

Conservation

Part of the parish council's statement of intent includes the words, "a greener and more sustainable environment".

In support of this, wild flower seeds will be sown at various places such as at the entrances to the village, and along a short length of Woodmill Lane. Only a small act, perhaps, but with the support of members of the community - some of whom have already planted wild flower seeds on their land - we could help to support the all-important insect population. We hope children in the parish might be encouraged to look after small wildlife areas in their gardens.

Members of the parish who do not live in the village would be most welcome to suggest other suitable areas for planting by the parish council.

You may recall that earlier this year the parish council, as a trial, asked Highways to only cut the grass verges along Radmorewood Lane once a year in late autumn. This was in order to allow wild flowers to bloom and seed. For various reasons the trial will move in 2021 from Radmorewood Lane to the length from the top of School House Lane to the end of Woodmill Lane. Visibility splays will be maintained as necessary. It is hoped to extend the experiment in the future. Feedback from the community has been positive - which is encouraging.

It has been estimated that over 15 billion trees were felled in the world last year. Some of these have, of course, been replaced but the fact remains that 33 million acres of forest are lost each year. Trees are carbon "sinks" and there is more carbon in trees than in the entire atmosphere. When wood is burnt the carbon dioxide is released again, contributing to climate change. In the UK, the Woodland Trust charity has urged people to plant trees and is sending 600000 free trees to community groups and schools. Of course, trees die of old age and disease and then need to be felled for safety reasons. If you have a tree on your land which has died, could you perhaps replace it? It would help our environment.



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Other useful numbers

Highways Hotline To report any problems with Highways, Lighting, Signs: 0300 111 8000

<https://apps2.staffordshire.gov.uk/web/reportfault/#divSelectionHeader>

ESBC waste management: 0800 26 90 98

ESBC Enforcement Team (Dog fouling): 01283 508576

ESBC Planning Enquiries: 01283 508570

Police: All non emergency calls: 101
Greg Hall (Borough Councillor): greg.hall@eaststaffsbc.gov.uk

Phillip Atkins (County Councillor): 01889 590922

Bromley Bulletin

Parish Council Update

Over the past few months the parish council has had to adapt to virtual meetings. This is done via Microsoft Teams and has enabled the council to carry on delivering services throughout the pandemic. Members of the public are still able to join the meetings via an invite link so if you would like to attend a meeting please contact the parish clerk prior to the meeting.

At the start of the pandemic the council sadly lost two councillors and these vacancies were advertised in the July Bulletin. Unfortunately, due to councillors relocating away from Abbots Bromley, two further vacancies have become available. Cllr Taylor-Brown resigned in September and Cllr Rev Lockley more recently in November. The council would like to thank both for all their hard work and enthusiasm.

Following the advertising of vacancies several residents came forward to be considered for co-option to the council and three new councillors were appointed at the November meeting. It is hoped that the final vacancy will be filled in January.

The new councillors include:-

Mrs Catherine Brown :- Having lived in the Abbots Bromley Parish for 25 years, I am looking forward to representing all who live in the parish with a vivacious desire to bring about beneficial change. During my professional career I have acquired the necessary skills and experience to be a Parish Councillor. Living in the parish with involvement in village schools, sports, the community and volunteering, has enabled me to fully appreciate the amazing village and parish we live in with such great people, but also the things that can be improved. I will do all I can as a Parish Counsellor to enact the will of those I represent and this I will do with an acute passion for where we live.

Mr Edward Rodway-Bowden : - I have lived in Abbots Bromley for 13 years now and during that time I have seen the excellent work that the parish council has done within the community and I want to be a part of helping continue that excellent work. I am passionate about Abbots Bromley and I will work with my fellow parish councillors to positively influence decision making for the better so the village can be enjoyed by everyone while retaining its rich and vibrant heritage. I hope to use my local knowledge to help positively connect with as many people as possible in the village to proactively support residents as an approachable parish councillor.

Mr Richard Beaumont :- I have lived in the village since 2011 and enjoy all that Abbots Bromley offers. My background is varied! After studying Engineering at Southampton University, I served as an Army Officer for 14 years and afterwards worked across construction, financial services, aerospace, apprentice training and consulting. Since 2015, I have been self-employed and work with both UK and Global companies to provide procurement consultancy, advisory & training. I hope that as a Councillor I can work to balance housing expansion, especially to support young families whom the village needs to provide for, managing traffic flow to ensure safety and continuing to improve the village amenities.

Parish Council Meetings

Virtual

27th January

31st March

7.00pm

PC Surgery

Surgeries are currently not taking place due to Covid restrictions

The parish council would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and a safe and prosperous 2021.



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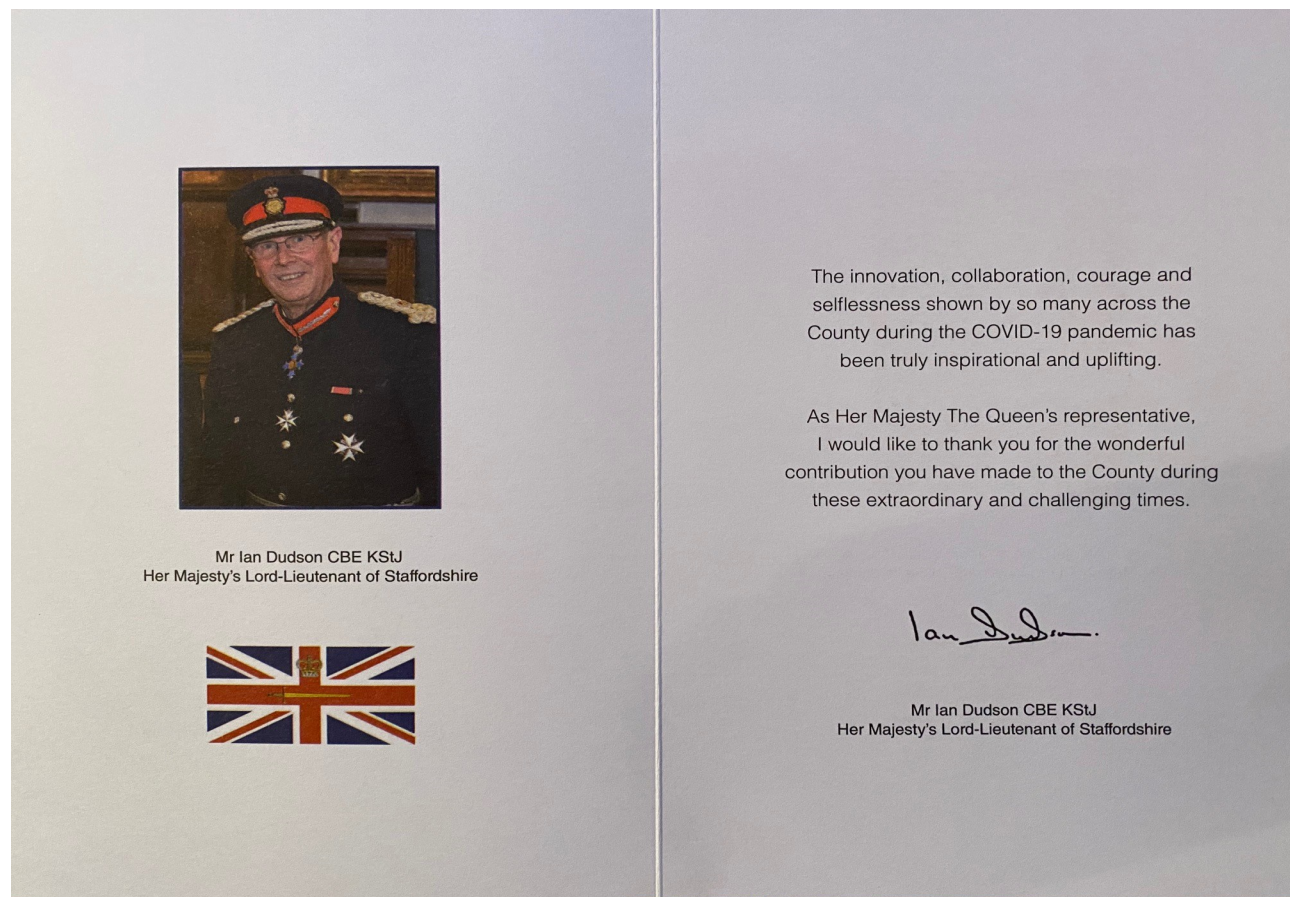


The parish council would like to thank everyone in the parish for all their efforts during the pandemic, whether it has been collecting prescriptions, shopping, providing hot meals or just checking on neighbours. Thank you to all those that came forward to the parish council to offer their support and helped out with the prescription runs around the village and further afield.

Also a massive thank you to all the litter pickers who have helped to keep the village tidy and in particular Blithfield Reservoir. Also the crew that cleaned and even used the drain rods on Narrow Lane enabling us all to enjoy a less muddy walk around the village.

We know we are not through the pandemic yet and residents will still need support so if anyone does need help please do get in touch with the parish clerk.

Below is a card that the village received from Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Staffordshire in recognition of efforts over the past months.



Abbots Bromley Parish Neighbourhood
Development Plan

Neighbourhood Development Plan Update

Following on from the informative series of public meetings held during 2018/2019, the NDP group set about the task of producing the Draft NDP earlier this year (2020). Unfortunately, the pandemic made this task significantly more difficult than it already was.

The Parish Council is able to report that the work in producing the Draft document has now been completed. It has been successfully reviewed by the consultant, and is now with an ESBC support officer for screening.

The Draft will very soon be with the PC for presentation to the wider parish in order for 'Regulation 14' public consultation to commence. At that time all residents will be formally invited to provide comment. This is expected to occur early in the New Year. Details of the consultation process will be provided at the time.

A great deal of hard work has gone in to getting to this point. We all look forward to the next phase whereby the public are able to view the Draft NDP document, the production of which has been led by their valuable input.

If you have any queries on this subject please contact:

Clerk to the Abbots Bromley Parish Council, The Hayloft, Marsh Farm, Uttoxeter Road, Abbots Bromley, WE15 3EJ.

Alterations to Listed Buildings and buildings within a Conservation Area

This is a reminder that some alterations to the internal/external appearance of Listed Buildings and buildings within a Conservation Area need consent from ESBC. This could include, for example, an alteration to the colour of a front door, the siting of a satellite dish, the erection of new gates, the replacement of windows, and alterations to a frontage.

It is always best to check with ESBC before carrying out any work that is not an exact replacement of the original.

Please telephone the planning department on 01283 508000