

ABBOTS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held on Wednesday, 28th July 2010 at 7.00 pm
In the Village Hall, Abbots Bromley, pursuant to notice having been given

Present: Cllrs R Bell (Vice-Chairman & Chair of the meeting); P J Charles;
A Elkington, Mrs L Fox; Mrs C Veitch

In attendance: Mrs S Meads (Clerk)

Members of the Public Attending: 0

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42. Apologies for absence
Cllrs R S V Jarman; Mrs D Burrows; Mrs K Johns, R Mills

43. Public session
There was no public session.

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

45. Minutes of Previous Meetings
***RESOLVED:** that the minutes of meeting held 30th June 2010 be signed as a true and correct record after one amendment was made, minute ref 34 "right of way".*

46. Matters of Report
i. Postal Delivery Service
It was reported that delivery times seem to be getting earlier as the postal delivery personnel become used to the new round. The Clerk reported that a response had not yet been received regarding concerns over delivery times.

ii. Post Office

There was still some confusion over which services would be on offer.

RESOLVED: *that the Clerk would request clarification on services available.*

iii. Litter Bins

It was reported that the litter bin next to the bus stop is now damaged and that the one outside the old Post Office is no longer required.

RESOLVED: *that the Clerk should enquire as to whether the damaged one can be removed from the bus stop and replaced with the one from outside the Post Office.*

47. Planning Applications

Applications

678 - P/2010/00795/EW: Dolphin Cottage, High Street, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15

3BN: Demolition of existing commercial buildings

Received: 01/07/10 Replied: 18/07/10 Response: See emails below - too much text for system

679 - P/2010/00794/EW: Dolphin Cottage, High Street, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15

3BN: Erection of three detached dwellings and three terraced dwellings

Received: 01/07/10 Replied: 18/07/10 Response: See emails below - too much text for system

680 - P/2010/00784/EW: Dolphin Cottage, High Street, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15

3BN: Internal and external alterations to facilitate change of use from shop and office (Class A1 & B1) to residential (Class C3) including demolition of store.

Received: 06/07/10 Replied: 18/07/10 Response: See emails below - too much text for system

681 - P/2010/00831/JI: Marlborough House, Market Place, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire,

WS15 3BP: Conversion and alterations to an existing outbuilding to form ancillary domestic accommodation

Received: 12/07/10 Due: 02/08/10 No Objections

682 - P/2010/00894/JI: Oaklands Farm, Pinfold Lane, Bromley Hurst, Abbots Bromley,

Staffordshire, WS15 3AF: Erection of an agricultural building for use as implement/machinery store

Received: 16/07/10 Due: 06/08/10 No Objections

683 - P/2010/00901/EW: Bagots Bromley Farm, Newton Hurst Lane, Heatley, Abbots

Bromley, Staffordshire WS15 3EL: Conversion and extensions to bars to form 5 dwellings and garages

Received: 21/07/10 Due: 11/08/10 No Objections

684 - P/2010/00936/EW: Sycamore House, High Street, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3BN:

Reduction of crown of sycamore tree by 20%

Received: 23/07/10 Due: 07/08/10 No Objections

Decisions

Agreed

666 - P/2010/00424/JI: Land adjacent to The Old Chapel, Hall Hill Lane, Abbots Bromley,

Staffs: Erection of a detached dwelling

668 - P/2010/00545/EW: Church View Farm, Goose Lane, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire,

WS15 3DF: Erection of a 1.2m high front boundary fence and gate and 1.8m high fence and gate to north elevation

670 - P/2010/00544/EW: Church View Farm, Goose Lane, Abbots Bromley WS15 3DF:

Erection of a 1.2m high front boundary fence and gate and 1.8 m high fence and gate to north elevation

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

674 - P/2010/00763/JI: Marsh Farm, Uttoxeter Road, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3EJ: Erection of an agricultural building for loose housing of beef cattle

Refused

669 - P/2010/00470/EW: Kingposts, Radmore Lane, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3AT: Erection of a pair of semi-detached dwellings

671 - P/2010/00518/EW: Bagots Bromley Farm, Newton Hurst Lane, Heatley, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3EL: Conversion of barns to form 5 dwellings and garages.

Revised

658 - P/2010/00270/EW: Northwood House, Bagot Street, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3DA: Erection of a first floor rear extension and rear porch (amended scheme)

Withdrawn

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

Email re Dophin Cottage:-

The Parish Council has two substantial objections – Parking and Vehicular Access. In these aspects we must consider both this application and P/2010/00784/EW (reversion of Studiocrraft building to residential use).

1) Parking

With intimate knowledge of our village we must start with firstly the fact that on street parking in that part of the village is at saturation point, and that this can cause serious line of sight difficulties for through traffic. This also applies to “Crown Bank”, and will be more critical once The Crown public house reopens shortly.

Secondly the reasoned assumption that for most working families in Abbots Bromley, bearing in mind the irrelevance of our public transport to get to any areas of employment in a timely manner, two cars would be essential, just as much for the terraced houses as for the detached ones.

On this basis Para 3.4 is not an accurate representation of the parking within the development. Properties 5 and 6 between them have 8 of the planned parking spaces. And if the owners wish to use their garages for storage (not unusual) there would be no space for visitor parking. Based on the 2 car family, the owners of property 4 have no visitor parking space. The provision of just 5 spaces between the 3 terraced dwellings is a joke. And then you have Studiocrraft itself to consider – where are they supposed to park? This site, with the development of 7 properties, cannot contain all the required parking within its boundaries. As there is no viable and safe alternative, from a parking viewpoint alone, this development should be considerably reduced in size.

2) Vehicular Access

We believe, with the benefit of considerable local knowledge, that Para 3.3 is not accurate. Studiocrraft had for the majority of time 2 delivery vans, rather than the 3 shown in the hardly decipherable photograph in Appendix 2. Because of the narrowness and awkward access to the drive only small vans could access to the rear of the property without considerable difficulty. Larger vehicles would tend to offload in the street, thus avoiding this difficulty. This traffic would be during a working day when the village is relatively quiet. Again, based on our local knowledge, we did not realise that a **large** number of vehicles used this access on a regular basis. To fundamentally disagree with the Highway Authority, this development will generate considerably more traffic at the busiest times of the day.

The entrance also crosses a pavement used by many children attending the local schools. It is almost blind when exiting and vehicles have to edge out in order to get a clear view of the road which causes obvious dangers for pedestrians, particularly younger ones. We would also question whether it would even be possible for emergency vehicles such as a fire appliance to negotiate the drive in the speed that is required for an emergency and would the refuse collection lorries be able to use the drive or would 14 bins

be placed on the pavement causing even more hazards for children and their parents and further reducing the line of sight for exiting vehicles. This proposed access really is an accident waiting to happen!

We would request that both the Planning and Highways Department visit the site again at a time when pedestrian and vehicular traffic is at its highest e.g. 8.30-9.30am or 3.00-4.00pm, preferably during term time."

RESOLVED: that the Clerk would forward the Parish Council's comments to ESBC Planning Department.

48. Financial Matters

i. Payments to be made

RESOLVED: that the following payments be approved

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

<i>Vch/Chq</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Powers</i>
137/1152	Cllr R Mills	154.29	Refreshments for MG Opening	OSA 1906 ss.9 and 10
138/1153	ABWI	150.00	Donation as thanks for providing refreshments for MG opening	
139/1154	ABPCC	389.95	RISES donation to Mr Gundy's gate	
140/1155	S Perkin	20.93	Bedding plans for war memorial	LGA 1972 s.214
TOTAL payments made		715.17		

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

<i>Vch/Chq</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Powers</i>
141/1156	ABPCC	600.00	Mowing of Church Yard	LGA 1972 s.214
142/1157	Mr G McCullouch	326.00	Grounds Maintenance	
143/1158	Playdale	515.83	Safagrass Surfacing for tunnel - MG	OSA 1906 ss.9 and 10
144/1159	Mrs S Meads	373.41	Salary & taxable expenses	LGA 1972 s. 112(2)
145/1160	Mrs S Meads	13.20	Non-taxable expenses	LG(FP) A 1963 s 5
146/1161	HM Revenue & Customs	279.80	Tax & national insurance	
TOTAL		2108.24		

C Record of payments received

<i>Date</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Details</i>
6/7/10	Mrs J Winslade	25.00	Payment for stall on Horn Dance day
12/7/10	Chris Bell	25.00	Payment for stall on Horn Dance day
4/6/10	Miss R Pritchard	1.50	Horn Dance book
		<u>51.50</u>	

ii. **Finance Report to 30th June 2010**

RESOLVED: that the contents of the finance report to 30th June 2010 be noted and signed by the chairman.

49. **Group Reports**

i. **Recreation**

Football Pitches

The Clerk reported that minor repairs needed to be done to the football pitch and that Mr D Meads would do these free of charge.

Youth Club: Nothing to report

ii. **Village Property**

Cllr R Mills had informed the Clerk that some work needed to be carried out on the church lights. One quotation had been sourced so far. Cllr C Veitch suggested that additional quotations be sourced before giving go-ahead.

iii. **Traffic, Parking & Highways**

The Clerk reported that there was still no feedback from ESBC regarding white lines by Goose Lane.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk would contact ESBC regarding Goose Lane white lines and also to ascertain if any progress had been made regarding the placement of the traffic calmers.

iv. **Richard Clarke First School**

The Clerk reported that planning permission had still not been granted for the new nursery school building.

v. **Competitions**

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

vi. **Newsletter**

The Clerk reported that some articles for this were still outstanding

vii. **RISES**

Cllr Mrs Fox reported that the latest RISES payment of £402.90 had been received

viii. **Village Hall**

Nothing to report

ix. **Millennium Green**

Nothing to report

50. **Correspondence, bulletins and reports**

No additional correspondence

51. **Feedback from Parish Surgery**

The Clerk circulated the feedback document that Cllr R Jarman had prepared for the meeting.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk would contact ESBC to ascertain whether a dog litter bin could be located at the end of Narrow Lane.

52. Agenda items for next meeting

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

53. Date, time and place of future meetings

September Parish Council Meeting – 7.00pm – Wednesday 29th September 2010 –
Village Hall

There being no other business the chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed _____ Date 29th September 2010