

ABBOTS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held on Wednesday, 30th June 2010 at 7.00 pm
In the Village Hall, Abbots Bromley, pursuant to notice having been given

Present: Cllrs R VJarman (Chair); R Bell; P J Charles; A Elkington, Mrs L Fox;
Mrs K Johns; R Mills; Mrs C Veitch

In attendance: Mrs S Meads (Clerk)

Members of the Public Attending: 0

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29. Apologies for absence
Cllrs Mrs D Burrows; G Hall

30. Public session
There was no public session.

31. Declarations of Interest
There were no declarations of interest.

32. Minutes of Previous Meetings
***RESOLVED:** that the minutes of meeting held 24th May 2010 be signed as a true and correct record after two amendments were made, minute ref 21 “amends” be changed to “amendments” and “Cllr C Charles” be changed to “Cllr P Charles”.*

33. Matters of Report
i. Grass Cutting
The Clerk reported that Mr P Ryan had suggested that the football pitch grass be cut by a local contractor so that it can be cut more frequently to a high standard.
***RESOLVED:** that Ollie Crooks would cut the grass at a cost of £15.00 a time and that G McCullough would remove this area from his contract.*

Cllr Mrs Veitch raised the point that the Millennium Green play area grass was still not being cut to high standard and the top area of grass was being strimmed but not removed and that some herbicide treatment was required on the paths. The Clerk agreed to speak to Mr McCullouch about this.

Cllr Mrs Veitch also made the point that the council needed to set aside some money to maintain this play area, the football pitch and the Nuttery and proposed that a budget of £1,000 a year be put aside for general maintenance. If this is not required in a given year then the money should be reserved for the following year.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk would include this figure in the annual budget. Proposed Cllr Mrs C Veitch, seconded Cllr R Bell.

ii **Postal Delivery Services**

The Clerk reported that there were still concerns by some residents over late delivery of post with some not receiving their post until 4.00pm.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk should write to Royal Mail to raise concerns over late deliveries and request a return to two part-time delivery personnel.

iii **Post Office**

The Chairman handed out a letter to all councillors which gave details of the proposals for the new Post Office at Cash Stores. The letter notified customers that a consultation period had now started and contact could be made during this period to give support or raise concerns over the proposals.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk would write to Post Office Ltd showing the Parish Council's full support for the new post office and also requesting clarification on services that will be available, in particular banking and DVLA tax discs. The clerk would also prepare a flyer to be inserted in to daily newspapers encouraging local residents to give their support to the plans.

34. **Planning Applications**

Applications

672 - P/2010/00486/EW: Rear of Ivy House, High Street, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire WS15 3BL: Erection of seven dwellings and associated garages

Received: 28/05/10 Due: 01/07/10

No Objections although the council would like to stress the importance that Walton Homes continue to have right of way through the main entrance.

673 - P/2010/00655/EW: Agricultural Building South of Ashbrook Lane, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire: Retention of accesses

Received: 26/05/10 Due: 17/06/10

No Objections

674 - P/2010/00763/JI: Marsh Farm, Uttoxeter Road, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3EJ:

Erection of an agricultural building for loose housing of beef cattle.

Received: 21/06/10 Due: 12/07/10

No Objections

675 - P/2010/00270/EW: Northwood House, Bagot Street, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3DA: Erection of a first floor rear extension and rear porch (amended scheme)
Received: 23/06/10 Due: 07/07/10
No Objections

676 - P/2010/00271/EW: Northwood House, Bagot Street, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3DA: Erection of a first floor rear extension and rear porch, internal alterations to form first floor bathroom and installation of new and replacement windows and doors (amended scheme).
Received: 23/06/10 Due: 07/07/10
No Objections

677 - P/2010/00712/JI: Harts Farm, Pinfold Lane, Bromley Hurst, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3AF: Conversion and alterations to former milking parlour to form a residential dwelling including the rebuilding of lean-to extension.
Received: 25/06/10 Due: 16/07/10

As plans were not available on line for this application the council was unable to make comment.

Decisions

Agreed

656 - P/2010/00301/JI: Heatley Lane Farmhouse, Heatley Lane, Heatley, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3EW: Erection of a two storey side extension

657 - P/2010/00302/JI: Heatley Lane Bungalow, Heatley Lane, Heatley, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3EW: Erection of a single storey side extension

659 - P/2010/00271/EW: Northwood House, Bagot Street, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3DA: Erection of 1st Floor rear extension and porch, internal alterations to form first floor bathroom and installation of new and replacement windows and doors (amended scheme)

660 - P/2010/00363/CEH: Marlpit House Farm, Hobb Lane, Marchington, Uttoxeter, Staffordshire: Conversion of barns to form four dwellings and erection of a detached garage block, including the provision of car parking, garden areas and a septic tank.

661 - P/2010/00372/JI: Crofts Cottage, Bagot Street, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3DB: Installation of replacement doors, windows and dormer windows.

663 - P/2010/00268/EW: Ivy House, High Street, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3BL: Demolition of attached outbuildings

664 - P/2010/00420/EW: Meadow Cottage, Bromley Wood, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire WS15 3AL: Erection of a single storey side extension and installation of biodisc treatment plan

665 - P/2010/00432/EW: Grange House, Ashbrook Lane, Bromley Wood, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3AL: Erection of two storey side extension and a half rear extension and front porch.

667 - P/2010/00479/JI: Outbuilding at High Trees Farm, off Hobb Lane, Marchington Woodlands, Uttoxeter, Staffordshire, ST14 8RQ: Conversion of existing attached outbuildings to form a dwelling.

Refused

662 - P/2010/00267/EW: Ivy House, High Street, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3BL: Conversion of existing dwelling to form 3 terraced dwellings, including erection of two storey rear extensions and canopies, raising of the roof height, the realignment of the front boundary wall and construction of a vehicular access.

In addition to the above applications the Parish Council may wish to discuss the proposal for a wind turbine at St Stephen Hill's Farm, Blithfield. As this is not in the parish no official notification of this has been received, however, the clerk of Blithfield has made contact regarding this. The proposal is for one wind turbine of 19 metres in height.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk would forward the Parish Council comments to ESBC Planning Department. The Clerk would also write to the planning department to inform them of the Parish Council's concerns over the plan for the wind turbine at St Stephen Hill's Farm.

35.. Financial Matters

i. Payments to be made

RESOLVED: that the following payments be approved. Proposed Cllrs P Charles, seconded Mrs C Veitch.

A Record of payments made after discussion with Chairman or Vice Chairman

Vch/Chq	Payee	Amount	Details	Powers
127/1141	AON Insurance	1597.65	Annual insurance premium	
128/1142	Jack Dent	100.00	Replacement cheque for J D Magic	
	TOTAL payments made	1697.65		

B Record of payments for which authorisation will be sought at meeting

Vch/Chq	Payee	Amount	Details	Powers
129/1143	TSG	104.58	Repair of printer	
130/1144	Playdale	346.63	Playground inspection	
131/1145	ABVH	76.00	Hire of Village Hall & Kitchen	
132/1146	Information Commissioner	35.00	Data protection fee	
131/1147	Mr G McCullouch	352.00	Grasscutting	
133/1148	WI	300.00	Refreshments & Donation for MG opening	
134/1149	P Ryan	103.38	Expenses for equipment for playing field	
135/1150	Sarah Meads	373.41	Salary and taxable expenses	

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<i>Vch/Chq</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Powers</i>
136/1151	Sarah Meads	£13.90	Non taxable expenses	
	TOTAL	1601.52		

C Record of payments received

<i>Date</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Details</i>
18/6/10	ESBC	45.64	Repayment of monies owed for play equipment
		<u>45.64</u>	

ii. Finance Report to 31st May 2010

RESOLVED: that the contents of the finance report to 31st May 2010 be noted and signed by the chairman. Proposed by Cllr Mrs K Johns, seconded by Cllr R Bell.

36. Group Reports**i. Recreation****Football Pitches**

Cllr Mrs Johns reported that the guides camping weekend was still to go-ahead on the football pitch.

Youth Club: Cllr Mrs Johns reported on the success of the club with attendance still growing.

Cllr Mrs Veitch also requested permission from the Parish Council to start to look at funding options for an extension to the Village Hall for a building for the youth of the village.

RESOLVED: that Cllr Mrs Veitch could undertake this as part of the remit for the Recreation Committee on the understanding that the Village Hall Committee is happy with the proposal.

ii. Village Property

Nothing to report

iii. Traffic, Parking & Highways

Girls School Entrance; The Clerk reported that there has been no notification yet as to when the entrance route will change

Parking Outside Cash Stores; The Clerk reported that there has been no feedback yet from Highways on this.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk would speak to highways regarding the layby at Cash Stores and also find out if there was any progress on white lines by Goose Lane.

iv. Richard Clarke First School

Nothing to report

v. Competitions

Cllr P Charles reported that the prize giving for this would be on 2nd August 2010.

vi. Newsletter

RESOLVED: that articles should be forwarded to Cllr K Johns within two weeks from the meeting so that the Newsletter could be distributed early in August. Newsletter articles to include:-

Chairman's Report from the Parish Assembly, new Post Office, Opening of Millennium Green, Dog Fouling and feature on Greg Hall.

vii. RISES

Cllr Mrs Fox reported that The RISES Committee had agreed to donate the latest payment towards the memorial gate for Mr Grundy and that the cheque would be raised at the meeting.

viii. Village Hall

Cllr Mrs K Johns reported that there were many changes happening with the Village Hall Committee and that they would be working towards Quality Village Hall status. Cllr R Jarman read out a letter of apology from Simon Wilson following some jokes he made at a recent Scout meeting which may have offended the Parish Council.

ix. Millennium Green

Nothing to report

37. Correspondence, bulletins and reports

The clerk made available the ESBC planning report for anyone to read. Copies of the letter from Post Office Ltd were circulated.

38. Parish Surgery

RESOLVED: *that forthcoming Parish Surgeries would be attended by the following:- 24th July Cllr R Jarman, 25th September Cllr R Mills, 20th November Cllr A Elkington.*

39. Horn Dance

Cllr R Jarman provided a report on stall bookings to date. He also reported that Freedom Brewery had not been in touch yet about a stall. Erection and removal of stalls was also discussed.

RESOLVED: *that Freedom should be offered a place on the Village Green and not under the Buttercross if they did wish to attend. It was also agreed that stalls would be erected the day before the Horn Dance and taken down the day after.*

40. Agenda items for next meeting

RESOLVED: *that the following items should be added to the next agenda:-
Update on the Post Office*

41. Date, time and place of future meetings

July Parish Council Meeting – 7.00pm – Wednesday 28th July 2010 – Village Hall

There being no other business the chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.20pm

Signed _____ Date 28th July 2010