

ABBOTS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL  
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
Held on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> September 2010 at 7.00 pm  
In the Village Hall, Abbots Bromley, pursuant to notice having been given

**Present:** Cllrs R S VJarman (Chair); R Bell; Mrs D Burrows; 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: 13**

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55. **Apologies for absence**  
Cllr G Hall

56. **Public session**  
Cllr R S V Jarman declared the public session open.

**Mr T Wheeldon** gave a report on the incident that took place outside of his house in which a tractor and Peugeot car collided also damaging his car. In his opinion if the tractor driver had been taking due care and attention and driving according to the road conditions then the amount of damaged that occurred would not have happened. He reiterated the potential seriousness of this incident and what could have happened at a different time of day when children would have been walking home from school or the school bus.

He asked what could be done to stop this in the future.

**Mr D Eatough** asked when will the Highways Department do something to resolve the traffic issue in the village. There seem to be far more lorries and tractors using the village, all driving at a greater speed and not driving according to the road conditions. He personally had noticed cracks in his walls which he believed were due

to the HGVs using the village. He felt that there was a complete lack of County Council Action.

**Mr J Hayley** asked when will the white lines be put in place at the Goose Lane junction. These had been mentioned in a previous Bulletin and had not yet happened. He has witnesses many near misses due to parked cars being too near to the junction.

The Clerk explained that these had been blocked by the Highways Department and work was still on-going to try and get these put in place.

**PCSO Jo Bradley** offered support for all the Parish Council plans and would continue to warn or ticket people who persist in parking at this junction.

**Andy Mason, ESBC** informed the meeting of the work that was currently taking place by Neighbourhood Forums and how these would work to improve local communities, including traffic issues. He mentioned how he was already in discussions with farming groups about the tractor driving safety in villages and this was issue he was currently addressing. Mr T Wheeldon volunteered to join the Neighbourhood Forum.

**Tom Wheeldon** highlighted that the road classification may be correct but this level of traffic can not continue through the village.

**Cllr R S V Jarman** informed the meeting that another date would be scheduled to discuss the proposed Wind Farm at Bagots Park. He asked that all those that would like to attend the meeting should leave their telephone numbers so that the Clerk could inform them of the date for the meeting.

The public session was closed and the meeting re-opened.

## **57. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **58. Minutes of Previous Meetings**

***RESOLVED:** that the minutes of meeting held 27<sup>th</sup> July 2010 be signed as a true and correct record after the following amendments were made: Minute Ref 47(679) insert 'l' in to Dophin Cottage, Minute Ref 48. i. insert 'r' in to Mr Gundy's Gate, Minute Ref 49.v. replace 'this' with 'Best Kept Village'.*

## **59. Matters of Report**

### **i. Litter Bins**

The Clerk reported that requests had been made to move the litter bin from outside the old Post Office to replace the broken one at the bus stop and for a new litter bin to be put at the end of Narrow Lane. This had now been done.

### **ii. Entrance to the Girl's School**

The Clerk confirmed that the entrance would change after the school half term.

### **iii. Bedding Plant Grant**

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had received a Bedding Plant grant which need to be spent before the end of January 2011.

**iv. Post Office**

It was reported that the new Post Office was up and running and now people needed to be encouraged to use it.

**vi. Local Council Day – 4<sup>th</sup> October.**

**RESOLVED:** that Cllrs R S V Jarman, A Elkington and R Mills will attend the Council Day.

**vii. Final Audit**

The Clerk reported that the Final Audit report had been received and no issues had been raised.

**60. Planning Applications**

**Applications**

**686 - P/2010/00962/EW: Ashberry Barn, Lichfield Road, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire,**

**WS15 3DL:** Erection of a single storey side extension

Received: 06/08/10 Replied: 01/09/10 Response: No objections

**687 - P/2010/01001/JI: Heatley Lane Bungalow, Heatley Lane, Heatley, Abbots Bromley,**

**Staffordshire, WS15 3EW:** Erection of a replacement dwelling

Received: 06/08/10 Replied: 01/09/10 Response: No Objections

**688 - P/2010/01013/EW: Butterton House, Lichfield Road, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire,**

**WS15 3DL:** Felling of one Sycamore tree, one Lawson Cypress tree and one Cherry tree and removal of one Silver Birch tree and two Goat Willow trees and removal of branches from one Poplar tree

Received: 10/08/10 Replied: 25/08/10 Response: No Objection

**689 - P/2010/00794/EW: Dophin Cottage, High Street, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15**

**3BN:** Erection of three detached dwellings and one pair of semi-detached dwellings (amended description)

Received: 16/08/10 Replied: 25/08/10 Response: See email - response too long

**690 - P/2010/01031/JI: Ivy House, High Street, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3BL:**

Application to vary the time limit condition relating to planning permission PA/02885/027/JR/PO dated 01/07/08 for the erection of seven detached dwelling and one pair of semi detached dwellings, conversion of the first floor of existing dress shop including a two storey extension to form a single dwelling, associated garaging and alterations to existing vehicular access.

Received: 16/08/10 Replied: 08/09/10 Response: No Objection

**691 - P/2010/01020/EW: Woodland Barn, Lichfield Road, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire,**

**WS15 3DN:** Change of use of laboratory to form single dwelling and use of detached office building to form garage and office with store above, including external alterations.

Received: 19/08/10 Replied: 08/09/10 Response: No Objection

**692 - P/2010/01060/MW: 51 Seedcroft Lane, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3DS:**

Erection of a two story side extension, single storey rear extension and porch.

Received: 19/08/10 Replied: 17/09/10 Response: The Parish Council has no objections to the development as set out in the planning documents. We would however, as mentioned in previous emails, request that this development is monitored due to the irregular structures that have

appeared on the site.

**693 - P/2010/01075/EW: Ash Tree House, Ashbrook Lane, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3EN:** Felling of ash tree  
Received: 24/08/10 Replied: 17/09/10 Response: No Objections

**694 - P/2010/01115/JI: Office Unit Yeatsall Farm, Abbots Bromley:** Application to vary time limit condition relating to planning permission CU/11528/031 dated 20/09/2005 for the conversion of vacant office unit into dwelling  
Received: 07/09/10 Due: 28/09/10 No Objections

**695 - P/2010/01137/CEH: Portfields, Port Lane, Abbots Bromley, Staffs, WS15 3DX:** Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for continued use of land as domestic curtilage.  
Received: 08/09/10 Due: 22/09/10 No Objections

**696 - P/2010/01153/EW: 8 Bagots View, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3BU:** Erection of a first floor rear extension and installation of a juliette balcony.  
Received: 14/09/10 Due: 05/10/10 No Objections

**697 - P/2010/01149/JI/PO: Rear of Ivy House, High Street, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3BL:** Erection of seven dwellings and associated garages.  
Received: 15/09/10 Due: 06/10/10 No Objections

**698 - PA/26905/010/JI: Bagot's Park, Dunstall Lane, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire:** Erection of eight 110 metres high wind turbines, one 70 metre high anemometry mast, formation of associated site access tracks and temporary works compound - additional information received September 2010  
Received: 28/09/10 Due: 26/10/10

A meeting date of 6<sup>th</sup> October was set for all residents to have their say on the planning application. The Clerk would post notices announcing the meeting and call residents who had expressed an interest in the Public Session.

#### **Agreed**

**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)

**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)

**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.

**680 - P/2010/00784/EW: Dolphin Cottage High Street, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3BN** Demolition of existing commercial buildings.

**678 - P/2010/00795/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.

**684 - P/2010/00936/EW: Sycamore House, High Street, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3BN:**  
Reduction of crown of sycamore tree by 20%

**685 - P/2010/00970/EW: 69 Seedcroft Lane, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3DS:**  
Erection of a part single storey, part two storey front and side extensions.

#### Revised

**679 - P/2010/00794/EW: Dolphin Cottage, High Street, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3BN:** Erection of three detached dwellings and three terraced dwellings

#### Withdrawn

**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 st

#### RESPONSE TO REVISED APPLICATION

P/2010/00794/EW: Dolphin Cottage, High Street, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3BN:  
Erection of three detached dwellings and one pair of semi-detached dwellings (amended description)

The Parish Council response is:

The Parish Council objects to this development on the following grounds:-

1. Parking:-

The reduction from 6 dwellings to 5 will still not resolve the issue of insufficient parking as the two remaining semi-detached houses have now increased in bedroom size and may as a result require additional parking. The properties will also be larger properties than originally planned and therefore will free up very little space for parking. There is also the question of parking required for Dolphin House itself, will residents have parking allocated on this development or will they be expected to park on the main road which is already heavily congested?

2. Access:-

In our previous objections we highlighted how unsuitable the access to this development is. These objections still stand. The access is almost blind when pulling out and vehicles have to edge out on to the pavement in order to see and even then visibility either way is very restricted. This pavement is a busy pedestrian route, particularly in the morning and afternoons when children and walking to and from school and the bus stop. The drive is also too narrow to allow large vehicles to enter without having to crossover the highway to swing in or to reverse up. Many larger vehicles eg refuse lorries or fire engines would not be able to use this access at all.

As in our previous emails we would request that the planning department does visit the site during term time either in the morning or mid afternoon to access the situation.

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

**61. 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>
147/1162	Audit Commission	470.00	Audit Fee	
148/1163	Mr G McCullouch	300.00	Grounds Maintenance	LGA 1972 s.144
149/1164	Ollie Crooks	60.00	Grass cutting at football pitch	LGA 1972 s.144
150/1165	S Meads	385.01	Salary & Expenses	LGA 1972 s.112(2)
	<b>TOTAL payments made</b>	<b>1,215.01</b>		

**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>
151/1166	Cllr R Mills	31.50	Vouchers for BKV Comp	
152/1167	Mr G McCullouch	300.00	Grounds Maintenance	LGA 1972 s.144
153/1168	Mrs S Meads	373.41	Salary & taxable expenses	LGA 1972 s. 112(2)
154/1169	Mrs S Meads	35.93	Non-taxable expenses	LG(FP) A 1963 s 5
155/1170	HM Revenue & Customs	280.00	Tax & national insurance	

**TOTAL** 1,020.84

**C Record of payments received**

<i>Date</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Details</i>
25/08/10	Mrs Morris	75.00	Allotment rent
25/08/10	CC of Staffs	200.00	BKV First Prize
25/08/10	Village Hall Committee	16.00	Refund for November meeting
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>291.00</b>	

**ii. Finance Report to 30<sup>th</sup> August 2010***RESOLVED: that the contents of the finance report to 30<sup>th</sup> August 2010 be noted and signed by the chairman.***62. Group Reports****i. Recreation****Football Pitches**

Nothing to report

**Youth Club:**

Cllr Mrs Johns reported that the club was still very well attended.

**ii. Village Property**

Cllr P Charles asked when tree work would commence.

*RESOLVED : the Clerk would speak with G McCullouch and request a quotation for undertaking the work.***iii. Traffic, Parking & Highways**

Cllr P Charles asked if the Highways Department could keep the hedges trimmed around road signs. There were also a number of issues around the village that concerned Highways and work that had not yet been done.

**RESOLVED** : *the Clerk would liaise with the Highways Department and set up a meeting with Richard Rayson. The Clerk would also compile a list of work that needs to be undertaken.*

**iv. Richard Clarke First School**

Nothing to report.

**v. Competitions**

That the BKV presentation would be held on 1<sup>st</sup> October at 11.00am.

**vi. Newsletter**

It was agreed that another edition of the Newsletter would be produced before Christmas. Articles for this would be agreed at the next meeting.

**vii. RISES**

Cllr Mrs Fox reported that the latest RISES payment of £402.90 had been received and the RISES committee would be happy to put this towards new benches for the Village Green.

**viii. Village Hall**

Cllr R S V Jarman requested that the Clerk speak to the caretaker and inform her of the council's dissatisfaction over the noise created by the band practise in the room next door.

**ix. Millennium Green**

**RESOLVED**: *that the repairs to the path could go ahead. The Clerk to inform G McCullouch.*

**63. Correspondence, bulletins and reports**

No additional correspondence

**64. Feedback from Parish Surgery**

Cllr R Mills said that the only issue raised at the Parish Surgery was that there were still cars parking outside the Goat's Head.

**65. Horn Dance**

Cllr P Charles passed on the money raised by the sale of Horn Dance books. This was a sum of £24.00.

**66. Agenda items for next meeting**

**RESOLVED**: *that the following items should be added to the next agenda:- Wind Farm, Meeting with the Highways, The Newsletter, meeting dates for next Year.*

**67. Date, time and place of future meetings**

October Parish Council Meeting – 7.00pm – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2010 – Village Hall

There being no other business the chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.31pm

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date 27<sup>th</sup> October 2010