

**ABBOTS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
 Held on Wednesday 26th February 2020 at 7.00 pm  
 At the Village Hall, Abbots Bromley, pursuant to notice having been given

**Present:** Cllrs Dr C Whorwood, (Chair) N Taylor-Brown; Mr K Baker, P Freeman, R Love; Mrs C Spratt

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

**Members of the Public Attending: 3**

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**8. Apologies for absence**  
 Cllrs Mrs Haywood and M Lockey

**9. Public Session**

A parishioner raised concerns over excessive flooding in Heatley Lane. He stated that it had not been helped by the poor state of the land and culverts not being maintained. He stated that the area is one of the strongest bands of council tax. Potholes reported and he has written to Staffordshire County Council but none of the work has been done and the land is crumbling.

Cllr Taylor-Brown asked where does the liability stop?

The parishioner continued to say that ditches need to be cleared by landowners.

Another parishioner commented that farmers on responsible up to their boundary.

The matter was discussed by councillors and it was agreed that there seems to be some ambiguity as to who is responsible for what. The Clerk reported that there is a planned meeting with Staffordshire County Council and the issue would be raised and some clarity requested for who is responsible for what.

Parishioner mentioned that the BKV plaque is not yet on the trophy on the village green.

**10. Declarations of Interests**

None

**11. Minutes of Previous Meetings**

**RESOLVED:** *that the minutes of meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> January be signed as a true and correct record*

**12. Neighbourhood Development Plan Update**

The following update was provided on the Neighbourhood Plan by Cllr K Baker:-

- Meeting held with new planning officer, he had advised that if you wanted to put something in the plan then just put it in. He said not to be frightened to put down what you and the community wants.
- The group had made a few alterations to the policies and the rationale had been drafted, all but one.
- Green open space can be included without landowner's permission and then taken to public consultation.
- Planning officer open and helpful and lead the group to believe that there was a degree more influence than originally thought.

**13. Matters of Report**

**i. Parish Councillor Vacancy**

ESBC had been informed of the vacancy and the Parish Council currently awaiting notification as to when co-option possible.

**ii. Meeting with Cllr Atkins**

The Clerk reported that a meeting had been arranged with Cllr Atkins for 2<sup>nd</sup> March in order raise several Highways issues.

**iii. War Memorial**

The Clerk reported that the chosen contractor had been chased in order to start work but no response had yet been received.

**iv. Passing Places in Lanes**

**RESOLVED :** *to raise with Cllr Atkins at forthcoming meeting*

**v. Letters to Farmers**

The Clerk reported that letters had been sent to farmers regarding use of School House Lane and thanking them for their efforts in keeping lanes clean

**vi. Million Statement**

The Clerk reported that this was now included on all Parish Council documents.

**vii. Parking Spaces Near the Goat**

Improvement of car park at the Goat discussed.

**RESOLVED:** *to look in to putting white lines on footpath and parking area, one disabled parking space. Also investigate potential for EV charging point. Raise at meeting with Cllr Atkins.*

**viii. Horn Dance Ideas**

Horn Dance day discussed. Potential to have more events, rural crafts.

**RESOLVED:** *to arrange a meeting with the Horn Dancers to discuss further.*

**ix. Welcome Pack/Visitor Guide**

Cllr Spratt agreed to work on this project and help to gather information. The Clerk mentioned that there is also a village leaflet with tourist information in which would be useful. Agree that it would be good to get this ready for Horn Dance Day.

## 14. Planning

**1250 - P/2020/00078: The Nuttery Playground, School House Lane, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire** Crown lifting of trees that form the hedge on the north boundary to give a clearance of 3 metres, remove lower branches of 2 walnut trees to give a clearance of 3 metres, remove lower branches of 2 hazel trees to give a clearance of 2.5 metres and remove 2 lower overhanging branches of 1 sycamore tree

Received: 30/01/20      Reply due: 13/02/20      No Comment

**1251 - P/2020/00082: Barkley House Farm, Pinfold Lane, Bromley Hurst, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3AF** Change of use of agricultural land to domestic curtilage and erection of a detached triple garage

Received: 31/01/20      Reply due: 21/02/20      Object based on overdevelopment of the site.

**1252 - P/2020/00085: The Barn, Pinfold Lane, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3AF** Prior Approval for the conversion of existing redundant agricultural building to form a dwelling

Received: 31/01/20      Reply due: 21/02/20      The Parish Council has concerns over this application as Part 3 Class Q does not allow for the insertion of any new structural elements into a building to allow its conversion. It is noted from the national guidance on Class Q that development permitted is restricted to the external dimensions of the existing building at any given point, so external features however small or incidental, such as chimneys and flues or external cladding will require planning permission. The proposed elevation drawings submitted show both a wood burning flue and external cladding

**1253 - P/2020/00081: Netherwood Farm, Bromley Wood Lanes, Bromley Wood, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3AG** Alterations to existing detached garage roof to facilitate ancillary accommodation

Received: 31/01/20      Reply due: 21/02/20      Comment that condition should be included not to separate from main property.

**1254 - P/2020/00092: Clematis Cottage, Lichfield Road, Bromley Hurst, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3BA**

Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for a Minor Material Amendment for the 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 windows, alterations to the fenestration and relocation of site entrance without complying with Condition 2 of planning permission P/2018/01264 relating to amendment to material finish

Received: 05/02/20      Reply due: 26/02/20      Object as excessive compared to original property.

**1255 - P/2020/00099: Former Pigsty at, Yeastall Farm, Yeastall Lane, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire**

Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the variation of Condition 6 of planning permission P/2019/00082 relating to the conversion of former pigsty to holiday let including the retention and completion of extensions and alterations  
Received: 07/02/20    Reply due: 28/02/20    No Objection

**1256 - P/2019/01493: Abbots Bromley Girls School, High Street, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3BN**

Siting of 7 entrance/exit gates for security purposes  
Received: 11/02/20    Reply due: 03/03/20    Site gates to be set back from the road

**1257 - P/2019/01495: Abbots Bromley Girls School, High Street, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3BN**

Listed Building Consent for the siting of 7 entrance/exit gates for security purposes  
Received: 11/02/20    Reply due: 03/03/20    As Above

**1258 - P/2020/00116: Harts Farm, Radmore Lane, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3AP**

Outline application for the erection of an agricultural workers dwelling including details of access  
Received: 11/02/20    Reply due: 03/03/20    Comment to remain tied to main farm

**1259 - P/2020/00008: Copperbeech Cottage, Bagot Street, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3DB**

Erection of a single storey rear extension and alterations to the front elevation by way of installation of a front door and replacement dormer windows.  
Received: 12/02/20    Reply due: 04/03/20    No Objection

**1260 - P/2020/00134: Stable Croft, Hall Hill Lane, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3DQ**

Reduction in height of Leylandii hedge consisting of 23 trees to a height of 3 metres.  
Received: 12/02/20    Reply due: 26/02/20    No Objection

**1261 - P/2020/00143: Mickledale Cottage, Port Lane, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3DX**

Installation of new toilet and kitchen facilities within existing storage building and associated foul drainage connections to new cesspool.  
Received: 14/02/20    Reply due: 06/03/20    No Objection

**1262 - P/2020/00149: Rose Cottage, Market Place, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3BP**

Demolition and rebuilding of part of the boundary wall and erection of a timber framed carport  
Received: 18/02/20    Reply due: 03/03/20    Discussed at length, agreed to object as not in keeping with the village and the conservation area. Danger of setting a precedent.

**1263 - P/2020/00151: Rose Cottage, Market Place, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3BP**

Listed building consent for the demolition and rebuilding of part of boundary wall in amended position to facilitate the erection of a timber framed car port  
Received: 18/02/20    Reply due: 10/03/20    As Above

**1264 - P/2019/01506: Agricultural Store Adjacent to Storybrook Bungalow, Bagots Park Dunstall Lane, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3ER**

Prior Approval for the change of use from agricultural storage to offices (Class B1)

Received: 19/02/20      Reply due: 11/03/20      No Objections

## Decisions

### Agreed

**1249 - P/2020/00064: Bromley Cottage, Uttoxeter Road, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3EG**

Crown reduce by up to 3 metre of 1 Willow tree and cut back branches by up to 3 metres of 1 Yew tree.

## 15. Finance Matters

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

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

Vch/Chq	Payee	Amount	Details
75/1906	S Meads	576.69	February
76/1907	SCC Pensions	219.72	Pension contribution for February
77/1908	S Meads	71.79	Expenses
78/1909	AB Village Hall	69.00	Room hire for re-issue of lost cheque
79/1910	Automated Systems Group	5.38	Photocopier costs
80/1911	HMRC	441.35	PAYE

1383.93

### C Record of payments received

Date	Amount	Details
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**RESOLVED:** that the above payments be approved.

## 16. Group Reports

### i. Recreation

The Clerk reported that the playgrounds had withstood the storms. Wooden post had been removed from one of the climbing ramps. More wooden panels and chippings required this year.

### ii. Village Property

Email received regarding Plot 35 (the allotment on Lichfield Road) regarding blocking Of ditch

**RESOLVED:** requested G McCulloch to clear ditch if possible.

**iii Traffic, Parking & Highways**

Dunstall Brook raised as an issue as soil run off into the brook causing water to flow over the road and not under the road and destroying road surface. Two pipes under the road blocked.

**RESOLVED:** to raise issue with SCC Highways

**iv Competitions**

Update provided by Cllr Taylor-Brown. Entry form to be completed

**v. Newsletter**

Nothing to report

**vi. Village Hall**

Nothing to report

**vii. ABSA**

Cllr Taylor-Brown to attend next ABSA meeting

**16. Correspondence, bulletins and reports**

- SPCA Bulletin
- Email regarding Plot 35 and blocked ditch
- Email regarding Abbots Bromley School Planning Application
- Emails regarding Parish Council Vacancies

**17. Horn Dance**

Put on next agenda

**18. Agenda Items for the next meeting**

Horn Dance, Co-option of new members, Welcome Pack/Tourist Guide, Working Groups, Update from Woodard

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

Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020 , 7.00pm, Abbots Bromley Village Hall.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date 24<sup>th</sup> June 2020

**Abbots Bromley Parish Council will do all it can to protect Abbots Bromley's heritage and village status and seek to enhance the well-being of the community by moving towards a greener and more sustainable environment.**