

ABBOTS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held on Wednesday 31st July 2013 at 7.00 pm
At the Village Hall, Abbots Bromley, pursuant to notice having been given

Present: Cllrs R Bell; Mrs D Burrows; P Charles; C Cook; Cllr R Jarman (Chair), Mrs M Moore, E Roy; P Ryan

In attendance: Mrs S Meads (Clerk),

Members of the Public Attending: 2

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Cllr Jarman opened the meeting by welcoming Mr Phil Ryan to the council. Mr Ryan signed the Declaration of Acceptance and joined the council.

106. Apologies for absence

Cllr Mrs K Johns

107. Public Session

None

108. Declarations of Interest

None

109. Minutes of Previous Meetings

RESOLVED: *that the minutes of meeting held on 19th June 2013 were approved. Proposed by Cllr R Bell, seconded by Mrs D Burrows. Also minutes of meeting held on 26th June 2013 were approved. Proposed Cllr Mrs D Burrows, seconded by Cllr Cook.*

110. Matters of Report

i. Lichfield Road Sports Field

An update on the project and fundraising was provided by Mr John Stevenson. In summary Mr Stevenson advised that the cost of the ground work was likely to be in the regions of £200,000 and the cost of the pavilion would be approximately £450,000. fundraising is on-going but at present £50,000 has been secured from Sport England and there are two further applications in . Mr Stevenson supplied a full written update on progress (attached). He thanked the Parish Council for their backing and said it was essential for their progress.

Cllr E Roy advised that it would be a good idea to have a representative from the Parish Council as a trustee and that person would be nominated by the Parish Council. After some discussion Cllr P Ryan was proposed as representative by Cllr R Bell, seconded by Cllr E Roy. All members voted in favour.

RESOLVED : that the Parish Council would also write a formal letter of support.
Proposed by Cllr E Roy, seconded by Cllr Mrs M Moore,

ii. Field Behind the Village Hall

Cllr Ryan provided an update on progress to purchase the field. He advised that a public meeting at been held and 47 people attended. There was a long discussion about the proposal to have two houses on the field to 'book end' Bagots View. A vote took place and 45 people voted for, 1 against and 1 abstained. A separate meeting was held with residents of Bagots View and all were in favour. All plans would be tied up † in Section 106. Any monies left over would be for the upkeep of the field. All those who donated will be approached and monies returned if they wish. Cllr Jarman asked that Cllr Ryan keep the Parish Council updated on progress.

111. Planning

Applications

834 - P/2013/00836: Sycamore Apartment, High Street, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3BN Reduce length of branches from 1 sycamore tree (T2 of TPO 187)

Received: 14/07/13 Reply due: 05/08/13 Response : No Objections

835 - P/2013/00878: 28 Paget Rise, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3EF Conversion of existing garage to form playroom, single storey front extension to form extension to playroom and porch and single storey side extension to form garage.

Received: 19/07/13 Reply due: 09/08/13 Response : No Objections

836 - P/2013/00822: 1-7 Almshouses, Bagot Street, Abbots Bromley, Staffs, WS15 3BZ Listed Building Application for external alterations to re-render gable, omission of timber weather boarding in lieu of Birtley Olde English red brick, timber weather boarding above external doors and windows, replacement of 2 leaded windows with oak framed iron latticed windows.

Received: 30/07/13 Reply due: 20/08/13 Response : No Objections

Decisions

Agreed

828 - P/2013/00653: Kingposts, Radmore Lane, Abbots Bromley, Staffs, WS15 3AT Infilling of existing open porch by the insertion of glass to sides and door to front

832 - P/2013/00719: The Bungalow, Radmorewood Lane, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3AS Prior notification for a replacement agricultural building for the storage of fodder

833 - P/2013/00776: The Cottage, Yeatsall Lane, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3DY Erection of a single storey rear extension and conversion of garage for disabled bed sitting room including installation of a bay window.

iii. Other Planning Matters

- The Village Plan

Following on from initial discussions that had taken place at the June meeting members discussed further the current development boundary and the sites that had been identified by ESBC and landowners as potential development plots to accommodate the additional 40 homes that need to be provided. Each plot was discussed in terms of suitability for development, disruption to neighbours and the village, suitability of the road network and access. Prior to the meeting the Clerk had also circulated a document from agents representing the owners of site 357. This site was discussed at some length.

The following responses were made for each site outlined by ESBC:-

Site 1 (shaded in yellow)

Although in the conservation area this site is located opposite and adjacent to other properties. Access to the site would be directly from Uttoxeter Road and therefore no additional access would need to be built and disruption of neighbours would be kept to a minimum. As properties have been built on the opposite side of the road all major services are already in place. This site would also be in keeping with the linear layout of the village as it currently is. The Parish Council would support a development of 15 to 20 properties on this site.

Site 2 (shaded in yellow)

This site is extremely large and a development of this size would be detrimental to the character of this part of the village. The access to the site would need to be via Goose Lane and Lintake Drive and would dramatically increase traffic on these unsuitable roads. Disruption to the village would be considerable due to the location of the site and new services would need to be put in place. The Parish Council does not support a development on this site.

Site 357

The Parish Council examined the proposal submitted and strongly objects to development on this site. The size of the proposed development is 19 homes. This size of development is unsuitable for the size of plot that has been identified and will cause major disruption to residents within the area. The agent has identified two entrances to the site, one off Goose Lane and one off Preedy's Close. Both of these entrances are unsuitable for the number of cars that would be entering the site. The entrance off Goose Lane is steep and almost blind and Goose Lane itself is unsuitable for the number of car movements on to and off this site each day. Also traffic going left or right onto Goose Lane, or straight on to Yeatsall Lane, would immediately enter single track roads. The extra traffic generated would therefore cause major disruption and potential danger. The other entrance being considered off Preedy's Close would cut straight across Narrow Lane. Again the extra traffic generated would have a major detrimental effect for the residents of Preedy's Close and the neighbouring roads. This site is also not in character with the village and other sites identified would be more suitable for the linear layout of the village.

Site 348

The access to this site is via School House Lane (single track) and Bagots View. This is an unsuitable access for a development of size. The maximum of two houses that are currently being considered would not be disruptive either generally or to close neighbours.

Site 116

This site is extremely large and if there was a large development here this would change the character of the whole village. Road access to the site would also cause disruption to existing home owners as there is no direct access on to the land.

Site 121

This site seems to be landlocked and any further development on this site would need to go through existing properties.

Site 355

This site is located on Lichfield Road and is opposite other homes. The size of the plot would accommodate 15-20 homes and would help to provide the 36 homes required. Access to the site would be direct from Lichfield Road and would create little disruption to other home owners or to the existing road network. If this site was developed it would provide a link between the village and the approved Sports Field development and enable safe pedestrian access to the sports complex. The site is also in keeping with the linear layout of the village. The Parish Council would support development on this site.

RESOLVED: that the clerk would liaise with ESBC to feedback on the council's initial discussions.

112. FINANCIAL MATTERS

B Record of payments for which authorisation will be sought at meeting				
Vch/Chq	Payee	Amount	Details	Powers
165/1384	Mrs S Meads	408.71	Salary & taxable expenses	LGA 1972 s. 112(2)
166/1385	Mrs S Meads	11.80	Non Taxable expenses	
167/1386	Wickstead Leisure Ltd	108.00	Playground Inspection	
168/1387	Mr Perkins	27.00	War Memorial Plants	
169/1388	Mr G McCulloch	610.00	Grass cutting and grounds maintenance and Devolved Maintenance	
170/1389	HMRC		Employee Income Tax	
		295.00		
		1460.51		

C Record of payments received				
Date	From	Amount	Details	
10/07/13	Mrs Morris	100.00	Allotment Rent	
10/07/13	M E Cater	25.00	Horn Dance Stall	
12/07/13	Mr C Bell	25.00	Horn Dance Stall	
		150.00		

ii. Finance Report to 30th June 2013

The clerk presented the finance report to 30th June 2013

113. Group Reports

i. Recreation

The clerk updated councillors on the fallen branch at The Nuttery.

ii. Village Property

Cllr Jarman thanked Cllr Charles for putting property signs on all of the council's property.

iii. Traffic, Parking & Highways

The clerk reported that there was still no further progress with the yellow lines. Cllr Charles said that he had received complaints regarding the Cobwebs A-Board and asked if it could

be moved nearer to the edge of the pavement to save blocking the pavement for pedestrians. There had also been report of an Arriva bus parking on the Crown Bank.

iv. Competitions

Nothing to report.

v. Newsletter

RESOLVED: *that the clerk could order the final 200 copies of the newsletter from an external print company.*

vi. Village Hall

Cllr Ryan reported that the football event at the village hall had been successful and that the Youth Club had been working with the girl's school and the Spanish children.

114. Correspondence, bulletins and reports

- Email from S Hocking
- Letter from First City

115. HS2

Cllr Jarman reported that the Colton campaign was very active.

116. Horn Dance

The eClerk reported that Graham McCulloch had been booked to help put up and take down the stalls. Cllr Charles and clerk would also be on hand to help. Trader licenses this year would finish at 1800hrs.

117. Mini Bus

The eClerk reported that she had not yet finished the contract.

118. Agenda Items for the next meeting

RESOLVED: *that the following items be added to the next agenda:-
HS2, Horn Dance, Mini Bus, The Village Plan, Parish Surgery*

119. Date, time and place of future meetings

September Parish Council Meeting, 7.00pm Wed 25th September 2013 – Village Hall

There being no other business the chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed _____ Date 25th September 2013