

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 Dr C Whorwood (Chair), Mr K Baker, Mr P Freeman, Mrs K Haywood, Mr R Love

In attendance: Mrs S Meads (Clerk),

Members of the Public Attending: 4

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82. Apologies for absence
None

The Clerk provided an update on Cllr Lockey and explained that he had stepped down as a councillor due to relocating. He had confirmed that he was happy to continue working on the Neighbourhood Plan until leaving the village. The Clerk confirmed that East Staffs Borough Council had been informed of the council vacancy and the role is now being advertised. Cllr Whorwood gave a vote of thanks to Cllr Lockey for all his hard work in the Neighbourhood Plan and Parish Council.

83. Public Session
Cllr Whorwood welcomed everyone to the meeting.

84. Declarations of Interest
None

85. Co-option of New Councillors
The Clerk confirmed that there were now three vacancies that could be filled at this point as these had been advertised. A further vacancy would be available once the statutory advertising period had been completed and it would be possible to co-opt a further councillor in January if an election had not been called for.

Four potential candidates for co-option had joined the meeting. Mrs C Brown, Mr R Beaumont and Mr E Rodway-Bowden had all presented their background at the October meeting. Mr R Watson had not attended the October meeting but had since confirmed his

interest in the role of councillor and had sent an email with details on his background. To add to this Mr Watson said a few words in the meeting:-

He said that he had two children who both attended Richard Clarke School where he was also a school governor. He works as a cost lawyer in civil and commercial mediation and has owned his own business since 2005. Interests include walking, biking and cooking.

His interest in the parish council is to try and improve what is already a brilliant community. He is keen on working on the EV charging points project. Cllr Baker asked if Mr Watson would support the Neighbourhood Plan. Mr Watson said he would support it although he had not read much about it as yet.

All candidates left the virtual meeting while the councillors discussed. A vote was taken and the following candidates were co-opted at this meeting:-

Mrs C Brown, Mr R Beaumont and Mr E Rodway-Boden. All confirmed acceptance of office.

Mr Watson said that he would attend the next meeting as a possible candidate for the other vacant position. He also confirmed interest in working on the EV Charging project.

86. Minutes of Previous Meetings

RESOLVED: *that the minutes of meeting held 28th October be signed as a true and correct with no amendments.*

87. Neighbourhood Development Plan Update

1. It is confirmed that we have sufficient funding remaining for our consultant to complete this final stage of our work ie. reading and advising on revisions to draft report; advising on final public consultation stages.
2. The consultant is currently considering the draft. Hopefully I can provide an update for the meeting later today once we have spoken with him again.
3. East Staffs Borough Council have welcomed the opportunity to comment on the revised draft report.
4. ESBC have also confirmed that arrangements for Reg 14 Consultation are the responsibility of the Parish Council.
5. Given the ongoing Covid-19 situation we shall explore and advise on ways in which we can most suitably carry out the Reg 14 public consultation
6. We shall provide an estimate of necessary additional funding requirements for printing and binding the final draft for consideration by Parish Council and wider NDPG members and also for undertaking the Reg 14 consultation process as a matter of urgency.
7. Progress to the point where we can table the Draft report to Parish Council and NDPG is very much determined by how quickly the consultant and ESBC respond. Ideally we should like to have the report before the Parish Council before Christmas.

Note: Reference to the provision of Electric Charging points within the village has recently been made in an exchange of e-mails. This challenge has been considered by the NDPG and is included in the Draft report.

Malcolm Lockey
Chairman NDPG 25th November 2020

Cllr Rodway-Boden said that he would be interested in getting involved in the NDPG. Cllr Beaumont asked how he could get up to date on what has been written so far. The Clerk confirmed that most of the information is on the website under the Neighbourhood Planning section.

Cllr Baker said that the plan is unlikely to go to referendum until May. Due to Covid-19, the government has agreed that once the Parish Council and ESBC have agreed the contents of the plan then it will have some weight.

88. Matters of Report

i. HS2

Cllr Freeman said that he attended a Zoom conference with HS2. He said that there will be a considerable amount of community funding available, the community and environment fund is up to £75,000. There are a number of criteria to this fund including community involvement, how well the project is planned and how the village would be impacted by HS2. The project would need to be sustainable and be self-funding in the future. The funding is being run by Groundworks UK. It may be necessary to run an article in the Bulletin to demonstrate community engagement.

Cllr Beaumont asked if there is going to be an impact on the village, what is it and what do we do to mitigate it. This is most likely to be lorries and will be there be certain times that they can travel and routes that they can travel.

Cllr Mrs Brown said that the impact is already an impact. There are seven routes in the area where HS2 cross roads and unloading of huge lorries on these main roads.

ii. Welcome Pack/Visitor Guide

Cllr Baker said that the welcome back was to welcome new people to the village and to give them a guide on facilities, clubs, businesses in the village as well as guidelines on planning permissions and the conservation area.

He added that the visitor guide is a policy in the neighbourhood plan and asked if there were any volunteers who would be willing to work on these projects.

Cllr Love asked if an on-line version had been considered as well as a printed version.

The following councillors said they would be willing to be involved: Cllr C Whorwood, Cllr E Rodway-Boden, Cllr Mrs Brown and Cllr Love.

89. Planning

The Gables, Harley Lane, Abbots Bromley, WS15 1EU, Erection of a first floor side extension

No Objections

Land at Moors Farm, Moors Lane, Radmore Lane, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3AN; Prior approval for erection of an agricultural building.

The Parish Council did not object to the construction of the barn but raised concerns over the location directly in front of Moor's Farm.

Rose Cottage, Market Place, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3BP; Demolition and rebuilding of boundary wall and erection of a timber framed car port (amended plans received)

The Parish Council objects to this application as there is no need to demolish the wall, this will have a visual impact on the village.

Radmore House, Radmorewood Lane, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3AS; Erection of a detached Car port, single storey rear and side extensions and alterations to dormer windows on front Elevation.

No Objections

Clematis Cottage, Lichfield Road, Bromley Hurst, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3BA; Demolition of existing dwelling and garage and erection of a replacement dwelling and new septic tank and oil tank.

Ensure materials are in-keeping with the area.

Radmore Wood Farm, Radmore Lane, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3AS; Raising of height of existing storage building to form two storey dwellinghouse, erection of a single storey extension to create garage and workshop, demolition of existing hay barn and installation of septic tank and associated works.

No objections, however, check with ESBC regarding installation of a chalet building.

90. 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

| <i>Vch/Chq</i> | <i>Payee</i> | <i>Amount</i> | <i>Details</i> |
|----------------|--------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| 130/1961 | S Meads | 576.69 | November Salary |
| 131/1962 | SCC Pensions | 226.81 | Pension contribution for Nov |
| 132/1963 | S Meads | 116.30 | Expenses/wildflowers |
| 133/1964 | G McCulloch | 500.00 | Grounds Maintenance |
| 134/1965 | ASL Ltd | 7.13 | Photocopy costs |
| 135/1966 | William Haycock Clockmakers | 150.00 | Maintenance of Church Clock |

1576.93

RESOLVED: *that the above payments be approved.*

91. Group Reports

i. Recreation

The Clerk provided an update. Awaiting quotations on repairs to playground.

ii. Village Property

Site visit to inspect village assets had taken place and asset register had been updated. Work schedule to be prepared to undertake maintenance jobs.

iii. Traffic, Parking & Highways

The Clerk reported that there had still be no feedback from Mr Rayson regarding the EV charging points.

RESOLVED: *that the Clerk should contact Cllr Philip Atkins regarding this matter.*

Cllrs also reported damage to road surface on the School House Lane on the stretch that has recently been resurfaced. There were also several other areas with numerous pot holes and road damage including Port Lane, Watery Lane and Newton Hurst Lane.

RESOLVED: *that the Clerk should report these issues to Staffordshire County Council Highways.*

iv. Competitions

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

Newsletter

RESOLVED: *that the next issue should go out in December, prior to Christmas*

v. ABSA

Nothing to report

92. Correspondence, Bulletins & Reports

Circulated prior to the meeting:-

- SPCA Newsletter
- Email regarding retirement of PC Boulter
- Emails from residents of Hobb Lane regarding odours from Poultry Farm

93. Christmas Tree

RESOLVED: *that the tree lights be put on the tree on Saturday, 28th November 2020*

94. Agenda Items for the next meeting

Co-option of new councillors, councillor roles, appointment of Vice Chairman

95. Date, time and place of future meetings

Wednesday, 6th January 2021 Budget Planning Meeting 7.00pm Virtual Meeting

Wednesday, 27th January 2021 Parish Council Meeting 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.