

ABBOTS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held on Wednesday 27th April 2022 at 7.00 pm
Held at Abbots Bromley Village Hall pursuant to notice having been given

Present: Cllrs Mr E Rodway-Bowden (Chair for meeting), Mrs C Brown, Mr K Baker, Mr P Freeman, Mr R Love, Dr H Lockey

In attendance: Mrs S Meads (Clerk),

Members of the Public Attending: 4

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50. **Apologies for absence**
Apologies received from Cllr R Beaumont
RESOLVED: to accept apologies

51. Public Session

Two residents attended the meeting to talk to the Parish Council about their proposed glamping site on Goose Lane. Planning Application documents handed to the Parish Council. Everything doing is a non-permanent structure, Shepherds huts and bell tents. Not inviting people to bring their own tents, caravans etc. Most likely to be 6/7 units. Cyclists, walkers encouraging people to explore the area. Pitching at high end, not pushing stags and hen parties. Nothing around here like it. Good story as a village. Other businesses seem to be fully supporting the project. Toilets and shower blocks will also be removable. Cllr Baker asked about sign posting, nothing planned as such yet. Nothing looking out of keeping with the village. All signage is being done at the moment with off cuts of wood. Upcycling as much as possible. Most work being done by local people. Cllr Mrs Brown asked if they are happy with the access to the field. They don't perceive there being too many vehicles but will be including the likes of bike racks to encourage people to bike and walk. Cllr Baker asked about EV charge points but again the budget will not stretch to that at the moment. Everything is being done to go green. Luxurious and bespoke. Cllr Brown said that it would be a good idea to have an open session for people to find out what they are doing. No properties really overlooking the site. Cllr Brown asked about the noise if lots of families. Not really designed to have lots of families there at once. Shepherd's huts designed for couples. Any issues can be addressed as they live in the village.

Low level external lighting, more way markers than lighting.

Cllr Dr Lockey asked why are they doing it now? They explained their background and how they would enjoy this type of holiday. Rebalance of life.

Cllr Love asked how big they would like it to get. Feedback was not to get too big and ideally 6 but have put in planning permission for 10 units. Can't see going past 10. Cllr Love asked if they would rule out a camping site, definitely do not want a camping site. Cllr Love said that it would be a nice addition to the village. Advised to reach out to the neighbours. The Clerk confirmed that local residents had been in contact with concerns so it would be good to engage with them.

A resident said that it is good to keep everything nice in the area.

Another resident said that East Staffs Borough have put a map up in the Church Yard which marks the dog control area as the old part of the Church Yard and not the new part.

Public session to a closed

52. Declarations of Interest

None.

53. Minutes of Previous Meetings

RESOLVED : that the minutes of the meetings held 30th March 2022 be signed as a true and correct record.

54. Neighbourhood Development Plan Update

Cllr Freeman provided an update. He confirmed that two meetings since the end of the consultation. Once the group has gone through all the responses, type up and then meet to agree what changes are going to be made to the plan. Probably going to need an EGM to discuss and agree changing. Need to arrange a meeting with Mr Walters, Cllr Love said that he had spoken to Mr Walters and he would be willing to meet. Cllr Edward Rodway-Bowden asked if the response has been positive. Cllrs Love and Freeman said that generally it has been positive although there have been some misunderstandings. Things we don't address now will be raised by ESBC so need to be addressed now. Some residents do want direct responses so possibly invite them to future sessions. Ideally like to get as much community engagement as possible and talk people through it. Need to maintain momentum through the next Bulletin. Cllr Baker said that the figure of 120 affordable homes is aspirational. Gallimore's field is still being raised and the family have not made a direct approach to the Parish Council.

55. Matters of Report

- Councillor Vacancies

The Clerk advised advertising in the Parish News, Bulletin, Top Shop, agreed to send wording to Cllr Dr Lockey so that she can do the poster.

- Working Groups – discussed at length and re-worked groups as below:-

The chairman and vice chairman are entitled to serve ex officio, on all groups

Working Group	Member(s)
Competitions	The Clerk, VACANCY
Finance/Grants	Cllrs K Baker, Cllr R Love
Communications & Engagement	Cllr K Baker, Cllr Dr Lockey, Cllr Love
Planning	All Councillors
Recreation/Village Property	Cllr R Beaumont, Cllr P Freeman, Cllr R Love

Traffic & Parking	Cllr K Baker, Cllr R Beaumont,
Neighbourhood Planning Group	Cllr P Freeman, Cllr K Baker, Cllr R Love

Representatives

Almhouses	Cllr Mrs C Brown
Finance Officer	Cllr R Love
Schools	Cllr Dr Lockey
United Charities	Mr Charles
Village Hall	Cllr K Baker
ABSA	Cllr R Love and Cllr R Beaumont

56. Planning

- The Cross, Market Place, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3BP**
 1408 P/2022/00358 Listed building application for the complete repointing of both gable end walls, internal repairs to the localised external wall areas to address signs of damp within two ground floor reception rooms, remove unsafe gas fire and two non-original fireplaces and replace with two mixed fuel stoves and installation of flue liners, replace damaged chimney port with matching item, fit flue vents and hanging pot cowls as necessary. Ensure correct materials are used – including lime-based mortar.
- Port Lane Farm, Port Lane, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3DX**
 1409 P/2022/00405 Erection of a single storey rear extension, detached garage block and alternations to private drive.
- No Objections
- Shade Elm, 2 Goose Lane, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3DE**
 1410 P/2022/00403 Replace steel fence and gate on front elevation with 1.8m high brick wall with wooden gate.
- No Objections

57. Financial Matters

B Record of payments for which authorisation will be sought at meeting

Vch/Chq	Payee	Amount	Details
19/2077	Mrs S Meads	576.69	Salary
20/2078	Mrs S Meads	11.80	Expenses
21/2079	Society of Local Council Clerks	134.00	Membership

722.49

RESOLVED: to approve above payments

- **Finance Report** - presented
- **Consider applications for Section 137 Grants**
Discussed at length.

RESOLVED: to provide Section 137 grants as follows:- £1000 to ABPCC for the mowing of the Church Yard, £500 to the WI for the funding of the flower festival, ABSA £500 towards the new gates. Also agreed to set aside £500 towards the Jubilee celebrations.

58. Group Reports

- **Recreation** – Playground Repairs – nothing major to report.
- **Village Property** – Clerk to arrange a walk around with Cllr Freeman. Concerns over Blue Bins raised by residents.
- **Traffic, Parking, Highways** - Community Speed Watch, unable to operate at the capacity we have. Make contact with Dr Whorwood. 200 wheelie bins stickers ordered
- **Competitions – Best Kept Village**, volunteers needed – Clerk provided an update on competition judging.
- **Newsletter** – revamp discussed as length
- **ABSA** – Cllr Love updated. Attended meeting with ABSA about floodlighting, no imminent plans, ground level lighting, no spillage. Sold lots of tickets to the ABSA event.
- **Village Hall** – Village Hall assessing potential replacements for the barrier to the entrance of Village Hall Lane from Salters Grange.
- **Almshouses** – nothing to add

59. Correspondence, bulletins and reports

All correspondence circulated prior to the meeting and contents noted.

- *SPCA Weekly Newsletters – circulated to councillors*
- *Email from owner of Glamping Site – addressed during Public Session*
- *Invite from HS2 for on-line meeting – no feedback from Councillors*
- *Email from resident regarding Goose Lane turning involving near accident – need to include issue in future planning for Traffic Parking and Highways.*
- *Email from resident regarding barrier on permissive footway to Village Hall – Village Hall Trustees now assessing*

60. Jubilee Celebrations

- Update on Funding
- Potential Road Closure
- Grants/support for village events

Cllr R Beaumont not at the meeting so update not possible. Clerk to email Cllr Beaumont for updated on where we are with grants.

61. Parish Assembly

Councillors discussed the agenda for the Assembly.

62. Website

Cllr Dr Lockey said that she had been in touch with the webmaster to discuss updates to the website and will update councillors on progress.

63. Visitor Guide Advertising – hold over to the next meeting. Cllr Dr Lockey to take on the project.

64. Agenda items for next meeting

Horn Dance

65. Date, time and place of future meetings

Parish Assembly	6.30pm Wed, 18 th May 2022
Parish Council Meeting	7.00pm Wed, 25 th May 2022

Signed _____ Date 25th May 2022

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.