

Abbots Langley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 6th April 2009 in the Council Offices, Langley Road, Abbots Langley.

Those Present:

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| Chairman | Councillor Miss I V Young |
| Vice Chairman | Councillor D J Major |
| Councillors | Councillor Mrs S Bedford Councillor C Daily Councillor G W Emery Councillor M T Morton Councillor Ms B Phipps Councillor O Roe Councillor K D Williams Councillor J Wyatt |
| Officers: | Tim Perkins - Clerk to the Council |
| PCSOs | PCSO Marijke Stevens-Keijzer (6574) PCSO John Diaz (6600) |
| Also present: | County Councillor Paul Goggins |

The meeting opened at 7:30pm.

546. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received, accepted and recorded from Councillors White, Giles-Medhurst, Lay (unavailable), Mrs Lay (unavailable) and Mrs Bartrick (unwell).

547. Declarations of Interest

None.

548. Hertfordshire Police

PCSO's reported on behalf of Sgt. Canning.

- Two more local retailers have signed up to the "Shop Watch" scheme, which will provide uniformed presence as a visible deterrent against retail-related crime and antisocial behaviour.
- New property marking technology is being introduced in five local primary and two senior schools. It is hoping to extend this to farm equipment.
- Ongoing cycling proficiency training being conducted by appropriately trained PCSO, no cost to local children. It is hoped that this will have a positive impact on road safety.
- Leavesden football project ongoing, being developed with local youth worker.

Members asked officers to note the following issues and raise for action with Sgt. Canning on his return from leave.

- Anti-social behaviour in Bedmond, in and around the shops area, mainly children aged 8-11.
- Parking on the High Street outside the newsagents (opposite Budgens), causes obstructions, particularly if an HGV.
- Obstructive parking continues to be a problem in Old Mill Lane, with the pavement completely blocked in places. PCSOs advised that warning notices had been served on vehicles in this area and enforcement action would be taken.
- Continual parking on the "zig zag" lines on the pedestrian crossing on the High Street.

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The Clerk was asked to write to Herts Highways, to point out the poor condition of the road markings on the Old Mill Lane - Bridge Road junction and the new development area and request their attention.

Sat Navs. If members are aware of any roads that are unsuitable for HGVs that should be notified to Ordnance Survey (as detailed in the HAPTC newsletter) would they forward details to the Clerk who will submit a consolidated response.

549. Minutes of the Meeting

It was proposed by Councillor Morton, seconded by Councillor Bedford and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 9th March 2009, 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.

550. 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 - 11th & 25th March 2009

Leisure Committee - 18th March 2009

Staffing Committee - 30th March 2009

The Clerk advised that the meeting with Breakspeare School would take place later this month; an earlier appointment was not possible due to the school holidays. The Clerk has sought confirmation from HCC on attendees, it is understood the Travel to Schools Officer for Breakspeare School will be attending.

551. Terms of Reference

It was proposed by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Daily and **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council's committee terms of reference for the Planning and Highways Committee be amended to include the management of bus shelters and the commenting on any licensing applications.

The Clerk advised that he would be asking committees to review their terms of reference in their first meeting of the municipal year and would circulate an updated version when this review was completed.

552. Annual Carol Concert

The Annual Carol Concert will be held on Thursday 3rd December.

553. Chairman's Report

The Chairman attended:

13th March 50th Anniversary of Abbots Langley RAFA Reception.

14th March TRDC Chairman's Reception.

28th March ALPC Chairman's Reception

2nd April Dance Show at Parmiters School

4th April JigFest at AL Community Centre (£1,680 was raised for the refurbishment project).

The Chairman asked that thanks to Councillors that attended her reception be minuted.

554. Clerk's Report

Items on the Clerk's report were noted.

The Clerk was asked to include a link on the website to relevant local Office of National Statistics data.

A small group of members to work with the Clerk on developing a Parish Newsletter, in both electronic and print format. The Clerk asked members to note that Parish Newsletters are often one of the single largest drains on Clerk's time and that he would appreciate advice on where this fitted with his multiple priorities.

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The Clerk was asked to investigate mapping the properties for which the Parish Council were responsible, so residents could easily identify who to contact. The Clerk agreed with this, but advised that this would be a significant project that would need considerable effort.

555. Green Matters Seminar

Councillor Roe provided a brief report on the above seminar that he attended on 27th March in Aylesbury. Papers would be lodged with the office for reference by members. Councillors Roe and Ms Phipps would discuss the seminar further and add an appropriate agenda item to a future Parish Council meeting.

556. Monthly Accounts

It was proposed by Councillor Morton and seconded by Councillor Bedford and **RESOLVED** that the Statement of Accounts for March as notified to the Council be approved.

557. Part II Business

It was proposed by Councillor Morton and seconded by Councillor Major and **RESOLVED**, that as the following items dealt with the early stages of a dispute, that the council may be entering into and the proposals and counter-proposals in contracts that the Parish Council may be entering into, the press and public be excluded from the discussion, under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and the Local Government Act 1972, ss100 & 102.

Indemnity Claim

Members noted the indemnity claim.

Hillside Hall

The Clerk was asked to circulate the documents received that evening from the Parish Council's solicitors and to call an extraordinary Parish Council meeting when matters required decision.

The Clerk was asked to follow up matters related to building completion date, service charges, etc. with the Parish Council's solicitor.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____