

ABBOTS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL
 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
 Held on Wednesday 28th October 2020 at 7.00 pm
 Virtual meeting held via Microsoft Teams, pursuant to notice having been given

Present: Cllrs P Freeman (Chair of the Meeting), Mr K Baker, Mrs K Haywood, M Lockey, R Love

In attendance: Mrs S Meads (Clerk),

Members of the Public Attending: 3

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54. Apologies for absence
 Cllr Dr C Whorwood

55. Public Session
 None

56. Declarations of Interest
 None

57. Co-option of New Councillors

The Clerk confirmed that since the last meeting Cllr Nigel Taylor-Brown had resigned as a Parish Councillor due to moving out of the area. East Staffs Borough Council has been informed and the vacancy has been advertised. Statutory period of advertising would need to take place before co-option.

Three potential candidates joined the meeting virtually. There had been interest from a further two residents but no feedback had been received as yet to ascertain if they were still interested in the positions. Potential candidates have already written to the council giving their reasons for wanting to become a councillor and these had been circulated to members.

The three candidates were invited to introduce themselves and explain why they were interested in becoming a councillor:-

Mr E Rodway-Bowden said that he had lived in the village for 13 years with 25 years plus involvement in the village and has helped out and been involved in village projects, including

litter picking and tidying for Best Kept Village. He had also registered with the Parish Council to help-out with Covid-19. He has previously received the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service and also campaigns and fundraises for a Brain Tumour charity. He is interested in being part of the Neighbourhood Planning Group as well as helping with the play areas, village hall and any other local projects.

Mrs C Brown thanked the Parish Council for the opportunity to attend the meeting. Mrs Brown said that she had been in the village for 25 years and has lived in rural areas for many years at the same time as working in cities. She has worked in the NHS for 30 years at a high level. Genuinely interested in helping people and volunteering. Last Christmas invited residents that were on their own to have lunch at her home. She said she has a passion for everyone's welfare and is interested in all aspects of village life and has no ulterior motive in becoming a councillor.

Mr R Beaumont said that he had lived in the village for ten years and very much enjoys village life and has seen much of the good work that the council has done. He spent many years in the army spending most of the time in Bosnia, Iraq and the Falklands. When he left the army he moved to the Cannock area. He has experience working in manufacturing and construction industry before becoming Managing Director of a Financial Services Company and then working in training and education. As a councillor he would like to work on the village plan, traffic and speed and help to continue improving amenities.

58. Minutes of Previous Meetings

RESOLVED: *that the minutes of meeting held on 30th September be signed as a true and correct with one amendment. Proposed Cllr M Lockey, seconded Cllr Mrs Haywood*

59. Neighbourhood Development Plan Update

Update provided by Cllr M Lockey

1. The main body of the draft document is now completed and a cover and contents page is being added this week. It will be sent to the Consultant for comment next week [WB 2nd November]
2. Once we have received the Consultant's comments the document will be revised.
3. An approach has been made to ESBC to ask if they will be willing to receive the draft document informally and to comment on it.
4. It is hoped that ESBC will see this as a constructive step which will indicate to them the progress that we have now made and that we seek their preliminary views as to the shape and content of Abbots Bromley Neighbourhood Development Plan before we present the draft document to the Parish Council and the full NDPG for consideration.
5. We aim to present the draft plan to the Parish Council and NDPG for consideration and comment before the end of this year. The exact timing will be determined by the speed with which the consultant and ESBC can respond and any necessary revisions incorporated in the plan.
6. It is intended that the review and commentary stage by the PC and NDPG should take no longer than 6 weeks after which appropriate revision to the plan can be made.
7. The next major stage will be the planning and coordination of the Reg 14 six week public consultation process which must be undertaken. Given present Covid-19 restrictions and guidance, it is unlikely that this will take place before May 2021.
8. We believe that it would be useful to have the Consultant guide us through this stage and be present at the formal meeting when the public are able to comment on the proposed

plan. We have approached him for an indication of his likely fees for this final stage of his involvement with us.

60. Matters of Report

i. **Goat Car Park/EV Charging Point**

The Clerk and Cllr Baker provided an update. N Taylor-Brown had chased up this project with Highways prior to resigning, however no feedback had yet been received from SCC Highways. A third quotation had also been requested for the installation of charging point but had not yet been received.

ii. **Closure of B5013/Blounts Green Junction**

The Clerk updated the council following a virtual meeting held with Kingstone and Uttoxeter Rural Parish Council. All three councils worked together to submit feedback to SCC Highways regarding the plans to close the Blounts Green junction in January for 7 weeks. Feedback included requests for more signage at junctions, illuminated signs highlighting the junction at Loxley Green, request that work does only take 7 weeks and starts on time, that more weight restrictions and speeding signs are put on Quee Lane to avoid this being used as a cut through by lorries.

61. Planning

Marsh Daisy Cottage, Poplar Farm Road,
Bromley Hurst, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3AY

Erection of a single storey extension to the North elevation

No Objection

The Tin Barn, Poplar Farm, Poplar Farm Road,
Bromley Hurst, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3AY

Erection of a detached triple garage and change of use of
Part of agricultural land to form part of domestic curtilage

*Recommend inclusion of condition that it can't be
Converted into a dwelling in the future.*

Bromley House, Uttoxeter Road, Abbots Bromley
WS15 3EG

Crown Reduction in height and spread of Hawthorn tree by
1m to give a spread of 3-4 metres and height of 3-3.5 mtrs
(T1), felling of 1 yew tree (T2), crown reduction in height and
Spread of one yew tree by 2-3 metres to give a spread of
4-5 metres and height of 5 metres (T3)

No Objection

Marsh Daisy Cottage, Poplar Farm Road,
Bromley Hurst, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3AY

Listed building application for the erection of a single storey
extension to the north elevation.

No Objection

62. Finance Matters**A Record of payments made after discussion with Chairman or Vice Chairman**

124/1955	G McCulloch	645.00	Grounds Maintenance
125/1956	Came & Company	1210.44	Insurance
		1855.44	

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>
126/1957	S Meads	576.69	October Salary
127/1958	SCC Pensions	226.81	Pension contribution for
128/1959	S Meads	11.80	Oct Expenses
129/1960	Poppy Appeal British Legion	50.00	Cost of wreath & donation
		865.30	

C Record of payments received

<i>Date</i>		<i>Amount</i>	<i>Details</i>
25/09/20	ESBC	12632.00	Precept and ESBC Grant

RESOLVED: that the above payments be approved.

63. Group Reports**i. Recreation**

The Clerk reported that she had conducted a site visit with a supplier and is awaiting for a quote for topping up of the woodchip, replacement of the bird's nest basket and additional repairs.

ii. Village Property

Site visit to inspect village assets arranged with Cllr Freeman.

iii. Traffic, Parking & Highways

Cllr Mrs Haywood proposed that a 40mph limit be requested out to the Rugeley Road and by footpaths.

RESOLVED: the Clerk to write to SCC Highways to ask that speed limits be extended out of the village.

The Clerk reported that a site visit was to take place with SCC Highways to agree location of passing places signs on Hobb Lane

Cllr Baker said that the Council must continue to pursue Quiet Lanes. He also proposed that wildflower seeds be purchased ready for planting. He also proposed that

the area not to be mown to allow wildflowers to be planted should be moved from Radmorewood Lane to School House Lane/Woodmill Lane. Seconded by Cllr Lockey.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk purchases Wildflowers and G McCullouch is asked to prepare land for planting seeds.

Cllr Baker suggested that the Village Gateway be utilised more, in particular the one on Uttoxeter Road. Possible use of extra signage such as "Please Drive Carefully".

iv. Competitions

Awaiting confirmation as to whether next year's competition will run.

v. Newsletter

RESOLVED: that the following articles be included:- Neighbourhood Development Plan update, Thank you article, Dog Fouling, Planning.

vi. ABSA

Nothing to report

64. Correspondence, Bulletins & Reports

Circulated prior to the meeting:-

- SPCA Newsletter
- Email regarding WiFi at Bromley Wood
- Card of thanks from Lord-Lieutenant of Staffordshire for efforts during Covid-19

65. United Charities

RESOLVED : to follow up with Mr P Charles

66. Agenda Items for the next meeting

Co-option of new councillors, budget for 21/22, Christmas Tree

67. Date, time and place of future meetings

Wednesday, 25th November, 7.00pm Virtual Meeting

Signed _____

Date 25th November 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.