

LISTED BUILDINGS/BUILDINGS IN THE CONSERVATION AREA

The parish has something like 80 Listed "buildings" (which include the village green, the war memorial and a signpost!) If you own a Listed building and want to carry out internal or external work - including replacing doors or windows, or simply changing external paint colours - then you should seek prior permission from ESBC's conservation officer, James Bate on 01283-508647 (Tuesdays only).

Many buildings in the village are in the Conservation Area. Regulations about making internal alterations are more relaxed than for Listed buildings, but certainly any external alterations should be approved beforehand by the conservation officer.

The rules regarding what does and does not require planning permission consist of some 24 pages of closely typed non-illustrated text within the General Permitted Development Order (2015) the provisions of which can be modified by site specific planning conditions. In addition the terms of the Order require interpretation in accordance with case law established over many years of appeal decisions and legal judgements which extend to countless more pages of information necessary for accurate interpretation. In addition the 2015 order has already been modified by a host of circulars enacting 13 amendments since the latest version of the order was adopted in April 2015 (an average of 1 amendment every 4 months).

If you are unsure whether you own a building in the Conservation Area, or whether it has Listed status, then you should check. Visit the web-site:

<http://www.eaststaffsbc.gov.uk/sites/default/files/docs/planning/conservlistedbuild/appraisaldocs/AbbotsBromleyCAAJul15.pdf>

and turn to the map on page three.



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Parish Clerk Sarah Meads
Telephone 01283 840891
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Website www.abbotsbromley.com/pc

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: 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):
greg.hall@eaststaffsbc.gov.uk

Phillip Atkins (County Councillor):
01889 590922

Bromley Bulletin

Parish Council

The Parish Council has adopted a mission statement which it will endeavour to abide by through all its work for the village.

Statement: This Council will do all it can to protect Abbots Bromley's heritage and village status and seek to enhance the well-being of the community by moving towards a greener and more sustainable environment.

The Parish Council's Key Objectives 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

The Council would also like to welcome four new councillors who have been co-opted to the Council over the past few months. These are as follows:-

Christine Spratt: - Chris moved to Abbots Bromley over 36 years ago. She joined the staff of Oldfields Hall Middle School and then the Prep Department, formerly Roch Prep, Abbots Bromley School, for 24 years until my retirement 6 years ago. Since then she has been able to pursue hobbies including golf, Walking Netball and dog walking and is a volunteer for NSPCC Child Line Schools Service and a volunteer Puppy Walker for Guide Dogs for the Blind and has recently joined the Community Choir. Chris is eager to support all aspects of the Abbots Bromley Parish Council mission statement.

Paul Freeman: - Paul has lived in Abbots Bromley for 38 years, having moved into the village in 1982 when working as a geologist for National Coal Board. He has 3 grown up children who all attended local schools. After retiring from a second career in local government he has been a volunteer heritage assistant with the Canal and River Trust and a volunteer with Community Speed Watch. Since he was co-opted on to the Parish Council in September 2019 he has joined the Neighbourhood Development Plan Group. During his time as councillor Paul will seek to preserve the unique heritage and character of the village.

Malcolm Lockey: - Malcolm is a retired Anglican Priest who has settled in Abbots Bromley and is working in a voluntary capacity with several organisations most notably the Royal Air Force Association where he serves as a Welfare Officer. He has a keen interest in community development as is currently a member of the Abbots Bromley Neighbourhood Development Planning Group.

Richard Love: - Richard grew up in Abbots Bromley and has spent most of his life here. He wanted to become a Councillor in order to make a contribution because Abbots Bromley is a fantastic place to live. Richard went to Durham University and has spent most of his career in executive recruitment. He is married with three children, all of whom went to school in the village and he is currently co-manager and coach of the U10's village football team.

Parish Council Meetings

7.00 pm Wednesdays

At the Village Hall:

26th February

25th March

PC Surgery

10-11am Saturdays at Church House

21st March

Parish Assembly

7.00pm

Wednesday

20th May

At the Village Hall

Parish Councillor Vacancy

Following the resignation of Mike Hobbs the Parish Council currently has a vacancy for a Councillor. The Council would like to thank Mr Hobbs for all his work with the Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Development Planning Group.

If you are interested in the role of Parish Councillor then please contact the Clerk via telephone or email parish.council@abbotsbromley.com

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ROUND UP FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

YOUR OPINIONS

The November Bulletin asked for your opinions on various ideas such as a public EV charging point and a pedestrian crossing close to the village centre. The suggestion for a pedestrian crossing met with little response with only one email from a resident and will therefore disappear from the Parish Council's agenda.



BKV

We will be attempting to win the Best kept Village competition for a fourth consecutive year; in doing so we know that we will have to pull all the stops out to maintain the standards that we have achieved. Clearly there was a massive effort by both residents and businesses to ensure the frontages were clean, clear of weeds and excellent hanging baskets and planters.

Comments from last year's judges indicated that where they had seen "virtually no litter and no dog mess throughout the judging period and they were impressed by the evidence of community awareness of and involvement in BKV". We must ensure that this is continued, especially with reference to dog mess. I make no apologies for repeating what has been said on many occasions before, a few irresponsible dog owners are spoiling it for the rest of us. Pick it up and bin it!

We will be in touch shortly with groups in the village to ask for their help again with keeping specific areas of the village tidy. If you would like to lend a hand or have any specific ideas to help then please do contact the Parish Clerk. Volunteers are always needed and very welcome.

FRUSTRATION!

The Parish Council's desire to find ways to be more environmentally friendly has been frustrated by third parties. We have now asked Philip Atkins to support us in moves to encourage the growth of wild flowers in the lanes, to help us protect the grass verges, and to obtain "Quiet Lane" designation for four circular routes around the village.

We are also aware of many complaints from residents about the general state of the Highways in particular pot holes and blocked gullies and high on the list of complaints is the state of the drain on Narrow Lane. The Parish Council continues to report all of these issues on a regular basis, however, progress is slow and very frustrating. The Council would ask that residents also report any issues via the Staffordshire County Council website www.staffordshire.gov.uk. It seems that the more reports that are made the more likely it is to be repaired.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Parish Council generally meets on the last Wednesday of the month (apart from August and December) at the Village Hall at 7.00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend the meetings and there is a chance to speak during the public session at the beginning of the meeting. Agendas for the meetings are available at least three working days before the meeting and can be found on the village noticeboards or the village website www.abbotsbromley.com. If you are unable to attend a Parish Council meeting but would like to chat to a councillor or the Clerk this can be done by telephone or by attending one of the Parish Surgeries which take place at Church House on a bi-monthly basis from 10-11.00am.

Meeting dates for 2020 :-26th February, 25th March, 29th April, 20th May (Parish Assembly), 27th May AGM, 24th June, 29th July, 30th September, 28th October, 25th November.

Parish Surgery Dates – Church House – 10-11.00am Saturday 25th January, 28th March, 23rd May, 25th July, 26th Sept, 21st Nov



Abbots Bromley Parish Neighbourhood
Development Plan

NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN MARCH UPDATE

Since the previous November 2019 Bromley Bulletin which detailed the Neighbourhood Development Plan Group (NDPG) activities to that date, the following is provided as an update of the on-going work to produce a Draft AB Parish NDP.

Recent activities have been centred on finalising the rationale for the Policies that will form the basis of the draft Neighbourhood Plan for the parish.

As a group we have always seen our role as one of delivering a Plan which meets with the wishes and aspirations of the Parish, whilst fulfilling the National and Borough requirements.

To this end, a recent meeting with the new ESBC Interim Principal Planning Policy Officer proved most enlightening. We are therefore busy revising elements of the Draft Plan, and it is hoped that the final draft will be published and available to the community in the relatively near future.

This work is quite complex and the group are also being supported in the process by an Urban Vision Consultant.

The NDP is a parish-wide Community Plan produced by the parish for the benefit of the parish. Your continued support and input to the process is essential

In the meantime, if you have any queries or observations please contact either:

Clerk to AB Parish Council, The Hayloft, Marsh Farm, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3EJ.

NDPG Secretary, Callander House, Bagot Street, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3DA

Abbots Bromley Website – www.abbotsbromley.com

As many of you may be aware Abbots Bromley currently has a great website that is visited regularly and provides information on local clubs, businesses, news items as well as hosting information on behalf of the Abbots Bromley Parish Council and Neighbourhood Development Plan Group.

In order to bring the site up-to-date and ensure it meets new regulations the site will be undergoing an audit over the next couple of months. This will tidy it up and remove any out-of-date information or areas of the site that are no longer deemed as necessary.

As part of this process it is requested that **all** groups, clubs and businesses that currently utilise the site to promote their activities check their entry to ensure that details are up-to-date. There are several clubs in particular that currently have out of date contacts and there is evidence that some of the businesses listed are no longer operating. Please email Eric Roy eric@the-roys.net with up-to-date information and even if your entry is correct at this time could you please email this to confirm. Any groups or businesses that **do not** make contact may be removed from the site as party of the audit. Closing date for updating or confirming your entry will be 21st March 2020.