

Abbots Langley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 13th October 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 S M Bartrick Councillor Mrs D J Lay Councillor L G Lay Councillor G W Emery Councillor M T Morton Councillor O W Roe
Officer:	Mrs A Morton - Planning and Administrative Assistant
Also present:	County Councillor Paul Goggins PC Hendry and PC O'Connell - Hertfordshire Police (Part)

220. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received, accepted and recorded from Councillors Mrs Bedford, Daily, Giles-Medhurst and Williams. Apologies were also received from Councillors Ms Phipps and White and Councillor Wyatt was not present.

221. Hertfordshire Police

Sgt. Canning sent apologies due to cover duties. PC Louise Hendry and PC Ryan O'Connell reported there have been less burglaries, although there were some during the day; motor vehicle crime had increased but is currently going down, believed to be due to reduction in metal price, police checking CCTV and disposal companies asked to get more ID; described events leading to arrest for dangerous driving of a driver initially seen speeding 120 mph along Toms Lane, investigation is on-going; discussion on benefits of number plate recognition; laser speed gun is being used in suitable locations; police do stop vehicles with illegal number plates and vehicles not registered with DVLA must carry documents at all times; the problem of anti-social behaviour behind Bedmond store/Post Office was raised, police have been attending and one youth found with small quantity drugs; ask people to continue to contact them when youths congregate and cause nuisance; parking problems within Oualtine are primarily being resolved by site managers, residents now appear to have permits and clamping is being carried out by private company, installation of gates has reduced crime; theft of milk from doorsteps (30 pints stolen in one week) Furtherfield to Popes Road vicinity has been followed up with door to door enquiries, concern mainly elderly affected and could be trigger crime. Chairman thanked PC Hendry and PC O'Connell and they left the meeting.

222. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

223. 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 8th September 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 noted that Councillor Wyatt was not present at the meeting.

224. Minutes for adoption

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

Planning & Highways Committee	10 th September 2008
Staffing Committee	15 th September 2008
Leisure Committee	17 th September 2008
Planning & Highways Committee	24 th September 2008

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225. Data Protection

As suggested in the Clerk's report, it was proposed by Councillor Roe, seconded by Councillor Mrs Lay and **RESOLVED** that the terms of reference for the Finance and Administration Committee be amended to add "To keep under review the Council's compliance with the Data Protection Act and supporting the Clerk in his role as Data Controller for the Council."

226. Byelaws

The Department for Communities and Local Government consultation on the making and enforcement of byelaws was discussed. Members agreed to respond as follows: questions 1 to 8 agree with proposals for changing the byelaw making process and the enforcement of byelaws; question 9 relating to London Borough councils was considered not applicable. Members expressed concern that Parish Councils do not have the resources to enforce byelaws (paragraph 3.6 Page 20).

227. Chairman's Report

The Chairman attended the following:

9 th September	Observer at Community Centre meeting
17 th September	Speech Night at Parmiters School
19 th September	Forum to discuss planning in Kings Langley
21 st September	Battle of Britain Service at Langleybury and laid wreath on behalf of ALPC
22 nd September	Presentation of donation by LIONS to Community Centre
25 th September	Day Centre summer lunch
26 th September	Presided at the Prize Giving of ALPC Allotments awards
5 th October	Started Tough Ten races and presented awards.

228. Clerk's Report

The Clerk's report was discussed. It was mentioned that the information on grants should be considered by Finance and Administration Committee. Mrs Morton was thanked for standing in for the Clerk.

229. Statement of Accounts

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

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____