

ABBOTS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL  
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
Held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at 7.00 pm  
At The Village Hall, Abbots Bromley, pursuant to notice having been given

**Present:** Cllrs R S VJarman (Chair); Mrs D Burrows; P Charles; C Cook; Mrs K Johns;  
R Mills, Mrs M Moore, E Roy

**In attendance:** Mrs S Meads (Clerk),

**Members of the Public Attending:** 0

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06. Apologies for absence  
Cllr R Bell,

07. Public session  
None

08. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

09. Minutes of Previous Meetings

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2011 and 4<sup>th</sup> January 2012 should be signed as a true and correct record with the following amendment:-

The spelling of "Somona" to be changed to "Sonoma" on both sets of minutes

10. Matters of Report

i. Neighbourhood Plan

Councillors Mills and Roy updated members on the Localism Bill and planning. Cllr Roy reported that he had attended a meeting in Blithfield where the Localism Bill and Neighbourhood Plans were discussed. Cllr Roy presented a report that he had compiled following the meeting.

Cllr Mills reported that at present Abbots Bromley does not meet the criteria required for the village to be a sustainable village. He recommended that the Parish Council should go back to ESBC and asks what services they are going to provide in order for Abbots Bromley to meet the criteria for a sustainable village eg better public transport, more shops and a post office.

Cllr Jarman asked Cllr Roy and Mills if they had a proposal for the council to consider following their research in to Neighbourhood Plans. Cllr Roy said that in his opinion the council should not go ahead at this stage as it is unclear what could be accomplished for the parish as there are currently no working examples in the country.

**RESOLVED:** *that the parish council should not proceed with a Neighbourhood Plan at this stage. Proposed Cllr Roy, seconded Cllr Charles, all members voted in favour.*

**ii. Smart Water**

The clerk reported that she had ordered the free Smart Water pack but this had not arrived yet.

**iii. Christmas Tree & Lights**

The clerk reported that a letter of thanks had been written to Mr Brandrick.

**iv. Post Box**

The clerk reported that she was awaiting a response from Cllr Hall on progress with an additional or larger post box. She said that she had received several complaints from residents as the smaller post boxes were often full.

**v. Village Mini Bus**

The clerk and Cllr Jarman updated members on progress with the village mini bus. It was reported that additional funds were still being sourced, however, so far £10,000 had been received from the Big Lottery Fund and £6,000 from Natwest Community Fund. Additional funding had been requested from WASPS so if this was successful the bus could be purchased on behalf of the village.

## 11. Planning

### **Applications**

**761 - P/2012/00018/JI: Severn Trent Water Authority, Hall Hill Lane, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3DG:** Removal of 3 sections of hedgerow totalling 14m to enable new sewer installation.

Received: 06/01/12 Due: 27/01/12 Response: No Objections

**762 - ES.12/01/5007 W: Seedcroft Lane, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire:** Erection of 1 kiosk at Seedcroft Lane Sewage Treatment Works, Seedcroft Lane, Abbots Bromley

Received: 12/01/12 Due: 02/02/12 Response : No Objections

**763 - P/2012/00037/EW: 6 Bagots View, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3BU:** Erection of a part two storey, part single storey front and side extension

Received: 16/01/12 Due: 06/02/12 Response : No Objections

**764 - P/2012/00026/JI: Butterton House, Lichfield Road, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3DL:**

Felling of 1 Monterey Pine tree (TPO 179)  
 Received: 17/01/12 Due: 07/02/12 Response : The Parish Council objects to the felling of this tree as no reasonable justification has been given for this action. The reason that the house was built so far back on this plot originally was in order to save the tree when two others were felled in order for the houses to be built.

**765 - P/2012/00047/JI: The Barn, Fishers Pit Farm, Ashbrook Lane, Bromley Wood, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3AL:**

Prior notification for the erection of an agricultural building for the storage of fodder  
 Received: 16/01/12 Due: 30/01/12 Response: No Objections  
 Decisions

**Agreed**

**745 - P/2011/00963/JI: Lichfield Road, Abbots Bromley, Rugeley, Staffordshire:** Change of use of agricultural land to form recreational land and the erection of a cricket pavilion, formation of cricket pitch and erection of practice nets, football pitch, 5-a-side pitch with associated parking and landscaping

**746 - P/2011/01039/EW: Land at Ivy House, High Street, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire:**  
 Erection of 3 detached dwellings and 1 detached garage.

**750 - P/2011/01247/JI: Grange Farm, Ashbrook Lane, Bromley Wood, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3AL:** Conversion of agricultural building to form 2 live/work units including the erection of a single storey link extension and conversion of pole barn for use as parking area, including the formation of a vehicular access, landscaping work and boundary treatment.

**753 - P/2011/01327/JI: 1 Market Place, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3BS:** Internal alterations to use first and second floors as bed and breakfast accommodation (3 bedrooms)

**754 - P/2011/01326/JI: 1 Market Place, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3BS:** Change of use of first and second floors as bed and breakfast accommodation (3 bedrooms)

**Refused**

**755 - P/2011/01301/EW: The Crofts, Market Place, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3BS:** External alterations including the installation of solar panels in roof valleys and repositioning of garden wall.

**756 - P/2011/01300/EW: The Crofts, Market Place, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3BS:** Installation of solar panels in roof valleys and repositioning of garden wall

**RESOLVED** : that the clerk would provide the above responses to East Staffordshire Borough Council.

**12. Financial Matters****i. Payments to be made**

**Report on Clerk's conduct of Parish Council Business from 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2011 to 20th January 2012**

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

56/1267	Mrs S Meads	83.57	Expenses including refreshments for BKV	
57/1268	T Veitch	20.00	Repairs to football shelter	
58/1269	O Crooks	90.00	Grass Cutting of football	Open Spaces Act

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

56/1267	Mrs S Meads	83.57	Expenses including refreshments for BKV pitch	1906, ss.9 and 10
59/1270	Mrs S Meads	397.68	Salary & expenses	LGA 1972 s. 112(2)
	<b>TOTAL payments made</b>	<b>591.25</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>
60/1271	ABPCC	120.00	Balance for Churchyard mowing	
61/1272	G McCulloch	340.00	Devolved Maintenance	
62/1273	ABPCC	72.00	Church House Room Hire	
63/1274	Reprotec	<u>1074.00</u>	Purchase of Printer	
64/1275	G McCulloch	200.00	Winter clearance of playgrounds	
65/1276	Reprotec	1.20	Service contract fee for printer	
66/1277	Mrs S Meads	385.88	Salary & taxable expenses	LGA 1972 s. 112(2)
67/1278	Mrs S Meads	14.56	No-taxable expenses	
68/1279	HMRC	<u>289.40</u>	Income tax	
		<b><u>2497.04</u></b>		

**RESOLVED** : that the above payments be approved.

**iii. Finance Report to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2011**

The clerk presented the finance report to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012

**13. Group Reports****i. Recreation****Youth Club**

Cllr Mrs Johns reported that the youth club regularly has 40 people each week and is still extremely successful.

**ii. Village Property**

Nothing to report

**iii Traffic, Parking & Highways**

The clerk reported that the NHT Crew were due to visit the village shortly. It was also reported that lorries were making a mess of the lane when taking rubble to Bromley Park Farm. The clerk also reported that children getting off the Oldfields and Alleyne's buses were crossing the road without due care and attention.

**RESOLVED**: that the clerk should write to Oldfields and Alleyne's to highlight the road safety issues.

**iv. Richard Clarke First School**

Nothing to Report

**v. Competitions**

Cllr Mills reported that the entry for Best Kept Village had now been received. He suggested that the Jubilee is used as a theme for the children's posters and that people within the village are asked if they would like to keep to the red, white and blue theme with their hanging baskets and tubs.

**vi. Newsletter**

The following articles were agreed for the next newsletter which would be published in March-

- BKV update
- Article from the Friendship group
- The Jubilee

**viii. Village Hall**

It was reported that the lift was still out of service.

**RESOLVED:** *that the clerk should contact the Village Hall Committee and request that this is resolved as it is a requirement that disabled access is provided for Parish Council meetings.*

**ix. Millennium Green**

Nothing to report

**14. Correspondence, bulletins and reports**

- Letter from ESBC regarding Emergency Planning – invite for presentation at next Parish Council Meeting

**RESOLVED:** *that the clerk should confirm the Emergency Planning presentation for the February meeting.*

**15. Field behind the Village Hall**

The purchase of the field at the back of the Village Hall was discussed by councillors. Cllr Jarman reported that a meeting had recently been held with Mrs Veitch and Cllr Hall. At this meeting the funding for the purchase of the field was discussed with funds being sourced from the Village Hall, the Parish Council, the QEII Fund and WASPS. It was agreed that advice on purchase of the field should be sourced from SPCA and that free advice could also be provided by NALC.

**RESOLVED :** *that an independent evaluation should be undertaken of the land prior to purchase and that the Parish Council should be involved in any further decisions and discussions that take place with the landowner.*

**16. Jubilee**

Members discussed the Jubilee

**RESOLVED:** *that a notice should be put in to the March newsletter to ask village groups to make contact with the Parish Council if they are arranging event. Some funding would also be set aside for the purchase of bunting.*

**17. Agenda Items for the Next Meeting**

- Jubilee
- Jubilee Cup
- Parish Assembly

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

February Parish Council Meeting, 7.00pm Wed 29<sup>th</sup> February 2012 – Village Hall

There being no other business the chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.58pm

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date 29<sup>th</sup> February 2012