

Your opinions, please:

With the increasing popularity of electric vehicles it would seem sensible to have a vehicle charging-point in the village. These can be quite prominent! Do you have any suggestions about where one can be sited?

An increasing number of cyclists are stopping off in the village. Newborough has installed some cycle racks. Should Abbots Bromley follow suit?

Do we need a new pedestrian crossing near the village centre? There is no longer a "lollipop" person and some students have to cross the main road to catch school buses at the Buttercross, whilst Richard Clarke pupils/ nursery pupils are being encouraged to walk to school and are having to cross the main street at peak times. In addition, there are people crossing the road to get to the surgery. A pedestrian crossing might also act as a traffic-calming measure. The cost of a pedestrian crossing might, of course, be prohibitive but if there is significant support from the community then the parish council can make enquiries. Again, where should one be sited?

Finally the parish council is debating its aims and objectives for its four-year term of office. They are all mindful of the need to protect the environment. The three objectives already agreed upon are:

- To support the Neighbourhood Plan and see it through to completion;
- To support Staffordshire County Council's declaration of an environmental emergency;
- To focus on the health and wellbeing of the whole community.

You are invited to submit a suggestion for a fourth objective.

If you have any opinions on the above email the Parish Council
@ parish.council@abbotsbromley.com or write to the PC care of
Sarah Meads, Parish Clerk, The Hayloft, Marsh Farm, Abbots Bromley, Staffs, WS15 3EJ.



Quiet Lanes

Following suggestions made at public open meetings, the Neighbourhood Development Plan Group and the parish council are investigating the possibility of designating some of the lanes (especially those with a circular route) around the village as "Quiet Lanes". This would tie in with government campaigns to improve the nation's health. "Quiet Lanes" have been successfully introduced over many years by councils all over the country - but not, it seems, in Staffordshire. The designation is simply a recognition that the lane is enjoyed by walkers, cyclists, those using mobility scooters and those on horseback, as well as motorists. Despite rumours, a "Quiet Lane" does not ban traffic, nor does it alter the speed limit. It is simply a recognition that it is a route used and enjoyed by all, and a reminder to drivers to be aware.



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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):
Phillip Atkins (County Councillor): 018895 90922

Bromley Bulletin

Best Kept Village 2019

We did it! Three years on the trot, winners of the Best Kept Village competition.

This year not only did we compete against our local villages in East Staffordshire but we also were in competition with villages from the Moorlands, so the efforts by all of the Village to win this accolade means even more.

The new sponsors of the competition, Lafarge, are the providers of the post and subsequently the design is based on their logo. Many of you will have noticed this new plaque does not have our previous winning plaques on it; we have asked that this is rectified and our last three winning plaques also be affixed.

It was with great pleasure to receive the award from the Judges on the morning of the 5th October, where so many of the people and groups who helped make this happen turned out to watch the presentation.

It goes without saying that winning such an accolade takes enormous effort and a special thanks must go to all the groups and individuals that helped keep areas of the village tidy throughout the competition. Judges specifically commented on Abbots Bromley's ability to involve so many people in the efforts. A big thank you must go to all the children at Richard Clarke First School and Abbots Bromley School for all of the wonderful posters they produced and also to those who placed a BKV poster in their windows along the main road, we do get points awarded for this and this year it was noted by the judges that we had a good show of posters on display. Thank you!

We'll need to put in a massive effort next year if we are to retain the award for a 4th year but let's go for it!



Parking in School House Lane

Cars parked on School House Lane in the area of the surgery are causing obstructions for farm vehicles, delivery vans and emergency vehicles. Please do not park on the lane outside the surgery. A "no-parking" sign will be put up to remind drivers and, when local farmers know they will be making heavy use of the lane, cones will be set out to deter people from parking and blocking the lane.

Parish Council Meetings

7.00 pm Wednesdays

In the Village Hall:

27th November

29th January

PC Surgery

10-11am Saturdays in Church House

State of the Lanes

Several members of the community have raised issues relating to the lanes.

If you have any concerns over the state of the roads and lanes around the parish (potholes, destruction of grass verges, flooding etc) please contact Staffordshire County Council Highways at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Homepage.aspx or call 0300 111 8000

Unsocial Behaviour

Some residents have witnessed unsocial behaviour around the village hall. The police are aware of this and have done their best to visit the area. Should you come across behaviour which gives you cause for concern please contact the police, PC Rich Lymer richard.lymer@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk or call 101.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN UPDATE

During early September 2019 the Neighbourhood Development Planning Group (NDPG) conducted a preliminary parish wide survey to gather initial commentary and responses to proposed 'outline' Policies and aims for production of the Abbots Bromley Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP). Additionally, potential areas for designation as Local Green Space (LGS) were also presented for public consideration.

The above proposals were formulated following a number of earlier consultation initiatives with the community (during 2018/2019) as follows:-

1 st November 2018	Public Session - Introduction of the 'new' NDPG and round table discussion on a range of community led topics.
6 th December 2018	Public Session discussing the report submitted by Clive Keble (Independent Consultant) and other community led topics.
7 th February 2019	Public Session - Traffic and Parking
7 th March 2019	Public Session - Heritage and Conservation (during which the protection of green space was raised as a top priority)
4 th April 2019	Public Session - Young Peoples Forum and Update
2 nd May 2019	Public Session - Housing Need
6 th June 2019	Public Session - Update and Next Steps

[Local Green Space background note](#)

The Local Green Space (LGS) designation was introduced in National Planning Policy as part of the Government's commitment to promote healthy communities. Through Local and Neighbourhood Development Plans, local communities can identify and protect green areas of particular importance to them. Once a site is designated as a Local Green Space, it is protected against new development except in 'very special circumstances'.

Designation does not provide the community with any greater access to the space than is already afforded by footpaths and bridleways. It also seeks to preserve the current use of the space for future generations, protecting it against development. To be designated as LGS the identified area has to satisfy criteria provided in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) February 2019, paragraph 100 namely:-

- Be in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves.
- Be demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife.
- Be local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.

The NDPG is extremely grateful to the parish community for taking the time to respond to this important survey. The 213 returned feedback forms were overwhelmingly supportive of the 'outline' proposals. Many of the responses provided additional helpful and extremely informative commentary which will be utilised to prepare the Draft Plan ahead of Regulation 14 Consultation (where the parish community will have further opportunity to comment on the proposed Draft Plan). The table opposite summarises the responses received.

On 24th September 2019, the NDPG met with the Consultant from Urban Vision, a representative from East Staffordshire Borough Council (ESBC) Planning Department and members of the Abbots Bromley Parish Council. All parties are actively involved with supporting the NDPG in their primary task of producing the Draft NDP.

The purpose of this meeting was to follow up on earlier NDPG Action's, and to discuss the recently proposed Policies and aims identified from all previous evidence gathering initiatives. As anticipated, the meeting was comprehensive, touching on all identified areas of consideration for the future production of the Parish NDP. All attendees contributed positively, and their valuable input will significantly support a successful outcome.

With professional Consultant support, the NDPG will now work towards creation of the Draft NDP. Further updates will be posted on the NDP website, Abbots Bromley website (News feed), notice boards and social media. Residents are encouraged to make further comment to the NDPG via the Clerk to the Parish Council.

"The NDPG is committed to following established National and Borough guidelines, whilst representing community opinion for the creation of an effective and robust Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan"

COMMUNITY RESPONSE

ON PROPOSED POLICY HEADINGS AND DESIGNATION OF LOCAL GREEN SPACES
(SEPTEMBER 2019) – Responses received 213

DEVELOPMENT POLICIES			
Do you agree that the Policies outlined in the attached leaflet and repeated below are appropriate as a basis for the production of the NDP?			
	YES	NO	NO OPINION
HEC1: Residential Development	194	9	10
HEC2: Employment and Community Facilities	195	6	12
HEC3 (1) Abbots Bromley School (Brownfield)	188	14	11
HEC3 (2) SHLAA sites (Greenfield)	191	9	13
HEC4: Broadband	175	6	30
DAH1: Sustainable Design and Character	202	3	8
DAH2: Extensions to existing properties	190	9	14
DAH3: Abbots Bromley Conservation Area	196	9	8
NGE1: Natural Environment	202	3	8
NGE2: Designation of Local Green Space	202	5	6
NGE3: Development Affecting Local Green Space	198	8	7
NGE4 Drainage	198	5	10
TRA1: Sustainable Transport Provision	188	4	21
TRA2: Transport Impacts	195	4	14
PROPOSED AREAS FOR DESIGNATION AS LOCAL GREEN SPACES			
Do you agree that the 'green spaces' that have been identified should be designated as 'Local Green Spaces' within the NDP?			
	YES	NO	NO OPINION
ABSA playing fields (Lichfield Road)	206	1	6
The Anglesey	196	8	9
The Lowers	196	7	10
The Village Green	208	-	5
The Pinfold	196	6	11
The Village Hall and site	208	1	4
Gallimore's Field	198	9	6
Meadow to the south of the churchyard	200	7	6
The Nuttery under-5s play area	208	1	4
The Shooting Butts	187	8	18
Wooded land (south west of the village)	197	6	10
Richard Clarke School Playing Field	207	3	3

Christmas Services at St Nicholas

8th December	5.00pm	Christingle Service
15th December	1-5.00pm	Christmas Trees Festival, organised by the Women's Institute
22nd December	5.30pm	Carols at the Buttercross, led by the Uttoxeter Town Band, 6.00pm Carol Service in Church, followed with Seasonal Refreshments
24th December	6.30pm 11.00pm	Carol Service at St.Leonards, Blithfield Midnight Holy Communion
25th December	9.30am	Christmas Family Holy Communion
29th December	10.45am	Joint service with St.Leonards, held at Abbots Bromley