

ABBOTS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL
 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
 Held on Wednesday 24th April 2013 at 7.00 pm
 At the Village Hall, Abbots Bromley, pursuant to notice having been given

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

In attendance: Mrs S Meads (Clerk),

Members of the Public Attending: 3

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53. Apologies for absence
 Cllr Ray Bell, Cllr Roger Jarman

54. Public Session
 None

55. Updates on Sports Fields

Mrs C Veitch updated the Members on the funding raised so far for the field behind the Village Hall. So far £30,000 had been raised towards the purchase price and a fundraising Event is being held on 10th May at the Village Hall. Due to the current economic climate it has been difficult to find additional funding and at present there is a £20,000 shortfall. Mrs Veitch confirmed that the agreed price for the field was £50,000 although it was difficult to determine the exact market value as this differs depending on whether the land is considered for agricultural or building purposes. The field will become a green amenity for the whole community. Mrs Veitch confirmed that the fundraising team were grateful for the monies set aside by the Parish Council.

Mrs T Wheeldon updated the Members on the developments for the sports field on Lichfield Road. He confirmed that the specifications for the Pavilion and new ground itself are virtually complete. Grant approval has been received from Sport England for £50,000, Fields in Trust have offered £25,000 providing a deed is supplied by AB School for Girls offering the fields as a Sports Ground for the Community in perpetuity. A further application for £50,000 has been made to Sport England towards Pavilion costs. The Football Foundations have given an "Expression of Interest" in the provision of up to £100,000 towards the cost of the Pavilion which will hopefully take the funding obtained up to £225,000.

Further work is being done to raise money for match funding and there is hoped to be an event planned at St George's Park in November to help raise money.

Mr Wheeldon said that they were very grateful for the £2,500 donation from the Parish Council. Cllr E Roy said that the Parish Council would be able to process the payment when orders for works were raised such as order for ground works.

56. Declarations of Interest
None

57. Minutes of Previous Meetings
RESOLVED: that the minutes of meeting held on 27th March 2013 be approved with two amendments.

58. Matters of Report

i. Parish Surgery

The clerk reported that the nominated person to receive the Jubilee Cup had accepted.

ii. Councillor Vacancy

The clerk reported that an election was not required and the council could now co-opt a new member. Notices had been posted around the village, on the website and on the school newsletter.

59. Planning

Applications

820 - P/2013/00237: Town End Farm House, Lichfield Road, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3DL Erection of a detached one and a half storey dwelling

Received: 04/03/13 Replied: 02/04/13 Response:

The Parish Council objects to this application as the new development will have a detrimental effect on the street scene as it is in a prominent position right on the main road leading in to the village. The Council also has concerns over the number of parking spaces being allowed for the property as this leaves nothing for visitor parking and the road side is not suitable for parking due to the traffic calming in that area.

821 - P/2013/00240: Former Agricultural Building now Care Centre, Building at Rear of Rose Bank, Goose Lane, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3DF

Change of use of existing first floor roof space in to a self-contained dwelling, formation of a balcony, external staircase and 4 dormer windows.

Received: 05/03/13 Replied: 02/04/13 Response : No Objections

822 - P/2013/00353: Heatley Lane Farmhouse, Heatley Lane, Abbots Bromley, Staffs, WS15 3EW

Erection of a detached replacement dwelling and detached double garage, including installation of a package sewage treatment plant and the demolition of existing dwelling.

Received: 27/03/13 Reply due: 18/04/13 Response : No Objections

823 - P/2013/00390: Bromley Park Building, Bromley Park Farm, Bromley Wood Lanes, Bromley Wood, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3AJ Erection of a first floor side extension

Received: 08/04/13 Reply due: 29/04/13 Response : No Objections

824 - P/2013/00405: Millennium Green, St Nicholas Churchyard and The Village Green, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire Crown reduction to reduce the sides by up to 2m of 1 Red Oak tree (Village Green), reduce two smaller stems by 0.6m of 1 Western Red Cedar tree (Village Green), reduce top part of stem closest to the church by up to 5 m of 1 Cedar tree (Churchyard), crown lifting to give 4m clearance over footpath of 1 Red Oak tree (Churchyard) and felling of 2 Alder trees (Millennium Green)

Received: 16/04/13 Reply due: 30/04/13 Response : No Objections

RESOLVED: that the clerk would forward the above responses to ESBC

Decisions

Agreed

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60. Financial Matters

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

146/1365	ABPCC	160.00	Grass cutting in Churchyard
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160.00

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

Vch/Chq	Payee	Amount	Details	Powers
147/1366	Mrs S Meads	385.08	Salary & taxable expenses	LGA 1972 s. 112(2)
148/1367	Mrs S Meads	47.30	Non Taxable expenses	
149/1368	PWL B	1661.25	Village Hall Loan Repayment	
150/1369	AB 4 Youth	1000.00	Youth Club Grant	
151/1370	SPCA	385.00	Subscription Fees	
152/1371	Community Council	22.00	Subscription Fees	
		3500.63		

RESOLVED: that the above payments be made

ii. Finance Report to 31st March 2013

The clerk presented the finance report to 31st March 2013

RESOLVED: that the financial report be approved

61. Group Reports

i. Recreation

Cllr P Charles said that the edging on the path on Millennium Green may need some repairs this year.

ii. Village Property

Cllr P Charles reported that he now had the plaques to go on the Council's property, however, these are not in place yet but he will located them wherever possible.

iii. Traffic, Parking & Highways

The clerk updated on highways repairs.

RESOLVED: *that the clerk would continue to chase up highways maintenance and request a full update of repairs before the Parish Assembly.*

iv. Competitions

The clerk circulated the BKV leaflets for distribution throughout the village. Cllr Mrs Burrows reported that there had been 149 children's posters entered in to the competition. The clerk said that it the planters need to be considered again for this year but it may be worth considering some for the village green rather than by the village signs.

RESOLVED: *that the clerk obtain quotes for planters on the village green.*

v. Newsletter

Nothing to report

vi. Village Hall

Cllr Mrs K Johns reported that Mr K Johns is now Chairman and Mr Ray Bell is Vice Chair.

62. Correspondence, bulletins and reports

The clerk read out the Road Closure notice that had been received from ESBC. The road between Paget Rise and School House Lane will be closed on 12th May for the Soap Box Race.

63. HS2

Nothing further to report at this stage but keep on the agenda.

64. Mini Bus

The mini bus was discussed as the Parish Council now needed to consider gifting it to the Scout and Guide Group.

RESOLVED: *that the clerk would work on the contract for the donation and feedback at the June meeting.*

65. Agenda Items for the next meeting

RESOLVED: *that the following items be added to the next agenda:-
HS2, Councillor Vacancy, Parish Assembly,*

66. Date, time and place of future meetings

~~April~~ May Parish Council Meeting, 7.00pm Wed ~~26th June~~ 15th May 2013 – Village Hall

There being no other business the chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.20pm

Signed _____ Date 24th April 2013