

ABBOTS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Wednesday 28TH April 2021 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, Mrs C Brown, Mr P Freeman, Mrs K Haywood, Mr R Beaumont, Mr R Love, Mr E Rodway-Bowden, Mrs S Morgan

In attendance: Mrs S Meads (Clerk),

Members of the Public Attending: 0

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46. Apologies for absence
Cllr R Love joined meeting at 1910

47. Public Session
None

48. Declarations of Interest
Cllr P Freeman declared an interest in application for Ashbrook Farm

49. Minutes of Previous Meetings

Minutes approved with 2 amendments: add 'r' to Cllr Baker on page 2, changing wording on line 4 of page 2 to "looking in to the decision". Approved, proposed, Cllr Baker, seconded Cllr Beaumont

50. Neighbourhood Development Plan Update

Cllr Freeman provided an update on behalf of Neighbourhood Development Group. He had hoped to provide a revised draft but still waiting for ESBC to provide their input. Keeping the consultant informed of progress. Still have about ½ day's credit with the consultant. Mr Wheeldon has also made enquiries with the consultant about the consultation document which will need drafting once we have gone through Regulation 14. Consultant will provide a quote for it. Cllr Beaumont commented that better to do it properly, all members agreed. Cllr Freeman to ask Mr Wheeldon to brief consultant to come up with cost. Invite Rebecca

Raines from ESBC to meeting, whether an extraordinary meeting or the May meeting. Good to do when we have an open meeting rather than virtual.

51. Matters of Report

i. Welcome Pack

Cllr Mrs Haywood still working on it, a few changes and amendments to make following input from councillors.

ii. Visitor's Guide

Cllr Baker said he is looking for a map of the village that isn't copywrited or permission needs to be requested.

iii. Wildflower Planting

Mr G McCulloch to plant seeds on playground as soon as ground is suitable. Cllr Baker said that he thought it had been agreed previously that some seeds could be planted near to the village signs. The Clerk said that this does cause issues as there are bulbs planted by the signs so not possible to spray the ground. Also extra mowing required for the flowers to be seen. Councillors suggested making tubs to put by the village signs/ Cllr Dr Whorwood happy to build planters. Make tubs that are 1m x 0.5m. The Clerk said that when she has the approximate dimensions for the planters then permission can be sought from SCC Highways for the location of the troughs at the signs. Cllr Baker also said that it had previously been agreed that Staffs County Council should be asked not to mow Woodmill/School House Lane in order to allow the wildflowers to grow.

RESOLVED : that the Clerk contact SCC Highways and requests that this lane is not mown until later in the season.

iv. Future Meetings

The Clerk reported that after 7th May, virtual meetings would no longer be legal. The Clerk Would book the larger hall at the Village Hall for the May meeting to allow more space. The Parish Assembly is not able to run in May but if rules are relaxed it could run in July.

52. Planning

- P/2021/00369 **The Radmores, Radmore Lane, Abbots Bromley WS15 3AT** Remodelling of existing dwelling to include the erection of a two storey front and side extension, single storey rear extension, reroofing and new brickwork skin, erection of a detached garage with store over and erection of a new entrance wall and gates
- Design & access statement needed and clarification on materials. Another point that needs to be clarified, is the loft space in the garage, (which has an external side staircase access) isn't to be used for residential purposes.
- P/2021/00159 **Butt Cottage, Goose Lane, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3DE** Erection of a part two storey part first floor front/side extension single storey rear/side extension, detached double garage and rear dormer extension to facilitate loft conversion
- Concerns raised over excessive extensions and impact on the street scene.
- P/2021/00417 **Town End Farm House, Lichfield Road, Abbots Bromley WS15 3DL**
Listed Building application for the erection of a single storey side extension

No Objections

- P/2021/00359 **Ashbrook Farm, Orange Lane, Bromley Hurst, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3AS** Conversion of redundant agricultural building to form a dwelling erection of detached garage and change of use of land to form domestic curtilage
- No Objections
- P/2021/00467 **Harley Farm, Uttoxeter Road, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3EQ** Felling of 1 Pine Tree
- Councillors discussed felling of tree. Cllr Mrs Brown raised health and safety issues if the tree is not felled. Councillors agreed that it was important for a tree surgeon to come up with a suitable solution and possibly suggest a more suitable species for the garden.
- APPROVED
- P/2020/01367 **adj Thyme House, Lichfield Road, Abbots Bromley** App under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the erection of 5 dwellings and associated garaging including widening of existing access and provision of footpath and installation of pumping station without complying with conditions 2,3, 7, 13 16, 20, 21 of planning permission P/2018/00362 relating to amendments to the approved plans by way of changes to foul drainage design, highways requirements, change of roof tile raising of northern boundary between plot 1 and Thyme House position change to southern boundary fence line.
- Councillors discussed this application at length. Concerns still raised regarding the possibility of including a 1.8m path on the inside of the hedge without damaging the hedge. Also, no plans submitted yet for joining the path to the existing path on the highway.
- RESOLVED** : *the Clerk to contact Mr Alan Harvey at East Staffs Borough Council and Cllr G Hall and invite them to conduct a site visit with Parish Councillors.*
- P/2021/00169 **Former Dementia Care Centre, Goose Lane, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3DE** Change of use of former dementia centre to form 2 dwellings including a single storey extension to the East elevation with balcony above.
- P2021/00240 **The Vicarage, Market Place, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3BP** Prune back from structure to give a clearance of up to 1.5 metres to suitable growing points and raise edge crown up to 2.8 metres for access of 2 English Yew trees.
- P/2021/00255 **Sunrise, Bromley Road, Bromley Wood, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3AG** Erection of a first floor rear extension, front porch and a detached timber framed car port.
- P/2020/01381 **Hillswood, Hobb Lane, Marchington Woodlands ST14 8RG** Erection of a single storey extension on east elevation and 2 metre high brick wall and garden gate

REFUSED

P/2020/00912 **Land off School House Lane, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3BT** Erection of a steel framed agricultural livestock building and retention of a storage container

P/2020/00930 **Lane off Woodmill Lane, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3BT** Retention of a static mobile home to be used as a temporary dwelling and septic tank for a period of 3 years

iii. Other Planning Matters

Councillors discussed the issue of car sales taking place from Crown Bank.

RESOLVED: *That the Clerk should report to ESBC as this may contravene planning as sales taking place from a residential property*

Cllr Beaumont asked who residents should contact if they wish to put a mirror on the grass verge to aid exit from their property. It was confirmed that permission needed to be sought from Staffs County Council Highways.

53. 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
01/1995	S Meads	576.69	April Salary
02/1996	SCC Pensions	226.81	Pension contribution for April
03/1997	S Meads	11.80	Expenses
04/1998	Playforce	1910.94	Part payment for Swing (VAT £318.4)
05/1999	Riverside Printers	245.00	Printing of April Bulletin plus cancelled cheque from November 2021

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RESOLVED : *that the above payments be made.*

ii. Monthly Finance Report

Not available as bank statements not received on time.

54. Group Reports

i. Recreation

New woodchip down but might need a top up. Cllr Mrs Morgan volunteered to pop up with a rake to level out the Woodchip under the slide and swing. Bin at the bottom of hill full. The Nuttery, wetpour looks really bad and has moved away from the edges. Purchase some more wetpour to repair the edges – proposed Cllr Dr Whorwood, seconded Cllr Rodway-Bowden.

RESOLVED: *that the Clerk should purchase a repair kits for the wetpour.*

Cllr Baker reported that the wooden post on the way in the Nuttery is rotten

Mr Simon Wilson had made contact with the Parish Council and said that the Scouts has trees to plant. The Clerk suggested planting in the wild area as sound buffering following complaint from resident.

ii. Village Property

Nothing to report

iii. Traffic, Parking & Highways

Cllr Rodway Bowden wishes to train for Community Speed Watch, he had spoken to a few residents who may be interested. Need to get data in order to get SIDs machine. Cllr Rodway-Bowden suggested doing a traffic survey. Cllr Mrs Morgan said she was looking at alternative sources of funding – different organisations and charities to help improve speed control in the village. Possible work with MP.

iv. Competitions

Email from reception teacher at Richard Clarke School to confirm involvement for village clean. Cllr Mrs Brown wanted volunteers for different areas eg Narrow Lane, Village Entrances, Crown Car Park. Councillors discussed at length. Cllr Rodway-Bowden contacting companies regarding litter picking devices – ignored by Amazon but McDonalds have responded. Dog fouling signs, extras to be purchased if spare at Kingstone.

RESOLVED : *that village spring clean would take place over the bank holiday weekend as evidence of involvement needs to be sent in for Best Kept Village Weekend. Posters and social media to be used to promote the village involvement.*

v. Newsletter

Bulletin has been distributed

vi. ABSA

Cllr Richard Love provided an update. New cricket ground, first match already taken place. Football hoping to start at the beginning of next season. Quite a way off their target for a club house. Embarking on a round of fund raising. Tennis club aim to move and will raise the funds themselves.

vii. Village Hall

The Clerk said that the Council had received a letter regarding the barrier on the path that comes from Salter's Grange.

RESOLVED : *that the Clerk should ascertain who own the path.*

viii. Almshouses

Nothing to add following the article in the Bulletin

55. Correspondence, bulletins and reports

- *SPCA Weekly Newsletters*
- *Covid weekly update emails from Cllr P Atkins*
- *Email regarding accessibility via the footpath to the Village Hall/Removal of metal barrier*
- *Road Closure notice for Radmore Lane*
- *Email from resident regarding noise from playground*
- *Community Speed Watch sign-up sheet*
- *Letter from visitors to Richard Clarke School with concerns over speed of traffic on School House Lane*

- *Notice of County Council and Police Commissioner Elections*
- *Emails from SPCA regarding Protocol for HRH Prince Philip's death*

All correspondence circulated prior to the meeting and contents noted.

56. Horn Dance

The Clerk reported that bookings were already being received for the stalls. Councillors discussed possibility of an art trail and possibly spreading out stalls throughout the village.

RESOLVED : *that the Clerk should speak to Mr T Bailey to discuss suggestions.*

57. Agenda Items for the Next Meeting

Election of Chair and Vice, invite police to next meeting,

58. Date, time and place of future meetings

Wednesday, 26th May 2021 Parish Council Meeting 7.00pm Abbots Bromley Village Hall

Signed _____

Date 26th May 2021

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.