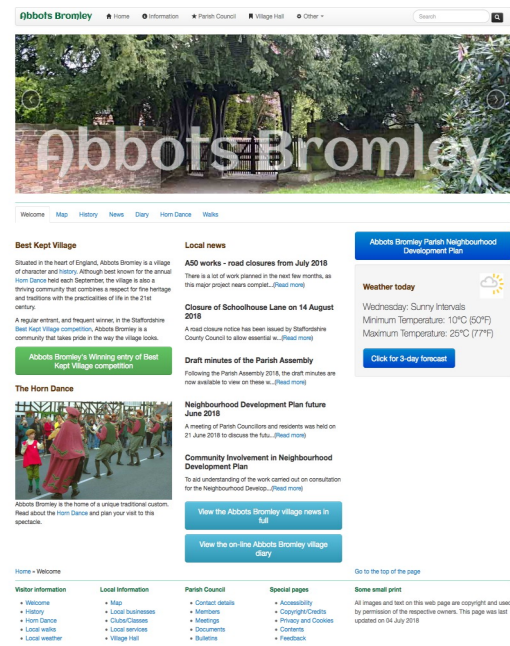




At the Parish Council meeting on 27th June, a representation from Community Speed Watch made a presentation to the Council and members of the public on the activity that Speed Watch now undertakes. It is hoped that we can re-start the Speed Watch group in the village and combat several issues including exceeding the speed limit, travelling too fast or unsuitable driving for the conditions and use of mobile phones while driving.

Several volunteers have come forward already and hopefully should start their training soon, however, it is always helpful if there are more people to share the workload.

If you are interested in becoming a Speed Watch volunteer you can either contact the Parish Council Clerk, Sarah Meads on 01283 840891, parish.council@abbotsbromley.com or contact the Community Engagement Coordinator, Michelle Shaker Tel: 01785-232702 Email: csw@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk



### Abbots Bromley Website [www.abbotsbromley.com](http://www.abbotsbromley.com)

As many of you may be aware the village is lucky to have an excellent website that provides lots of useful information for residents and visitors to the area.

The site contents include the history of the village, a village map as well as details on local businesses, places to stay, places to eat, clubs and societies, local news items, a diary of local events as well as a directory of Parish Council documents.

If you already have your business, club or society listed on the website it may be worth checking the details to ensure that the contacts are up-to-date. If you are not already listed then do get in touch with the webmaster. The diary is also a great way to publicise any events that you have coming up. For more information or to update or including listing contact Eric Roy [eric@the-roys.net](mailto:eric@the-roys.net)

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David Denny	840605	
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Roger Jarman	840678	
Michelle Moore	840280	
Rosamund Robb	840599	
Phil Ryan	840019	
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### Other useful numbers

Highways Hotline To report any problems with Highways, Lighting, Signs: 0300 111 8000  
<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/transport/home.aspx>

ESBC waste management: To report full re-cycling bins at Schoolhouse Lane: 0800 26 90 98

ESBC Enforcement Team (Dog fouling): 01283 508576

ESBC Planning Enquiries: 01283 508570

Police: All non emergency calls: 101  
Greg Hall (Borough Councillor): 01283 840836  
Phillip Atkins (County Councillor): 018895 90922

# Bromley Bulletin



Abbots Bromley Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan

## Neighbourhood Development Plan Update

The Parish Assembly on the 23rd May brought about significant changes with regard to the Abbots Bromley Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP). It was clear that many of the village were not satisfied with the NDP work to date, or at least feeling they had had an opportunity to input and be consulted in the process.

Since the meeting, the group chair resigned and a number of the group also stepped down from their roles. A huge amount has been achieved by this group and the Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to thank those who stood down for their considerable effort and hard work on the NDP. The Parish Council has taken the decision to appoint an independent Planning Consultant to initially take stock of the comments received and review the work that the NDP group have completed. It is important that we understand where there may be gaps in evidence or consultation so that we can make informed decisions to move the process forward. We hope to re-visit those areas of work that a consultant identifies in a targeted way to ensure that we move forward as quickly as possible. It is not the intention to start the plan from scratch or lose the good work and evidence already gathered. We anticipate that the consultant will complete a report with recommendations over the coming weeks which we will update you on once that process is clearer.

Given the resignations from the NDP group the Parish Council has also sought new volunteers to come forward and lead the process as part of a new group. At the time of writing we are pleased to announce the following have stepped forward:

Mike Hobbs – Chair, Peter Male – Vice Chair, Parish Councillor representative(s), Julie Wheeldon, Keith Baker, Rob Humphries, Chris Whorwood, Georgina Kelly, Greg Hall, supported by Tom Wheeldon as Secretary. The new look group have already met and are beginning the process of familiarising themselves with the work already carried out and ensuring that they can hit the ground running once the consultant has completed the report as previously mentioned. The Parish Council looks forward to supporting them and we hope that the community will help them as they work to bring a draft together.

This is a democratic process and before the draft plan is written (and voted on) there will be a number of consultation activities, in order that your feedback is considered, that we will publicise in this newsletter, on village notice boards and social media. We have also moved the neighbourhood plan agenda item to earlier in the monthly Parish Council meetings so that it is easier for villagers to attend and hear the discussions. Of course it is inevitable that through this process, people will have frustrations and we would ask that any member of the community who is unhappy or unsure about the Neighbourhood Plan to make contact with the Parish Council in the first instance, not only to ensure they are addressed, but so we are fully aware of them.

What has been clear in recent week is that as a community we wish to protect and enhance the Parish for the future. The Abbots Bromley Parish Neighbourhood Plan will provide us all with this assurance and we look forwards to your engagement in the process.

## Parish Council

### PC Meetings

7.00 pm Wednesdays  
In the Village Hall:

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

### PC Surgery

10-11am Saturdays in  
Church House

- ♦ 21st July
- ♦ 22nd September



**Thank You!!!**

The Parish Council would like to say a huge thank you to everyone that has helped keep the village looking so great over the past few months ready for the judging of the Best Kept Village. To all the groups that have kept areas tidy, those individuals that have turned up for the village tidy, those that have cleaned playgrounds and watered plants and especially to all the children who have created wonderful posters and to ASD for the kind donation to help fund prizes for the BKV competitions.

THANK YOU!



# Abbots Bromley

Parish Council Newsletter July 2018 — Issue No 66



**Chairman's Report, Cllr Philip Charles**  
**Presented at the Parish Assembly, 23rd May 2018**

**Planning** – During the year we have been consulted on 50 planning applications (compared with 52 last year). These ranged from the usual tree works, retention of a panel fence, house extensions to several agricultural barn conversions. The council was very disappointed that the ESBC passed the application to remove the cedar tree behind Cedar Cottage, which we felt was a major contributor to the Conservation Area in the village centre. The Council has continuing concerns over the state of works on the Goats Head, which we feel can only be leading to a general deterioration of the fabric of the listed building and have had ongoing contact with the owners.

**Bromley Bulletin** – This year we published in June, November and February.

**Christmas Tree** – Finally it was decided that the small tree was big enough to carry the lights unaided and so it proved, however it was felt that next time we need a different power system and the Council is looking into reverting back to the mains supply. Letters have been sent in appreciation to the people who supplied the batteries and switched the lights on and off.

**Parish Council Surgeries** – Our regular bi-monthly Saturday morning surgeries (10.00am to 11.00am) in Church House have continued to provide access to Councillors. They have created a useful means of communication with the public.

**Best Kept Village Competition** – After the sterling efforts by Cllr Appleby and her teams of cleaners, clearers and litter pickers, Abbots Bromley came first in the East Staffordshire area Large Village category and also won the trophy for the Best Overall Village in the area. We are now looking to retaining the 'crown'.

**Abbots Bromley Neighbourhood Plan** – Because of reasons beyond their control the Working Group was unable to submit the Plan to ESBC in November. I will leave it to Cllr Bryn Walters to give an update in more detail later.

**Highways and Parking** – After many years of trying the Council has been successful in obtaining a second sign at the junction of Lichfield Road and Radmore Lane and having the two signs for Miresbrook Lane replaced. We have had less success with the drainage problems and blocked gullies on Crown Bank but will keep trying. Pot holes have continued to be reported and most have been repaired although some have reappeared within a short time.

Parking on the main streets has continued to be a problem. Hopefully now the development work at the AB School and Ashbrook Lane has finished, fewer vehicles will be parked in those areas.

The Council has obtained additional '20 is plenty' signs and a speed display unit. We wait to see how successful they will be.

There is a growing amount of correspondence with the SCC Highways Department over the narrowness of the pavement/footpath along Uttoxeter Road around the 'airfield', having started the work it was then postponed because of the state of the hedge and the weather, both of which are now improved but we are still waiting for the work party to return.

Like- wise we are still pursuing the SCC to remove the litter generated by the Ironman event, hopefully before the next one takes place on June 10<sup>th</sup>, they seem to be willing to laud the event as wonderful for the County but not so keen to clear up afterwards.

**Library Consultation** – Another consultation on the library service started on January 8<sup>th</sup> for twelve weeks. As the Staffordshire County Council needs to make savings the results are unlikely to be good for the rural mobile service.

**Mobile Post Office** – On a more optimistic note, a consultation has been run on the provision of a travelling Post Office van visiting the village to provide postal services and retail products, we await the results.

**Finance** – With the closure of the Youth Club and non-use of the grant the Council had allocated to them, we have been able to give grants to ABSA, Rainbows, Scouts and Richard Clarke First School at the end of the financial year.

**Jubilee Cup 2017/18** – Last year's worthy recipient was Elizabeth Palmer for the many years involvement with the Abbots Bromley First Responders, both on the 'front line' and behind the scenes in the administration.

**Membership of the Council** – Having made a major contribution over the short time she was a member, Adele Wakefield left us and we welcomed David Denny on to the Council in January.

**Cllr Phil Charles**  
**Parish Council Chairman**

**ABBOTS BROMLEY FIRE STATION  
IS LOOKING FOR HEROES!**



**FANCY VOLUNTEERING?**

If you are interested please contact:

Sara Wilkinson (07956 111633) or  
Simon Wilson (07962 401224)

or pop along on a Monday night  
between 7pm and 9pm



**ST.NICHOLAS CHURCH CLOCK  
FUND**

We are on our way Abbots Bromley!! Our Church Clock needs some TLC.

We needed to find £2000 to get the initial repair work, cleaning, and TLC essential for the continued good running of the Clock. SORTED!! From previous fund raising efforts we had a small reserve available to us and, added to Funds gifted from Church House activities, we achieved the required sum of £2000 and this has been set aside to get us started.

Briefly, Proposal 1 & 2 was to appoint the necessary skilled craftsmen to repair wear and tear damage caused over the years, a proper cleaning of the basic mechanics of the clock, and a full service. This work started on May 25<sup>th</sup> when the working side of the clock was removed and taken to the workshop in Ashbourne in readiness for repair work to commence after the Bank Holiday.

The deadline for work to be completed, and the clock to be working accurately, is Remembrance Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> 2018.

Proposal 3, on satisfactory completion of the above, is to bring the clock into the 21<sup>st</sup> century with a form of electrification. We have the expertise to hand, a product, and a way forward. What we don't have yet is the funds.....We need to raise £3000 for this proposal. BUT, we are well on our way with £1038.00 Banked already, and further fund raising efforts planned for 2018. There is no doubt: we will succeed in raising the full amount of £3000.

A project with a total cost of £5000 will be money well spent when one considers the advantage of a reliable time piece for Villagers and Visitors alike. How many times have YOU looked towards the Church to check the time.....?

Can you help, please? Would you consider making a donation? (Privacy and Discretion Guaranteed). I would be delighted to hear from you – 01283 840771

You can donate via the safe on the South wall by the Visitors book in St. Nicholas Church.

All contributions are gratefully received.  
Thanks in advance  
Martin Godfrey  
Chair, St. Nicholas Church Fund Raising