

Abbots Langley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 8th September 2008 in the Council Offices, Langley Road, Abbots Langley.

Those Present:

Chairman	Councillor Miss I V Young
Vice Chairman	Councillor D J Major
Councillors	Councillor Mrs D J Lay Councillor L G Lay Councillor Mrs S Bedford Councillor G W Emery Councillor M T Morton Councillor Ms B Phipps Councillor O W Roe Councillor D White Councillor K D Williams

Officers: Mr T Perkins - Clerk to the Council

Also present: County Councillor Paul Goggins
Sgt. Neil Canning - Hertfordshire Police (Part)

168. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received, accepted and recorded from Councillor Giles-Medhurst, Councillor Mrs Bartrick and Councillor Daily.

169. Hertfordshire Police

Sgt. Canning reported there had been an increase in low level car crime, such as theft of wing mirrors and minor damage. There had been a significant increase in car crime in Bedmond, mainly the theft of “abandoned” vehicles which were being taken for their scrap value. The police are working with local disposal sites to tighten vehicle and identity checks beyond those required by legislation.

There has been a minor increase in burglaries in the area and operations are underway to address, most were “access burglaries”, where windows and doors have been left open.

PCSOs are starting communication sessions around the schools, including running cycling proficiency tests. Bikes running without lights will be addressed as the nights draw in.

170. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Williams declared a personal interest in agenda item 11, Property Portfolio and did not take part in discussions.

171. Minutes of the Meeting

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Lay, seconded by Councillor Morton and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 14th July 2008, copies of which had been sent to all Members of the Parish Council prior to the meeting, be taken as read and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Bedford, seconded by Councillor Emery and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 28th July 2008, copies of which had been sent to all Members of the Parish Council prior to the meeting, be taken as read and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

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172. Minutes for Adoption

The following committee minutes were adopted, approved for publication of the Council's website and passed to the committee's for resolution.

Planning & Highways Committee	16th July 2008
Leisure Committee	23rd July 2008
Finance & Administration Committee	28th July 2008
Planning & Highways Committee	30th July 2008
Planning & Highways Committee	13th August 2008
Planning & Highways Committee	27th August 2008

173. Primrose Hill

This matter was referred to the Leisure Committee to consider and report back to the Parish Council.

174. Calendar of Meetings

It was proposed by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Bedford and **RESOLVED** that the calendar of meetings for the council year 2009-2010 be accepted.

The Clerk was asked to note that the date of the Annual Parish Meeting in April 2010 be shown as provisional, as consideration may be given to moving the date of this meeting.

175. Chairman's Report

The Chairman attended the following:

16 th July	Good Neighbours AGM at The Barn Abbots Langley.
13 th August	Commemoration for Cllr Betty O'Neill's Bench at Leavesden County Park.
21 st August	Presented birthday card and bouquet to Vi Mallon, on the occasion of her 100 th birthday celebrations at Manor House.
24 th August	Presented awards to youngsters at Abbots Langley Cricket Club.
4 th September	Attended the launch of Forest of India reopening.

176. Clerk's Report

Members asked that the Clerk pass on thanks to Ann Morton for her diligence in resolving the issues around ownership of the Langleybury land.

Members accepted the Clerk's proposals for office cover and opening hours over the Christmas/New Year period and asked that thanks be passed on to the staff for their cooperation.

177. Statement of Accounts

It was proposed by Councillor Morton, seconded by Councillor White and **RESOLVED** that the Statement of Accounts for July and August 2008 as notified to the Council be approved.

178. Property Portfolio

It was proposed by Councillor Miss Young and seconded by Councillor Mrs Lay and **RESOLVED**, that the press and public be excluded from the discussion about this following item, under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and the Local Government Act 1972, ss100 & 102.

Officers were asked to proceed with a non-binding tender process, taking advice from our agents on whether this should be on a conditional or unconditional basis. The funds realised from the sale will be used to invest in our freehold and leasehold properties, not to support revenue requirements.

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Currently the property has B2 use as light engineering and we have not extinguished that use.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____