

ABBOTS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held on Wednesday 29th March 2017 at 7.00 pm
At the Village Hall, Abbots Bromley, pursuant to notice having been given

Present: Cllrs Mrs M Moore, (Chair); Mrs A Appleby; B Walters, P Charles, R Jarman, J Houlihan; Mrs R Robb; P Ryan

In attendance: Mrs S Meads (Clerk),

Members of the Public Attending: 2

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35. Apologies for absence
 Cllr Mrs A Wakefield

36. Public Session

Mr T Wheeldon presented two cheques to the Parish Council to include in the funds for the repair works for the War Memorial. Donations received from Mr Sid Slater (£287.00) and The Cricket Club (£100). Letters of thanks to be sent to both.

Mr Wheeldon updated on repairs to the War Memorial. He said that there are three possible ways of solving the drainage problem, two involving inclusion of gullies and one using permeable tarmac. The methods using gullies could raise issues as the joints may leak. Permeable tarmac seemed to be the preferred method. Councillors asked if more research could be done in to usage of other stone sets instead of tarmac as these may be more sympathetic in the conservation area. Mr Wheeldon said that he would undertake further investigation.

PCSO Bradbury joined the meeting and introduced himself. Cllr Mrs Moore said that the main concerns raised in the village are speeding and parking. PCSO Bradbury advised that any concerns should be called in via 101 and also asked if Community Speed Watch had been considered. This was discussed and it was agreed to ask for volunteers again to see any were willing to come forward to start up the scheme again. PCSO Bradbury willing to help with set up. He also confirmed that he could help with access to the police speed van in the area. Smart Alert details also handed out.

37. Declarations of Interests

Cllr Walters declared an interest in planning application for No 1 Friary Avenue.

38. Minutes of Previous Meetings

RESOLVED: *that the minutes of meetings held on 22nd February 2017 be approved.*

39. Matters of Report

i. Horn Dance Leaflet

The purpose of the leaflet was discussed. It was agreed that the leaflet still needed to feature the Horn Dance and the map with locations of where the dancers visit. It was agreed to remove the map with the location of Abbots Bromley as this is not needed. It was agreed that the number of images should be reduced but drawn in the same style. Cllr Houlihan and the Clerk to provide clarification on which images will be included in the leaflet.

It was proposed that the leaflet is a village leaflet with the Horn Dance within it.
Proposed Cllr Ryan.

ii. War Memorial

Discussed previously in the meeting. Thanks given to Mr T Wheeldon for his work on this.

iii. Wild Flower Planting

The Clerk reported that the area had been strimmed off and sprayed and would be cultivated when the ground is dryer.

iv. Parish Surgery

Nobody attended.

v. Speed Restriction on Lichfield Road

Councillors agree response regarding the 30mph signs on Lichfield Road. Agreed approval of the movement of the 30mph limit further down Lichfield Road, however, this should include the entrance to the new sports facility and also include traffic calming. Try to arrange meeting with Highways to discuss this. Write to Cllr Atkins.

vi. SPCA

Cllr Walters reported that SPCA had a summit last year with Parish Councils and it was reported that the County Council will be devolving responsibility for some of County Council work to Parish Councils. He said that this is something that needs to be kept in mind and there are concerns over where this will lead.

vii. Staffordshire Day

Cllr Walters said that Staffordshire Day will be held on 1st May. It was agreed to remind people of this via social media.

40. Planning

1060 - P/2016/01710: Land South of Thyme House, Lichfield Road, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3DL Application for the erection of five dwellings including widening of existing access and provision of footpath, erection of 2 metre high wall and installation of a pumping station.

Received: 23/02/17 Reply due: 16/03/17 The Parish Council objected to this application as the footpath is shown on the outside of the development rather than on the inside. In addition the design of the buildings is not in keeping with the village, no variation in design or building line.

1061 - P/2017/00209: Rear of St Benets House, High Street, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3BW
Felling of a Yew Tree

Received: 27/02/17 Reply due: 20/03/17 The Parish Council objects to the application as there is no justification for removal of the tree. If necessary the wall can be designed to accommodate the tree.

1062 - P/2017/00283: 1 Friary Avenue, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3ED Erection of a single storey rear extension and a first floor extension above existing garage, including a new brick skin to part of garage.

Received: 07/03/17 Reply due: 28/03/17 No Objections

1063 - P/2017/00233: Land to the rear of Argyll House, High Street, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3BW Erection of a detached dwelling and associated parking

Received: 09/03/17 Reply due: 30/03/17 The Parish Council strongly objected to the application as it is overdevelopment of the site. It is a poor location for a property with no open frontage and boxed in. The space would be better used as additional parking for other houses currently being developed.

1064 - P/2017/00328: The Annexe, Radmore Wood Farm, Radmore Wood Lane, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3AS Conversion and alterations to existing annexe to form to dwelling house

Received: 21/03/17 Reply due: 11/04/17 No Objections

1065 - P/2017/00319: 2 Bagots Bromley Cottages, Newton Hurst Lane, Heatley, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3EL Demolition of existing rear lean to extension to facilitate the erection of single storey side and part two storey and single storey rear extensions.

Received: 21/03/17 Reply due: 11/04/17 No Objections

1066 - P/2017/00290: Fishers Pit Farm, Ashbrook Lane, Bromley Wood, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3AL Conversion and alterations to existing redundant agricultural building to form a dwelling.

Received: 21/03/17 Reply due: 11/04/17 The Parish Council are concerned over the strange design of this, losing the look of an agricultural building.

Agreed

1054 - P/2016/01826: Ashbrook Lane Farm Ashbrook Lane, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3DW
Erection of an extension to existing cattle shed

Applications

iii. Neighbourhood Plan Update

Cllr Walters said that the next meeting for the group would be on 30th March. Report currently being compiled and starting to pull together a draft plan. The group has taken a lot from the meeting with the village on 15th March.

iv. Proposed Vodafone Base Station at High Ash

The Clerk provided details on the proposed siting of the Vodafone Base Station. Councillors examined the map of the site and had no objections.

41. Financial Matters

100/1660	Riverside Printers	106.00	Newsletter Printing
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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>
101/1661	Mrs S Meads	401.97	Salary and taxable expenses expenses
102/1662	Mrs S Meads	18.40	Non Taxable expenses
103/1663	Staffordshire County Pension Fund	133.43	March Employee and Employer contribution
104/1664	Down 2 Earth	2000.00	1 st instalment for playground repairs
105/1665	Cllr B Walters	45.65	Expenses (postage & woodstain)
106/1666	Community Council	25.00	Membership
107/1667	SLCC	93.00	Membership
109/1668	Mr G McCulloch	430.00	Playground Tidy for MG & Nuttery
110/1669	Down 2 Earth	2500.00	Final Payment for Labour on completion of MG work (dated after 1 st April)

C Record of payments received

<i>Date</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Details</i>
27/03/17	Staffs County Council	£673.00	Devolved Maintenance Payment

ii. Finance Report to 28th February 2017

The Clerk presented the financial report to end February 2017.

42. Group Reports

i. Recreation

The Clerk updated on progress with work and said that the MG work would be completed in time for the Easter break.

ii. Village Property

Inventory walk planned for 3rd April at 9.00am. Cllr Charles raised the issue of the seat on the Green and the broken MG Fence.

iii. Traffic, Parking & Highways

RESOLVED: to look in to the Community Speed watch again and ask for volunteers in the next bulletin.

.iv. Competitions

Cllr Appleby updated on activity so far for Best Kept Village. A donation of £150 had been received from ASD for new Best Kept Village signs for the village. She said that Nick from Cobwebs willing to support the Spring Clean and Tesco has provided drinks. Organisations have been asked to adopt area; organisations include Beavers & Scouts, WI and Abbots Bromley School. Spring Clean planned for 23rd April from 9-11.00am. No 1 Hillside to be raised with ESBC.

v. Newsletter

Next issue scheduled for June/July. Articles to include the Chair's report, Smart App, Speed Watch

vi. Village Hall

The graffiti on the side of the Village Hall was mentioned again as the BKV judging will be taking place soon. Cllr Ryan reported that the Village Hall committee needs a new treasurer.

vii. ABSA

Nothing to report

43. Correspondence, bulletins and reports

- Community Paths Initiative, Cllr P Charles to ask the Footpath Society if they wished to apply for any funding.

44. HS2

RESOLVED: to keep on the agenda

45. Jubilee Cup

RESOLVED: A potential candidate was discussed. Cllr Mrs Moore reported that she had still not had chance to speak to the potential candidate.

46. Parish Assembly

Nothing new to report.

47. Agenda Items for the next meeting

*RESOLVED: that the following items be added to the next agenda:-
Neighbourhood Plan, HS2, Horn Dance Leaflet, War Memorial, Parish Surgery, Jubilee Cup,
Wild Flower Planting, Parish Assembly*

48. Date, time and place of future meetings

April Parish Council Meeting, 26th April 2017, – Village Hall

There being no other business the chair declared the meeting closed.

Signed _____ Date 26th April 2017