

ABBOTS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held on Wednesday 31st March 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 E Rodway-Bowden, Mrs S Morgan

In attendance: Mrs S Meads (Clerk), Mrs E Davis (HS2)

Members of the Public Attending: 0

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33. Apologies for absence
Cllr R Love

34. Public Session
None

35. Declarations of Interest
None

36. Minutes of Previous Meetings

Cllr Baker highlighted that in minute No 25 Matters of Report – Welcome Pack and Visitors guide are being worked on by different members of the PC. Welcome Pack by Cllr Mrs Haywood and the Visitors Guide by Cllrs E Rodway-Bowden and K Baker.

The Clerk said that she had also received some amendments from Mr T Wheeldon to the Neighbourhood Development plan section of the meeting. The Clerk said that she was happy to accept the amendments apart from reference to the Neighbourhood Plan Website which was incorrect as this sits within the village website. Councillors agreed to accept amendments.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of meeting held on 31st March 2021 be signed as a true and correct record with above amendments.

37. Neighbourhood Development Plan Update

Cllr P Freeman provided an update. Bulletin article provided by Cllr Freeman.

Mr T Wheeldon has completed amendments as highlighted by the PC. Rebecca Raine at ESBC is helping to draft something with regards to housing needs – hopefully receive something within the next week.

Cllr Freeman commented on Local Green Spaces – digging around the decision not to pursue local green spaces, decision was to concentrate on the policies. Reference to 2019 questionnaire, there was positive and negative responses to this. Still a lot of work to do on it. In order for the local green spaces to be included in the neighbourhood plan considerable work would still need to be done. We need to consider what we can gain from including them at this stage. The green spaces inside the settlement boundary are highly unlikely to be developed. Keen to have a neighbourhood plan in place to set some parameters for developers.

Cllr Baker – brought to his attention that the government legislation isn't very robust and has been challenged by developers.

Cllr Mrs Brown – expressed concerns about not including any Green Spaces at the girl's school if you don't include the green spaces at the school then the village would have concerns.

Cllr Dr Whorwood wanted more detail in order to make an objective decision as to whether Green Spaces can be included – what can we achieve in a reasonable timeframe. Can Rebecca Raine from ESBC provide more details as to what work needs to be done.

Cllr Mrs Brown said that she does have a conflict of interest. Her husband was asked if there was an intension to build on the church yard field which they had said no, they are farmers. Cllr Mrs Brown wanted to know whether the group are willing to sacrifice other green spaces such as land at the girl's school when not proving these other green spaces.

Cllr Dr Whorwood said we need to be really clear that we have tried to explore all avenues, develop in some areas and protect in other areas. As long as there is a clear chain of communications and discussions and put some numbers on it at least then we have gone through it thoroughly. Leave for 17th April meeting and hopefully more input from ESBC.

38. HS2 Presentation – Mrs E Davis

A presentation was provided by Elizabeth Davis from HS2 – see Appendix 1

39. Matters of Report

i. Welcome Pack & Visitors Guide

Cllr Mrs Haywood confirmed that she had gathered information for the Welcome Pack and was in the process of putting it together and would circulate it to councillors as soon as possible. Cllr Bake and Cllr Rodway-Bowden have been working on the visitor guide. Sorted out four possible routes for visitors to follow in the village. Need to access a map that isn't copywrited.

ii. Wildflower Planting

The Clerk confirmed that Mr McCulloch had now selected and sprayed areas where flowers would be planted but need to wait for the grass to die off before planting seeds.

iii. Tree Inspection

The Clerk confirmed that the tree inspection had now taken place and the inspectors report had been circulated to all councillors. No immediate works had been identified but general maintenance work would be required over the next 6-12 months. Councillors advised that the inspector agreed that a three yearly check would be sufficient and suggested that councillors carried out visual inspections on their way around the village eg playground inspections.

40. Planning

APPLICATIONS

- P/2021/00182 **High Trees Dairy, Hobb Lane, Marchington Woodlands Staffordshire**
External alterations to the existing detached garage and car port and erection of a single storey link extension between the detached garage and car port and the main dwelling No Objections
- 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. No Objections
- 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. No Objections
- 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. No Objections
- P/2021/00213 **Spring Bank Farm, Radmore Lane, Abbots Bromley WS15 3AW** Erection of a replacement dwelling and siting of a temporary caravan for the duration of the construction period. No objections providing caravan removed at the end of the construction
- P/2021/00290 **Rooster Barn, Poplar Farm, Bromley Hurst, WS15 3AY** Erection of detached garage and store No Objections
- P/2021/00332 **South Staffs Water & Angling Club Admin Office Waters Road, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3DU** Erection of a detached building to form Machine Store No Objections
- P/2021/00356 **Toad Hall, Bagot Street, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3DA** Erection of a single storey rear extension No objection but concern on impact on neighbouring dwellings.

REVISED

- 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.

The Parish Council strongly objections to any alterations to the plans for the footway to be on the inside of the hedge. Concerns raised over the width of

the footway as 1.8m does not see possible without considerable damage to the hedgerow.

AGREED

P/2021/00121 **Fire Station, Goose Lane, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3DE**
Erection of a detached building to provide a gym room

P/2020/01270 **Portfields, Port Lane, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3DX** Erection of detached stable block comprising three stables, store and tack room and use of land for keeping horses

ii. Other Planning Matters

The Clerk reported that she was continuing to liaise with ESBC regarding planning applications for Infinitii and Hillside Uttoxeter Road. The Clerk reported that the building on Goose Lane had now been moved to the rear garden.

41. Finance Matters

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>
149/1981	S Meads	576.69	March Salary
150/1983	SCC Pensions	226.81	Pension contribution for Mar
151/1985	S Meads	71.79	Expenses
152/1986	SPCA	370.00	Annual Subscription
153/1987	G McCulloch	939.00	Playground & Gen Maint
154/1988	M & B Surfaces	1008.00	Playground Repairs MG
155/1989	Redlynch Leisure	57.60	New seat for Play equip
156/1990	Apex Environmental Ltd	450.00	Tree inspection
157/1990	SLCC	130.00	Subscription
		3829.89	

C Record of payments received

<i>Date</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Details</i>
01/02/21	125.00	Allotment Rent

RESOLVED : that the above payments be made.

ii. **Monthly Finance Report**

The Clerk presented the monthly finance report (Appendix 2)

iii. **Appointment of Internal Auditor**

The Clerk confirmed that she was happy with the services provided by Toplis Associates Ltd and recommended that their services be retained for 2021/22.

RESOLVED: *all members approved the appointment of Toplis Associates.*

42. Group Reports

i. **Recreation**

The Clerk updated on repairs to the playgrounds. New seat now replaced on the duck at The Nuttery by Cllr Rodway-Bowden. Woodchip installation done on MG and new swing planned for week commencing 14th April.

ii. **Village Property**

Cllr Mrs Brown recommended that a village Spring Clean be arranged to coincide with The Best Kept Village campaign. Possible timing to be bank holiday weekend, 1-3rd May. Put a shout out in the Bulletin and get people to adopt an area, possible jobs to include cleaning street signs, weeding, litter picking. Cllr Whorwood expressed thanks to all those that had been litterpicking over the past few months.

iii. **Traffic, Parking & Highways**

Councillors discussed restarting Community Speed Watch, however, at the moment there is a lack of volunteers. The Clerk said that there may be a possibility to link with Kingstone PC and share resources and personnel. Cllr Mrs Haywood said that she would not be volunteering again and didn't believe that it would work sharing equipment across the villages. All areas for CSW need to be risk assessed so not always possible to cover all routes and roads.

RESOLVED: *to utilise the Bulletin and social media to find more volunteers to be trained.*

Councillors discussed possibility of gaining a grant from HS2 to cover cost of speed identification signs and gain a temporary weight restriction on the road trigger by HS2. Further research to be done on grants available and continued communication with HS2.

Councillors commented on the cars for sale on the Crown Bank. Not action at this point but noted that this had been raised.

iv. **Competitions**

Cllr Mrs Brown to prepare and article for the Bulletin. Spring clean to be arranged and competition for the children.

v. **Newsletter** – next issue due out in April

vi. **ABSA**

First match to take place at the new ground on 24th April.

vii. **Village Hall**

Nothing to report

viii. **Almshouses**

Cllr Mrs Brown reported that she had been given a tour of the new renovations of the Bungalows at the Almshouses and wanted to comment on the amount of work that had been done by the Trustees and in particular Mrs Tonking. She proposed that a letter of thanks for sent to Mrs Tonking. All members agreed.

43. Correspondence, bulletins and reports

- *SPCA Newsletters*
- *Covid weekly update emails from Cllr P Atkins*
- *Mavesyn Ridware email regarding HGV traffic*
- *Email from resident of Abbots Bromley regarding HGV traffic*

- Letter regarding speed of traffic on School House Lane
 - Letters to ESBC Planning Department from resident of Lichfield Road regarding housing development – copy of letters sent to PC
 - Email from resident of Bromley Hurst regarding poor condition of Pinfold Lane
 - Email from resident regarding the barrier on the footpath by from Salter's Grange
 - Email from Woodard with sales particulars of Abbots Bromley School
 - Consultation for Hammerwich Neighbourhood Plan
 - Email from resident regarding foul smell following fertilising of fields
- All correspondence circulated prior to the meeting and contents noted.

RESOLUTIONS:-

- Traffic and Highways Group working on overall plan regarding traffic

Cllr Baker left the meeting at 21.09

44. Agenda Items for the Next Meeting

Best Kept Village – Spring Clean

44. Date, time and place of future meetings

Wednesday, 28th April 2021 Parish Council Meeting 7.00pm Virtual Meeting

Meeting closed at 9.28pm

Signed _____ Date 28th April 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.