

ABBOTS BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL  
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
Held on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at 7.00 pm  
At the Village Hall, Abbots Bromley, pursuant to notice having been given

**Present:** Cllrs R Jarman (Chair), Mrs C Ashton; P Charles; Mrs M Moore; Mrs R Robb; B Walters;

**In attendance:** Mrs S Meads (Clerk), C O'Hare & A Miller (ESBC), WPC J Shepherd

**Members of the Public Attending: 2**

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**97. Apologies for absence**  
Cllrs Greenwood, Ryan and Wakefield

**98. Public Session**

Mr K Baker said that obesity is a big problem and cost to the government. He asked that the PC consider this and recommend that no parking should be allowed on the pavement to allow people to walk more freely.

He continued and asked how many homes the PC expects to be built on the two sites nominated in the local plan and where do they expect homes to be built if the 40 set out in the plan is not reached. The Clerk confirmed that the total now required was 36 as 4 had already been approved Councillors said that a further 11 had been approved on Lichfield Road leaving 25. These would hopefully be located on Uttoxeter Road and also through infill in the village.

Mr Baker said that he hoped that the PC would take the offer of help from ESBC to develop the Neighbourhood plan.

He continued that speed is still a major issue in the village, particularly at school times. Cllr Walters said that it was not his experience when he walked his daughter to school.

Mr Baker said that with Speed Watch there has to be a warning sign put out so motorists will slow down when they see people doing speed watch. Personally he would like to see a sign flashing a speed to warn drivers.

Cllr Jarman welcomed WPC Josie Shepherd. She confirmed that she had been out with the speed camera. Some people had been found to be just over the speed limit but not enough to prosecute.

Sometimes it is perception rather than fact. Cllr Jarman said that the new kerbs on the main street had helped to stop people driving up the kerb.

Cllr Walters referred to correspondence received from Mr Male regarding parking on pavements. He said that in the letter from Mr Male it stated that 95% of residents are parking sensibly. If we only have a 5% problem then why should we have a blanket ban as it is not appropriate. Cllr Walters said he had made an effort to walk around the village and had not seen a major problem.

WPC Shepherd said that she had spoken to residents on Hall Hill Lane and Old Dolphin Lane and advised them to only put one wheel just on the kerb and not block the pavement.

Cllr Moore said that the issue had been raised at the surgery so it may be a concern to residents.

Cllr Jarman asked if we live with what we have got or go for a blanket ban.

WPC Shepherd said that she appreciated what people were saying but she needs the PC to agree what action needs to be taken. She said that if they see someone blocking the pavement then they will take action but she did not feel that someone putting a wheel on the pavement would be an issue.

Cllr Moore proposed that the PC does not go for a blanket ban on the pavements but request that the PC take a more proactive approach to inform people on what is and isn't appropriate. WPC Shepherd said that if someone is blocking the pavement then it should be reported 'live'.

The PC agreed to include an article in the next newsletter.

#### **99. Declarations of Interests**

None

#### **100. Minutes of Previous Meetings**

**RESOLVED:** *that the minutes of meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2015 be approved.*

#### **101. Matters of Report**

##### **i. Neighbourhood Plan**

Corinne O'Hare, Neighbourhood Planning Officer briefed the Parish Council on the process for moving forward with a Neighbourhood Plan. The next step would be to send a "letter of designation". She explained that experience gained is helping to speed up the process and mistakes have been learnt from. The responsible body is usually the PC but can also include residents on the steering group. Cllr Walters asked if it is the PC's decision to have a Neighbourhood Plan or do residents have to be asked. Ms O'Hare confirmed that it is usually the PC's decision. She confirmed that ESBC is making £5,000 available to each PC that wishes to complete a Neighbourhood Plan. She also said that the Neighbourhood Plan can also include things such as a parking policy, green space, character etc, (things that are not covered within the Local Plan). Cllr Moore said that there is certainly the drive to do this. Ms O'Hare said that it is possible to move quickly but there are still required timeframes for each stage and therefore she would say that it could take 18 months to 2 years to complete. When you get to submission stage then the plan can have weight.

Cllr Walters proposed that the Parish Council have a Neighbourhood Plan for Abbots Bromley, this was seconded by Cllr Moore.

Ms O'Hare also updated the PC on the Local Plan. She said that the indication from the inspector is pushing ESBC's plan through and it should be ready for submission by mid September. ESBC is already using the Plan to refuse applications.

ii. **Parish Surgery**

A resident attended the Parish Surgery and asked if it would be possible to find out who owns the plot of land behind the houses opposite the Top Shop as it is looking untidy.

Mrs Grundy raised concerns over parking on pavements and also the continued problem of dog fouling.

**102. Planning**

**Applications**

**938 - P/2015/00660: Proposed Residential Development, Ashbrook Lane, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire** Outline application to develop land by the erection of up to 80 dwellings, demolition of existing agricultural buildings including details of means of access

Received: 29/05/15      Replied: 20/07/15      Full objections sent via email

**939 - P/2015/00777: Field House Farm, Parkgate Lane, Bromley Wood, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3AH** Prior approval for the conversion of two agricultural buildings to form two dwellings (criterion a only)

Received: 02/06/15      Replied: 30/06/15      No Objections

**940 - P/2015/00811: Proposed Residential Development, Land to West of Lichfield Road, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire** Reserved matters application for the erection of up to 6 dwellings including details of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale.

Received: 11/06/15      Replied: 30/06/15

The Parish Council objects to this application as it has been submitted without adhering to the conditions set out in outline planning conditions. Condition 9 specifically states that no development shall take place until details of the siting and design, including improvements to the existing access and the provision of a footway, have been submitted and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority... There is no evidence of this within the plans submitted and therefore the plans should be resubmitted with these details for the Parish Council to consider again.

**941 - P/2015/00823: 1 Church Lane, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3DD** Demolition of existing garage and construction of a replacement garage

Received: 15/06/15      Replied: 30/06/15      No Objection

**942 - P/2015/00249: Fishers Pit Farm, Ashbrook Lane, Bromley Wood, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3AL** Erection of a part two storey part single storey side extension and two storey rear extension with balcony and porch (non-material amendment - internal layout revised and associated elevational changes and chimney stack redesigned).

Received: 12/06/15      Replied: 30/06/15      No Objections

**943 - P/2015/00794: Field adjacent to Mickledale Cottage, Port Lane, Abbots Bromley, Staffs, WS15 3DX** Retention of klargester sewage facility

Received: 11/06/15      Replied: 30/06/15      No Objections

**944 - P/2015/00868: Kentilee, Ashbrook Lane, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3DW**  
Erection of 2 detached dwellings and car port

Received: 23/06/15      Replied: 30/06/15

The Parish Council objections to this application for the following reasons:- - Ashbrook Lane is a very busy road and the increased traffic coming out of this site would cause further hazards. The view down the road is poor and with the building of two additional houses this will further restrict the view. In the past there have only been 1 or 2 cars exiting this property so an increase to 7 is excessive. - The plans show that parking will be supplied for 7 vehicles, however, the space really gives very little room for turning of vehicles and may lead to vehicles reversing on to the road. With very little provision of good bus services most homes in the village have at least 2 cars and in many cases 3 or 4 cars with family homes. If these homes are purchased by families then there may be in excess of 10 cars on the site which will then be forced to park on the road. - The plans show the build of two new homes as well as development of the existing cottage. Two additional homes on this site is considerable over development of the site and the three storey designs are not in-keeping with either the village or Ashbrook Lane itself. - The gardens that have been provided for these properties are too small to provide quality outside space, particularly if these homes are to be purchased by families.

**945 - P/2015/00930 : Swiss Cottage, Market Place, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3BP**  
Erection of a single storey rear extension

Received: 01/07/15      Reply due: 22/07/15

Concerns raised over the style of extension and the roof

**946 - P/2015/00926: Swiss Cottage, Market Place, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3BP**  
Erection of a detached garage

Received: 01/07/15      Reply due: 22/07/15

Concerns raised over the style and door

**947 - P/2015/00811 : Location: Proposed Residential Development Land to the West of Lichfield Road Abbots Bromley Staffordshire**

Reserved matters application for the erection of up to 6 dwellings including details of access, appearance, landscaping, layout scale

Received: 17/07/15      Reply due: 31/07/15

Concerns raised over the footpath being installed from the village from the start of the development and not after the other proposed development starts.

**948 - P/2015/00923: Formation of vehicular access** Grange Farm, Ashbrook Lane, Bromley Wood, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3AL

Received: 17/07/15      Reply due: 07/08/15      No Objections

**Decisions**

Agreed

**899 - P/2014/01261: Falcot and Inglenook, High Street, Abbots Bromley, Staffs, WS15 3BL**  
Erection of two storey rear extensions and erection of a detached building to form two garages

**900 - P/2014/01262: Listed building application for the erection of two storey rear extensions**  
Falcot and Inglenook, High Street, Abbots Bromley, Staffs, WS15 3BL

**933 - P/2015/00560 : Northwood House, Bagot Street, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3DA** Listed Building Consent for the erection of a single storey rear/side extension, and replacement painted timber window to front living room

**935 - P/2015/00708: Heatley Hall Farm, Heatley Lane, Heatley, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3EW** Prior Approval for the conversion of agricultural building to form two dwellings

**936 - P/2015/00725: High Trees Farm, Hobb Lane, Marchington Woodlands, Staffordshire, ST14 8RQ** Erection of a single storey rear extension with balcony over, first floor side extension and dormer to rear elevation

**942 - P/2015/00249: Fishers Pit Farm, Ashbrook Lane, Bromley Wood, Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire, WS15 3AL** Erection of a part two storey part single storey side extension and two storey rear extension with balcony and porch (non-material amendment - internal layout revised and associated elevational changes and chimney stack redesigned).

- **Ashbrook Lane Update:-**

An objection has been received from the Highways Department so developers need to do more work on the application and therefore a response has been delayed until September.

### 103. Financial Matters

#### **A Record of payments made after discussion with Chairman or Vice Chairman**

23/1526	HRJ Gould	840.00	Pollarding of tree at Nuttery playground
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#### **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>	<i>Powers</i>
24/1527	Mrs S Meads	408.71	Salary	
25/1528	Mrs S Meads	11.80	Non taxable expenses	
26/1529	Mr A Hollins	106.60	Plants & compost for Village Green tubs	
27/1530	Mr G McCulloch	508.00	Grounds Maintenance	
28/1531	AB 4 Youth	1000.00	Grant towards running costs	
29/1532	Mrs S Meads	408.71	Salary for August	
30/1533	Mrs S Meads	11.80	Expenses for August	
31/1544	Chillie Ltd	380.00	Grant for work on football pitch	
32/1545	S Perkins	25.00	Bedding plants at war memorial	

**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>	<i>Powers</i>
		2,860.62		

**RESOLVED:** *that the above payments be made*

ii. **Finance Report to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

The Clerk presented the financial report to end June 2015.

**104. Group Reports**

i. **Recreation**

The Clerk presented the safety report for the playgrounds.

**RESOLVED :** Quotes to be sourced for work that is required, in particular the addition of bark to the playing surfaces. The Clerk to also source Pigeon Spikes as soon as possible..

ii. **Village Property**

Nothing to report

iii. **Traffic, Parking & Highways (including formation of Highways Group)**

It was agreed that the Highways Groups needs to be headed up by the Parish Council with contribution from outside. To move forward a Chair to the group needs to be agreed but at a time that is convenient for the PC. It was suggested that an article regarding the group be put in the next newsletter.

iv. **Competitions**

Cllr Charles confirmed that the results would be announced on 3<sup>rd</sup> August and he would be attending.

v. **Newsletter**

The Clerk reported that the newsletter had now gone to the printers and would be available for the first week in August.

**105. Correspondence, bulletins and reports**

- No additional correspondence

**106. HS2**

Cllr Jarman stated that there have been various bills for compulsory purchase of land and applications are getting close. There is a big danger of heavy traffic so we need to find out if it is possible to get a weight restriction in the village.

**RESOLVED:** *add to next agenda*

**107. Horn Dance**

It was confirmed that over 2000 leaflets had recently been distributed to local tourist attractions and offices. The Clerk confirmed that she would also be sending information out to the local press. It was confirmed that all stalls were now full.

**108. Agenda Items for the next meeting**

**RESOLVED:** *that the following items be added to the next agenda:-  
HS2, Neighbourhood Plan, Review of Horn Dance*

**109. Date, time and place of future meetings**

September Parish Council Meeting, 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015, – Village Hall

There being no other business the chair declared the meeting closed.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015