

ABBOTS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL
 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
 Held on Wednesday 31st October 2018 at 7.00 pm
 At the Village Hall, Abbots Bromley, pursuant to notice having been given

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

In attendance: Mrs S Meads (Clerk), County Councillor Atkins; Borough Cllr Hall

Members of the Public Attending: 9

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115. Apologies for absence
None

116. Public Session

Mr Wheeldon said that he has a meeting soon to discuss costs for work to the War Memorial and he hopes to provide these as soon as possible.

A resident from Colton commented regarding HS2 and said that he had personally petitioned on Phase 1. He said that you may be aware that there is a solar farm just about to commence and there has been a lot happening in Colton over the past 4-5 years. He offered help and said that he has a bit of a rapport with the HS2 team. He had been in touch with the team to ask for an update on the options between Rugeley and the Abbots Bromley site for the electricity pylons. Downside is Rugeley council want houses and so does the owner of the site. In said that in 2016 MPs debated the future of coal power stations and in the debate MPS agreed that it would be good to build gas fired power stations. If HS2 was to choose Rugeley it would improve the relationships with the surrounding villages, Parish Councils and residents.

Mrs Elkington said thank you for the Parish Council's supports with the planning application on Hillside.

Cllr Atkins joined the meeting. He said that HS2 is a parliamentary decision. Staffordshire County Council has worked to minimise the environmental impact and has petitioned parliament regarding Phase 1 and Phase 2A. They petitioned on 38 items and then 61 items and have had success in some areas but not in others, in particular lowering of the line around Lichfield and also about the Handsacre and Armitage junction.

He said that the petitioning process is like a court. It is televised and it can be very abrupt. Not a cheap process and cost the County Council in excess of ½ million pounds. With regard to the Power Station site and the Parkgate proposal the County Council is still waiting to hear formally from HS2. The officers in charge of HS2 at SCC are Sarah Mallen and Clive Thompson and this is their full time role and therefore they will be the main contacts.

Cllr Jarman asked what is happening about Rugeley power station. Cllr Atkins said that Lichfield Council want to build on part of it.

Resident from Colton said that we should make sure that HS2 pay for all the meeting room costs. He also said that individuals can petition as well as Parish Councils and that for Phase 2 Colton Parish Council petitioned for virtually no cost.

It is believed that Amazon has also complained about the blowing of the towers.

Cllr Walters asked if the County Council will be petitioning HS2 regarding the power lines and Parkgate. Cllr Atkins said that it is most likely that they would petition in order to minimise environmental impact so lowering of lines, going underground and planting trees. His advice was to keep cool.

Cllr Mrs Moore said that it doesn't seem logical where they have decided to site the substation and pylons. Cllr Walters said that there doesn't seem to be a strategic process, almost an off the back of a fag packet approach.

Cllr Moore asked if the County Council will support the petition.

A resident said that the maps are not necessarily true. HS2 have said that the maps are only an idea of location and only indicative.

Cllr Houlihan said that at the meeting that HS2 had at the Village Hall that nothing was guaranteed and that routes could change.

It was confirmed that the main issue is the power lines and there will be a certain period to respond once HS2 has decided to move forward with the Parkgate proposal.

117. Declarations of Interests

None

118. Minutes of Previous Meetings

- **RESOLVED:** *that the minutes of meetings held on 26th September be approved with no amendments. Proposed Cllr Ryan, seconded Cllr Mrs Moore.*

119. Matters of Report

i. **HS2**

The Clerk updated on progress so far and communications with other villages including Newborough and Hoar Cross.

RESOLVED: *to form a steering group to include representatives from other Parish Councils and residents. Cllr Walters and Cllr Jarman agreed to represent the Parish Council on the steering group when they are able to. Cllr Houlihan and Cllr Mrs Moore said that they would be prepared to step in if others are not able to attend. The Clerk to progress.*

ii. **War Memorial**

Mr Wheeldon had already provided update during the public session.

iii. **Outdoor Gym**

Reported that survey going in to the bulletin and on-line. Further update to be provided at November meeting.

120. Neighbourhood Plan

Report provided by Mr Mike Hobbs, Chair of the Neighbourhood Planning Group.

- The group had attended the meeting with the consultant and seen the full report
- Meeting had been held with ESBC and proved useful
- Bulletin article provided and would be part of the Bulletin and not a separate sheet.
- Recruitment of news members on-going
- First drop in session tomorrow, Thursday, 1st November at Church House. Opportunity to update the village on where the group are.
- Cllr Jarman said that he had not heard anything about the drop in session.
- Cllr Mrs Appleby said that she had some statistics about demographics in the village and had passed these to the NDPG.
- Mr Hobbs said that the group had looked in to the framework of the website and confirmed that they would be using the existing site.
- Cllr Appleby reminded the group not to forget the noticeboards. Cllr Walters confirmed that the previous group used all of the noticeboards and not just the one on the green.
- It was confirmed that consultant's report should be circulated
- Cllr Walters asked for an outline timetable. Mr Hobbs confirmed that this would be provided.
- Mr Hobbs said that the extra funding application was being looked in to but once they start it they have 15 days to complete the application.
- Cllr Mrs Appleby asked which approach would be preferred, either the PC to complete the application or the group. Mr Hobbs confirmed that it was preferred if the group was to go ahead. A three day turnaround for approval was confirmed by the PC.
- Question raised over how to communicate the independent consultant's report to the community. It was agreed that this would be done via the website, hard copies available from the Clerk and through a summary through everyone's letterbox. Mr Hobbs to provide an executive summary of the report by Wednesday, 7th November so that the PC can print off and include with the Bulletin.
- Councillors discussed how we move forward with the process and the three options recommended by the consultant. This was discussed at length. Cllr Mrs Appleby clarified that it was her understanding from the consultant's report that a decision on which option to take forward should be made by the group and approved by the PC.

RESOLVED: *that a preferred option would be provided by the NDPG and approved by the Parish Council.*

121. Planning

1159 - P/2018/01138: Ashleigh, Uttoxeter Road, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3EQ

Proposed erection of an amateur radio mast and aerials.

Received: 28/09/18 Replied: 29/10/18

The Parish Council objects to this application due to concerns over the visual impact, particular on the street scene heading in to and opposite the conservation area boundary.

1160 - P/2018/01188: Old Post Office, High Street, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3BL

Crown reduction and crown thinning of conifer tree up to 50%

Received: 02/10/18 Reply due: 16/10/18 Object on the basis that it is a cedar tree which is visible from the main street and will change the street scene.

1161 - P/2018/01177: Knoyle House, 9 High Street, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3BL

Felling of a Tibetan Cherry Tree

Received: 12/10/18 Reply due: 26/10/18 Seek arborist advice as to whether the felling of the tree is necessary due to ill health of the tree.

1162 - P/2018/01264: Clematis Cottage, Lichfield Road, Bromley Hurst, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3BA Remodelling of existing dwelling to include raising of ridge height, erection of part two storey and single storey side and rear extensions with roof terrace, front porch, front dormer extension and relocation of site entrance

Received: 15/10/18 Reply due: 05/11/18

Object on the basis of poor design and out of character.

1163 - P/2018/01287: Hall Hill, Hall Hill Lane, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3DG

Crown reduce one Yew tree and one Holly tree and pollard one Lime tree

Received: 18/10/18 Reply due: 01/11/18

Concerns that it looks like the work has already been done.

Decisions

Agreed

1151 - P/2018/00990: 2 Ivy Close, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3FB

Erection of a single storey rear extension

1152 - P/2018/01047: 14 Hillside, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3DP

Erection of a single storey front and side extension

1153 - P/2018/01105: 8 High Street, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3BL

Listed Building Consent for the internal and external alterations to include repairs to part of roof to include replace and/or treat affected timbers, wall ties, removal of timber doors to existing garage/store and replacement glazed screen and vertically boarded doors to form dining room, replacement windows, reposition wood burning stove, conversion and alteration of existing car port to form living room and formation of new internal openings

1154 - P/2018/01109: St Helens, Uttoxeter Road, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3EG

Crown reduction by 3-4m and reduce height to 8-10m tall with a spread of 8m to 1 sycamore (T1), crown reduction by 2m and shape canopies to reduce height to approx. 7-8m with a crown spread of 6-7m to 2 birch trees (T2 and T4), prune back branches obscuring footpath by up to 2m and prune side branches by 1.5m to shape canopy to 2 Liquid Amber trees (T3 and T5)

1155 - P/2018/01093: Little Booth, Church Lane, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3DD

Pollarding of 1 ash tree (T1) and reduction of 2 laterals back to the crown to 1 beech tree (T2)

1156 - P/2018/01100: Hurds Farm Barn, Pinfold Lane, Bromley Hurst, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3AD Prior approval for the conversion of existing barn to form a dwelling

1157 - P/2018/00931: Stable, High Trees Farm, Hobb Lane, Uttoxeter, Staffordshire, ST14 8RQ

Retention of a two storey rear extension, two dormer windows and one roof light on west elevation

122. Finance Matters

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

Vch/Chq	Payee	Amount	Details
42/1797	Mrs Sarah Meads	406.79	Salary and taxable expenses
43/1798	Mrs Sarah Meads	163.25	Non Taxable expenses
44/1799	SCC Pensions	145.34	October Employee and Employer contribution
45/1800	Public Works Loans Board	1661.25	Village Hall Loan
46/1801	British Legion Poppy	50.00	Donation for wreath

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<i>Vch/Chq</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Details</i>
	Appeal		

2426.63

C Record of payments received

<i>Date</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Details</i>
28/09/18	ESBC Precept	11,371.12

RESOLVED: *that all above payments be made.*

ii. **Finance Report to 30th September 2018**

The Clerk presented the report with no concerns raised.

123. Group Reports

i. **Recreation**

Update provided by Cllr Houlihan and the Clerk. Paintwork still poor at the Nuttery. Lower branches to be removed over the winter from trees on the Millennium Green and The Nuttery.

RESOLVED: *that planning permission would be sort to remove branches.*

ii. **Village Property**

Cllr Houlihan and Cllr Ryan provided an update on the electricity for the Christmas tree. It was reported that work had now been completed on the electricity box and power was available. Cllr Houlihan reported that a new transformer had been purchased but a further set of lights would be required at a cost of £100.

RESOLVED: *that the lights could be purchased.*

iii **Traffic, Parking & Highways**

Nothing to report

iv **Competitions**

Cllr Appleby reported that the village had won the trophy. The judges had commented that it was difficult to see how the village could improve. Much of the success was down to the village involvement.

v. **Newsletter**

Clerk reported that it would be ready to go out early November so that ABSA event could be promoted.

vi. **Village Hall**

Nothing to report

vii. **ABSA**

Cllr Ryan updated the Parish Council on the proposal to now move the entrance to the sports ground so that traffic comes in from the main road. ABSA are concerned about this and asked if the Parish Council could support them and object to this proposal.

124. Correspondence, bulletins and reports

- SPCA Newsletters, circulated prior to the meeting.

125. Meeting & Surgery Dates for 2019

The Clerk highlighted the change in dates for next year due to the election so the Parish Assembly would run in April and the May meeting would need to be earlier.

RESOLVED: *to remove the 25th May Parish Surgery from the schedule.*

126. Agenda Items for the next meeting

RESOLVED: *that the following items be added to the next agenda:-
Outdoor Gym Equipment, HS2, Budget Planning, Neighbourhood Plan*

127. Date, time and place of future meetings

November Parish Council Meeting, 28th November 2018, – Village Hall

There being no other business the chair declared the meeting closed at 9.10pm

Signed _____ Date 28th November 2018