

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2009 in the Council Offices, Langley Road, Abbots Langley.**

**Those Present:**

Chairman	Councillor D J Major
Vice Chairman	Councillor L. Lay
Councillors	Councillor Mrs S Bedford Councillor C Daily Councillor G W Emery Councillor S Giles-Medhurst Councillor J Hill Councillor Mrs D J Lay Councillor M T Morton Councillor Ms B Phipps Councillor O Roe Councillor K D Williams Councillor D White Councillor J Wyatt Councillor Miss I V Young
Officers:	Tim Perkins - Clerk to the Council
Police:	PC 2381 Louise Hendry
Also present:	County Councillor Paul Goggins

The meeting opened at 7:30pm.

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Jeff Hill who had been elected as a Parish Council member for Leavesden ward in the by-election held on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2009. The Chairman also congratulated Councillor Paul Goggins on being re-elected as a County Councillor and Councillor Keith Williams who was elected as a District Councillor for Leavesden ward.

**59. Urgent Business**

It was proposed by Councillor Major, that as it was time sensitive, the decisions required to submit a vote in the election for HAPTC Executive Committee members would be added to the agenda after item 12. (Standing Order 12. - Urgent Business refers.)

All members present were in agreement.

**60. Apologies for absence**

None.

**61. New Councillor**

The Clerk confirmed that Councillor Jeff Hill had signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and that the Clerk has received this and signed as Proper Officer of the Council. Councillor Hill had also submitted a Code of Conduct form.

No committee assignments for Councillor Hill were considered.

**62. Declarations of Interest**

None.

**63. Hertfordshire Police**

Sgt. Canning was unavailable as he was on a training course. PC Hendry updated members on various matters.

- PCSOs are undertaking cycling proficiency training at local schools, this improves communication with younger children and also increases visibility when they are out on the roads with the children undertaking training. PCSOs are also undertaking other training in schools including drugs and

alcohol awareness and “stranger danger”. Councillor Bedford has received positive feedback from Abbots Langley School about the training provided by the PCSOs.

- Complaints of anti-social behaviour in the Raymond Close area and of an aggressive dog in Hazelbury Avenue have been addressed and no further complaints received.
- Speed guns have been deployed in the Toms Lane and Bedmond area, an underage mini-motorbike rider has been reported for repeat offenses and his bike impounded. The speed checks also caught a driver who was over the drink drive limit.
- Officers worked with Thrive Homes to gain an anti-social behaviour injunction on a resident. This resolved a long running problem.
- A persistent offender has received a banning order, preventing them entering Abbots Langley.
- Officers are aware of the anti-social behaviour and vandalism on the Manor House playing fields. This is being targeted and the Police are asking that this is reported, if possible, as the offences are being committed.
- Officers are aware that it is the carnival this weekend, additional support will be given by Special Constables.

A local “Policing Pledge” is under development, this will be discussed at the Local Area Forum.

Members asked that the Police give attention to the following:

Visible patrols this Friday prior to the carnival. There is often large numbers of youths around due to the carnival attractions and this has caused problems in the past.

Parking at the Crematorium, particularly at weekends.

Pavement parking on Old Mill Lane and on the tactile crossing close to the min-roundabout. PC Hendry advised that vehicles have been ticketed in this area.

Parking obstructions in The Crescent, blocking access to the rear of the High Street shops

#### **64. Minutes of the Meeting**

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Bedford, seconded by Councillor Mrs Lay and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 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.

#### **65. 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 - 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> May 2009

Leisure Committee - 20<sup>th</sup> May 2009

A correction was requested to the Planning and Highways minutes of 27<sup>th</sup> May 2009 be corrected. Councillor L Lay was incorrectly shown as Vice Chairman of the committee.

The Clerk, once again, asked that members bring to his, or the Clerk of the meetings attention, any corrections prior to the Parish Council meeting.

#### **66. Calendar of Meetings**

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Bedford, seconded by Councillor Mrs Lay and **RESOLVED** that the Calendar of Meetings be varied to include an additional Parish Council meeting on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2009 for the purpose of approving the statutory Annual Statement. No other changes were proposed.

**67. Public Participation in Council Meetings**

The draft proposed by the Clerk was discussed. The Clerk will work with Councillor Mrs Bedford to develop a further version which will be brought back to the Parish Council in July.

**68. Manor Lodge**

The Clerk was asked to pursue a £9,000 contribution from TRDC to offset the lost income from Manor Lodge being used as the Community Police Office.

**69. Chairman's Report**

The Chairman attended two of the local Scout's groups AGMs and afternoon tea at Abbots House hosted by the Abbots Langley Good Neighbours.

**70. Clerk's Report**

Members noted the Diary Dates and the Clerk's absence from the office, all other matters referred to in the report had been dealt with earlier in the meeting.

**71. Monthly Statement of Accounts**

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

**72. HAPTC Executive Committee Election**

Councillor Williams took no part in the discussions of the following item

It was proposed by Councillor White and seconded by Councillor Giles-Medhurst that the Parish Council should vote for only Councillor Williams in the above election.

This was put to the vote 9 members were in favour, 3 against and 3 abstained

The Clerk was asked to submit the ballot paper accordingly.

**73. Part II Business**

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Lay and seconded by Councillor Miss Young and **RESOLVED**, that as the following items dealt with 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.

**74. Hillside Hall**

The Clerk advised that no further updates had been received from the Parish Council's solicitors. This was due to delays further up the chain. The builders have been appointed by NHH and they are progressing S278 notices from Herts County Council.

Until a near final version of the proposed surrender and new lease documents are available the Clerk is unable to advise members when this may complete. Meeting logistics to approve the documents will have to be worked out as and when documents become available.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_