

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

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

**In attendance:** Mrs S Meads (Clerk), Borough Cllrs V Gould and B Ashcroft

**Members of the Public Attending: 6**

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**96. Apologies for absence**

None received

**97. Public Session**

Cllr R Love welcomed the Borough Councillors

Mr T Wheeldon as if at future meetings consideration could be given to remembrance parades, potential utilisation of the funds held for restoration of the War Memorial.

Cllr Love said how fantastic the bench looks on the Green that has been placed by The Barker family

Representatives from Seedcroft Lane said thank you for listening to us at the last meeting and thank you for all your support. You controlled the meeting very well and listened to both parties well. Cllr Love said that it was a difficult and immotive topic. Our views have been reported back to ESBC.

Mr Walters asked for clarity on the next steps on the Neighbourhood Plan, little bit unclear. At the meeting I requested that the full report be published. Minutes state that Mr Dave Chetwyn stated that the full report shouldn't be published. Simple question, are you or are you not committed to publishing a full report?

Cllr Love clarified that Dave Chetwyn is the Parish Council's consultant from Urban Vision. Cllr Love explained that many of the responses were incorporated into the plan. Mr Chetwyn said that it was wrong to publish all the responses but to incorporate the

responses. We were given different advice, we had thought he was fine but he had advised that it is not part of the process.

Mr Walters said that he wanted clarification.

Cllr Freeman said that at the meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> May that we were all in agreement that there is no harm in publishing the redacted responses. Mr Chetwyn was adamant that the full report shouldn't be published at this stage and it had to go through the due process. Mr Walters said he would quite like to understand why the consultant would advise that. Cllr Freeman said that it is part of the remit of ESBC.

Mr Walters said that with regard to the school site he doesn't feel that the policies in the NDP will be robust enough. Ask the PC to work with Friels, extremely important to work with the developer. It is important that we all get something from the scheme.

Cllr Beaumont said that because it has taken years to produce the NDP so it hasn't yet been published so cannot be used as leverage.

Mr Walters said that a draft can still hold weight. Developer will have their own ideas on what they want to put on the site.

Cllr Love said that the early conversations that we have had with Friel have been positive. Dialogue with Friel homes will not alter from what the community wants. Aim is to meet in the middle. Our aim was to get a policy for any development.

Mr Walters said that the developer may come with offers and the PC need to be mindful of that. If the community can get some tangible results.

Cllr Love said there will be conversations with Friel.

Cllr Baker, my understand is that the draft plan does have some weight. Mr Walters said that yes it carries a certain amount of weight but when it goes through the full process then it will carry more weight.

Cllr Vicky Gould – Stretton Ward (chair of planning) introduced herself. Boundary review has formed a much larger Ward. Want to make sure that the Village has a link back in to the Council. Cllr Bev Ashcroft (also on planning) said she wanted to put a face to a name and come to more meetings. Third Councillor who isn't here isn't on planning. Can put forward for pots of funding, neighbourhood funding. Community Grant available, as long as community project.

Cllr Brown mentioned ABSA struggling to gain funds. Borough Councillors said that it would need to be something specific but they can pay towards something.

Cllr Love asked if it has to be capital costs or can it be for legal fees etc. Borough Councillors said that they believed it would only be something tangible.

Cllr Love thanked the Borough Councillors for attending.

Clerk raised issue of being passed from pillar to post by ESBC, issues with allotment, parking issues, who deals with issues with Parking.

**98. Declarations of Interest**

NONE

**99. Minutes of Previous Meetings**

**RESOLVED** : that the minutes of the meetings held 29<sup>th</sup> June be signed as a true and correct record

**100. Neighbourhood Development Plan Update**

ESBC and consultant suggested some amendments and sent to independent examiner but has been delayed due to COVID. Possibly 4 weeks before we get the plan back. Now coming up to a period with no PC meeting. Cllr Freeman asked if there will be an extraordinary meeting. Clerk confirmed an extraordinary meeting could be called. Cllr Love thanked Cllr Freeman and Baker for all their work behind the scenes

**101. Matters of Report**

- **Clerk & RFO Recruitment – introduction of new Clerk**  
Cllr Love thanked the Clerk for all her work, thrilled to have the new Clerk joining us. The new Clerk introduced herself and gave some information on her background and work experience.
- **Meeting with NFU** – arranged for 2<sup>nd</sup> August 10.30 am.
- **Speed Indicator Signs** – Clerk provided an update on meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> August. Meeting to take place with Highways to agree location of SID signs.
- **Update on Abbots Bromley School**  
Cllr Love provided an update on the situation, working closely with Friel Homes but representing the community.

**102. Planning**

- P/2022/00683 **Barn to North East of Barkley House Farm, Pinfold Lane  
Abbots Bromley, WS15 3AF**  
Prior Approval for the conversion of existing redundant agricultural building to form a dwelling
- P/2022/00690 **Laurel Cottage, Uttoxeter Road, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3EG**  
Reduce the height of 1 Cherry Tree to 6 metres
- P/2022/00801 **Coleshill Lodge, Lichfield Road, Abbot Bromley, WS15 3DN**  
Erection of a single storey side extension to form games room with basement below.

**Agreed**

- P/2022/00668 **Crofts Lawn, Market Place, Abbots Bromley, WS15  
3BS**  
Pruning by up to .5 metres of 6 lime trees and prune compressed limb growing over the garage and reduce trending lateral growth
- P2022/00394 **The Warren, Uttoxeter Road, Abbots Bromley,  
WS15 3EJ**  
Erection of two detached agricultural buildings

## 103. Financial 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>
33/2102	Mrs S Meads	576.69	Salary & taxable expenses
34/2103	Mrs S Meads	11.80	Expenses
35/2104	DSK Engineering Services (Midlands) Ltd	22.00	VAT excluded from previous invoice
36/2105	SCC Pensions	453.62	Pension payments June/July
37/2106	Mr G McCulloch	546.00	Grounds Maintenance
38/2107	Mr A Simmonds	187.41	Jubilee beacons

**1797.52**

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**RESOLVED:** to approve above payments

## 104. Group Reports

*Unless otherwise stated, to receive a report from the relevant Working Group or Officer.*

- **Recreation & Village Property**, - MG, fence kicked down but will need a new fence post putting in. Bark chippings to be put in to top up the playground.
- **Traffic, Parking, Highways** - CSW – Community police officer responsible Michelle Shaker, need to handover the Speed Device and move forward with the group.
- **Competitions** – agree attendance to presentation, Cllr Lockey to attend, presentation of vouchers to winners of Schools Competition Cllr Lockey
- **Communication & Engagement** – Bulletin and Visitors Guide update – revamped the Bulletin, coming through doors from tomorrow. Plan to do feature articles, also speaking to The Parish News and see if we can do something together. Ways to engage people more. Cllr Lockey, pretty much done the Visitor Guide, thinking of trying to get some advertising revenue. Horn Dance leaflet ready to do when we have the printing costs. Mentioned the Gallimores survey leaflet which has been inserted into the newsletter.
- **ABSA** – Cllr Love provided an update (include update as sent by Chris)  
**WI raised funds £2340.** Will invite ABSA to come along and talk to the Parish Council
- **Village Hall** – request for Grant for legal fees for purchase of field – Cllr Baker updated and said that the whole field has been offered to the Village Hall Trustees for sale. Trustees checked to make sure that the charities commission are happy with the purchase. Legal fees needed to start the ball rolling. VH Committee asked if the PC would help or support the £5000 legal fees.  
Cllr Love said that we agreed to look at the budget and see what could be trimmed. Discussed at length. Clerk said that there is no legal issue with providing money for legal fees but there wouldn't be the full funds available this year.  
Cllr Love said that it would be a great resource for the village and the PC would contribute to.  
Cllr Love suggested that we need to look at the budget and see what can be trimmed. Cllr Brown said is anyone else concerned that the Village Hall is financially struggling and then considering purchasing the field.  
Cllr Love said that he felt comfortable with it.

Cllr Rodway-Boden asked if the field has been valued. Cllr Baker said that it has been valued but we have to have an independent surveyor. Cllr Love in principle everyone would like to support it but we need to look at the budget.

- **Almshouses** – Cllr Mrs Brown reported that lights have now been replaced, fencing needs replacing, Rowan tree has been planted on the border.

#### 105. Correspondence, bulletins and reports

All correspondence circulated prior to the meeting and contents noted.

- SPCA Newsletters
- Emails from parishioners regarding the Glamping Site at Seedcroft
- HS2 event invite
- Email regarding fundraising for the Church Organ
- Invite to Best Kept Village presentation
- Email from the Village Hall Committee regarding Grant Request
- Emails requesting Horn Dance Stalls

#### 106. Horn Dance

- Leaflet Update – 2000 copies, visitor leaflets. Borough Councillors said that it might be possible to tap in to CCF fund.
- Stalls Bookings – Clerk provided update on stall bookings.
- Help putting up and taking down stalls – Councillors agreed to attend.

#### 107. Agenda items for next meeting

Grant update from R Beaumont.

#### 108. Date, time and place of future meetings

September Parish Council Meeting 7.00pm Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Sept 2022

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date 28<sup>th</sup> Sept 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.**