

ABBOTS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held on Wednesday 26th October 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, Mrs C Brown, Cllr R Beaumont, Mr P Freeman, Cllr Mrs R Garth, Mr E Rodway-Bowden

In attendance: Mrs S Meads (Clerk),

Members of the Public Attending: 2

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128. Apologies for absence

Cllr Dr H Lockey,

129. Public Session

Mr T Geen raised concerns that a planning application for his neighbouring property did not appear in the minutes of the meeting when it was discussed. He had checked the website previously and there was no mention of the Parish Council's comments. The Clerk explained that this had been an error on her part as the wrong minutes had been uploaded to the system, however, as soon as she had been made aware of this the correct version had been uploaded.

Mr Geen also said that he had not been consulted by East Staffs Borough Council even though he lived in a neighbouring property. Cllr Love explained that this needed to be raised with ESBC.

Mr Geen asked what steps the Parish Council intends to take to ensure that the error with the minutes did not happen again, are Councillors going to check minutes after they have been uploaded to ensure the correct versions are put in place. Cllr Love said that the matter would be looked in to and what action could be taken.

Mr P Charles said that he would not be able to attend future PC meetings as he had joined a group that meets on Wednesday, he would, however, still be willing to help distribute the Bulletin.

130. Declarations of Interest

Cllr C Brown in relation to the Neighbourhood Plan

131. Minutes of Previous Meetings

RESOLVED that the minutes of 28th September were signed as a true and correct record with one amendment, The minutes of 19th October were signed as a true and correct record.

132. Neighbourhood Development Plan Update

Cllr Love thanked Cllr Freeman and Cllr Baker for their continued to work on Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Freeman said that he had been disappointed with the time that the plan had sat with ESBC, however, the plan is now with ESBC and they will run the Regulation 16 Consultation and will contact all those that responded to the Regulation 14 Consultation.

133. Matters of Report

- **Clerk & RFO Recruitment**

Update provided, role re-advertised and several applicants received.

- **Speed Indicator Signs**

The location of the SID Sign had been agreed on the Lichfield Road at the area where the hedge is slightly lower. Concerns were raised over the lights not shining the houses but the Clerk said that the screen would be facing away from the houses.

RESOLVED : Cllr Love said that he would put a note through the doors of the houses near to the location of the sign to check that there were no objections to the siting of the sign.

- **Update on meeting with Friel Homes regarding Abbots Bromley School**

Friel Homes had carried out meetings within the village which had been well attended. Some councillors had also attended those meetings. The Parish Council to meet up with Friels for an update.

- **Remembrance Parade.**

The Clerk provided an update, large lamp post poppies had been purchased and passed on to those that were putting in place. Insurance cover provided by insurance company without any extra funds required. The Clerk had applied to ESBC for a road closure order and awaiting feedback on this. Clerk to produce a risk assessment prior to the event.

- **Noticeboards**

Given the budget constraints the Clerk suggest that the rotten noticeboard on village green be removed and not replaced as there are noticeboards close by that can be used. The Clerk suggested that when the budget allows a noticeboard should be located at the South end of the village as there currently isn't a noticeboard in that area.

RESOLVED: that the noticeboard would be removed, Cllr Rodway-Bowden agreed to do this.

134. Planning

P/2022/01084 **4 Alfred Lyons Close, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3EY**

Erection of a two storey front extension, bay window and open porch, and a part first floor part single storey side extension

No Objections

P/2022/00955 **Land at Grange Farm, Ashbrook Lane, Bromley Wood, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3A**

Permission in Principle application for the erection of one dwelling

The Parish Council Objections to this applications as this is a new dwelling in the countryside and does not meet a need identified in the housing needs survey.

P/2022/01143 **Willow Brook Farm, Pinfold Lane, Bromley Hurst, Abbots Bromley, WS15 3AF**
Erection of an agricultural livestock and storage building

No Objection

135. Financial Matters

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

Vch/Chq	Payee	Amount	Details
52/2121	Mrs S Meads	576.69	Salary and taxable expenses
53/2122	Mrs S Meads	66.80	Expenses and purchase of poppies
54/2123	HMRC	1849.14	12 months PAYE & NI
55/2124	Royal British Legion	50.00	Donation for Poppy Wreath
56/2125	SCC Pension	226.81	Pension

£2,769.44

RESOLVED: to approve above payments

136. Group Reports

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

ii. **Recreation & Village Property**, Cllr Rodway-Bowden said that the playgrounds are in good repair, the woodchip still needs topping up at Millennium Green. The Clerk said that the contractors have been briefed to undertake other repairs as agreed at the September meeting during the winter months.

iii. **Traffic, Parking, Highways –** Cllr Rodway-Boden provided an update on CSW and said that more volunteers are still needed.

The speed indicator sign was discussed. The Clerk stressed that the Traffic Group needed to come up with an overall strategy for the village and present it to SCC Highways as this would give better value rather than trying to do one-off projects.

iv. **Competitions**

The Clerk reported that the prices for the BKV competition had not yet been presented to Richard Clarke School.

BKV feedback circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk would purchase the vouchers so that Councillors could visit the school and present the prizes.

v. **Communication & Engagement –**

i. Bulletin :- currently being produced and should be ready shortly for printing

- ii. Visitor's Guide:- currently being updated
- iii. Parish Surgery: - The Clerk said that the next Parish Surgery would be on Saturday, 26th November at 10.00am.

vi. **ABSA** – Nothing to report

vii. **Village Hall**

Cllr Baker updated on potential purchase of the field and requirement for donations. Councillors asked if a representative from the Village Hall Committee could attend the next meeting to present proposals to the Parish Council.

viii. **Almshouses**

Nothing to report

137. Correspondence, bulletins and reports

- SPCA Newsletters
- Applications for Clerk Role
- BKV Feedback

138. Meeting Dates 2023

Circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting

139. Agenda items for next meeting

Clerk's Recruitment, Budget Planning

140. Date, time and place of future meetings

November Parish Council Meeting 7.00pm Wed 30th Nov 2022

Signed _____

Date 30th November 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.