

ABBOTS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held on Wednesday 30th June 2021 at 7.00 pm
Held at Abbots Bromley Village Hall pursuant to notice having been given

Present: Mr K Baker, Mr P Freeman, Mrs K Haywood (Chair), Mr R Love, Mr E Rodway-Bowden,

In attendance: Mrs S Meads (Clerk),

Members of the Public Attending: 2

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Cllr K Haywood welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that she needed to leave the meeting early and asked if councillors were happy for the order of the meeting to change to allow for the Annual Audit of Accounts to be brought forward on the agenda.

76. Apologies for absence

Cllrs Dr C Whorwood, S Morgan, R Beaumont, C Brown

RESOLVED: to accept apologies

77. i. Internal Audit Report:- The Clerk presented the report provided by internal auditors, Toplis Associates Ltd.

ii. Annual Governance Statement :- Councillors approved the Annual Governance Statement, signed by the Cllr K Haywood and the Clerk

iii. Accounting Statement 2020/21 :- The Clerk presented the Accounting Statement for 2020/21, councillors approved the statement, signed by Cllr K Haywood and the Clerk.

Cllr Mrs Haywood left the meeting and Cllr Baker took over as Chair of the meeting.

78. Public Session

Mr Chris Wood and Mr John Stevenson attended the meeting, represented ABSA

Mr Chris Wood - Thanks for the invite. He explained that the reason for them coming to talk to the PC as now finding it difficult to find funds for the development of the site. Amazing piece of work over the 7-8 years and so far the project has cost close to £700,000, £114,000 raised by the community. It is unfinished, the club house needs to be built, all weather

facilities that need to be put in to make me all inclusive. Finding it really difficult to find funders. Here to find out ways to support the completion as they are looking for about £350,000 to complete the project.

Mr John Stephenson explained that funders are looking for community projects so we need to know that the Parish Council is fully behind the project. He said that they had spoken to Cllr Atkins but not had much support. Melbourne, fantastic development, partnership scheme heavily weighted by the local council. Need some assistance but appreciate the assistance we have had so far from the PC and from East Staffs BC. Probably need to raise £100,000 to release match funding. Maintenance of the site is also a cost. At the moment they can't sell anything as don't currently have a club house so no income stream but still have overhead costs.

Cllr K Haywood confirmed that the Parish Council is fully supportive of ABSA. Parish Council to provide a letter of support. Cllr R Love asked if ABSA could provide something for focus to enable the Parish Council to look at possibly a loan

79. Declarations of Interest

Cllr E Rodway-Bowden declared an interest in the Bromley House planning application

80. Minutes of Previous Meetings

RESOLVED : *that the minutes of 26th May 2021 were signed as a true and correct record with 2 amendments.*

81. Neighbourhood Development Plan Update

Cllr P Freeman put it to the meeting to remove Policy NGB2 – Supported by Cllr R Love, Seconded by E Rodway-Bowden. Cllr Freeman asked the Parish Council how much involvement do the Parish Council want the consultant to have. Either hand it over to him to complete or work on it as a group and then get the consultant to finalise it. Cllr R Love supported the latter as much work had already been done by Mr Wheeldon and the group. Cllr K Baker said that there was always the view that it would be to get Dave Chetwyn to chair the public meeting. Councillors discussed funding for Neighbourhood Plan and it was agreed that they would need to know what costs the council is looking at and what funds are available.

The Group to go back to ESBC to ask where their figure for affordable housing came from as there seemed to be no great evidence. Some need but there is some supply already and there will be a turnover on that.

Current providers – Trent & Dove, Beth Johnson Houses, Almshouses. The group is currently working on how many affordable housing units are available. Been back to Acon to clarify gross or net figures. They estimated 43 affordable housing units in Abbots Bromley. NDP feel that the requirement for affordable homes can be met by identified plots. Possible Face to Face meeting with Naomi Perry from ESBC to go through the figures with her. Enough information to dispute the need for 29 additional affordable houses.

82. 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 confirmed that the pack would fit on A2 folded paper. Riverside printers had quoted £198/100. Councillor agreed to purchase folded to A5 x 200 copies. Accessible version on the website and an extra promotion to be put on the website.

iii. **Horn Dance**

The Clerk reported that she had been in touch with Mr Bailey and the Horn Dancers had agreed that the event would be going ahead. Councillors agreed that stalls could be placed around the village and not just on the village green to allow for more space.

iv. **Infinitii**

The Clerk reported that the owner of Infinitii has shown an interest in purchasing the land behind the restaurant so that he could develop a space garden in the area. Councillors discussed the possibility of selling the land but it was agreed that further research would need to be done in to ownership of the land. Cllr Rodway-Bowden expressed reservations in selling the land. It was agreed that any sale would need to be advertised. Agreed to defer until the next meeting.

83. **Planning Report**

APPLICATIONS

P/2021/00779	Hurds Farm, Pinfold Lane, Bromley Hurst, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3AD Prior Approval for the conversion of existing barn to form a dwelling No Objections
P/2021/00741	Radmorewood Farm, Radmorewood Lane, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3AS Reconfiguration of existing dwelling to include single storey side and part two storey and single storey rear extensions No Objections
P/2021/00698	High Trees Dairy, Hobb Lane, Marchington Woodlands Staffordshire, ST14 8RQ Erection of an oak framed garage/cart bay No Objections
P/2021/00807	Bromley House, Uttoxeter Road, Abbots Bromley WS15 3EG Listed building application for the replacement of sash windows with existing frames with double glazed unit and change single glazing to double glazing within retained window frames No Objections
P/2021/00836	7 Nancy Talbot Close, Abbots Bromley, Staffs, WS15 3FD Erection of a two storey side extension - The Parish Council objects to this applications due to overlooking adjacent property.
P/2021/00766	The Beeches, Bagot Street, Abbots Bromley Staffordshire, WS15 3DB Felling of 1 Sitka Spruce tree – if diseased then should be replaced with another tree. Independent examination required by a tree surgeon.
P/2021/00694	Royal Oak Inn, Bagot Street, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3DB Erection of a single storey rear extension No Objections
P/2021/00702	Royal Oak Inn, Bagot Street, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3DE Listed building consent for the erection of a single storey rear extension No Objections

84. 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>
12/2008	S Meads	576.69	June Salary
13/2009	SCC Pensions	226.81	Pension contribution for June
14/2010	S Meads	11.80	Expenses
15/2011	Mr E Roy	140.00	Maintenance & Hosting of website
16/2012	G McCulloch	520.00	Grounds Maintenance May
17/2013	SPCA	105.00	Training Courses
18/2014	Information Commissioner	40.00	Data protection fee
19/2015	ABSA	1000.00	Section 137 donation
20/2016	AB Nostalgia	1000.00	Section 137 donation
21/2018	ABPCC	1250.00	Section 137 donation
22/2019	AB Scouts	250.00	Section 137 donation

5120.30

RESOLVED : that the above payments be made.

85. Group Reports

- i. **Recreation** - update on inspections, possible repairs for wetpour – awaiting costs.
- ii. **Village Property** Clerk to check costs for two new bins on the green. Possible painting of the bus stop at the Top Shop
- iii. **Traffic, Parking & Highways**
Councillor proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr K Haywood and her husband for the planters. Cllr D Whorwood to write to Cllr K Haywood. Cllr E Rodway-Bowden said that he has contacted Staffordshire Safer Roads, looking into possibility of having the mobile speeding unit. CSW, Wednesday, 7th 6.00pm training, joined by two volunteers from Kingstone. Councillors discussed writing to farmers to ask that verges aren't cut to allow for wildflowers.
- iv. **Competitions**
Cllr C Brown submitted entry for BKV competition. Prizes still to be purchased, posters judged prior to the start of the meeting. The Clerk and Cllr Haywood to laminate and put posters up around the village.
- v. **Newsletter**
Next issue out in August, to include the Chair's report.
- vi. **ABSA**
Covered earlier in the meeting.
- vii. **Village Hall**
Nothing to report
- viii. **Almshouses**
Cllr C Brown had been attending meetings.

86. Correspondence, bulletins and reports

All correspondence circulated prior to the meeting and contents noted.

- *SPCA Weekly Newsletters*
- *Covid weekly update emails from Cllr P Atkins*
- *Road Closure notice – Ashbrook Lane*
- *Email regarding meeting with police at Blithfield Reservoir – 6th July*
- *Reminder from Mazars regarding submission of AGAR report*
- *Email from resident regarding broken swing on Millennium Green*
- *Email and Flyer regarding campaign for improvement of Staffordshire Way*
- *Email from Alan Harvey, ESBC regarding Lichfield Road Development – Cllrs agreed to raise an official complaint regarding the response received from the planning officer.*

87. Agenda Items for the Next Meeting

Infinitii, Horn Dance

88. Date, time and place of future meetings

Wednesday, 29th Sept 2021 Parish Council Meeting 7.00pm Abbots Bromley Village Hall

Signed _____ Date 28th July 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.