

Abbots Langley Parish Council

Minutes of the Planning and Highways Committee Meeting held at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 14th May 2008 in the Council Offices, Langley Road, Abbots Langley.

Those Present:

Chairman	Councillor M T Morton
Vice Chairman	Councillor L G Lay
Councillors	Councillor Mrs S M Bartrick Councillor G W Emery Councillor D J Major - Ex officio Councillor O W Roe Councillor D J P White Councillor Miss I V Young - Ex officio

Officer: Mrs A Morton - Planning and Administrative Assistant

17. Election of Chairman

It was proposed by Councillor Miss Young, seconded by Councillor Mrs Bartrick and **RESOLVED** that Councillor Morton be elected Chairman of the Planning and Highways Committee for the year 2008/2009.

18. Election of Vice-Chairman

It was proposed by Councillor Morton, seconded by Councillor Miss Young and **RESOLVED** that Councillor Lay be elected Vice-Chairman of the Planning and Highways Committee for the year 2008/2009.

19. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

20. Declarations of interest

Councillor Roe declared an interest in Planning applications 08/0898/ful at 21 Lauderdale Road, Hunton Bridge, and 08/0782/cled at 40a Trowley Rise, Abbots Langley, and this was accepted.

21. To confirm the minutes of the meetings

It was proposed by Councillor Emery, seconded by Councillor Lay and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 16th April 2008, copies of which had been sent to all Members of the Parish Council and which had been adopted by the Council, be taken as read and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

After amending minute 611 "C74" to read "C77" and minute 619 to read "25th May" and "the former would be closed on 18th May", it was proposed by Councillor Mrs Bartrick, seconded by Councillor White and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 30th April 2008, copies of which had been sent to all Members of the Parish Council and which had been adopted by the Council, be taken as read and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

22. Any matters referred from Parish Council

There were no matters referred from Parish Council.

23. Planning Decisions from Three Rivers District Council

Planning decisions from Three Rivers District Council are attached at Appendix A and were noted by Members present.

24. Planning Applications as received from Three Rivers District Council

Members discussed the Planning applications list, the comments and decisions to be submitted to the District Council are attached at Appendix B.

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Langley, did not participate in the discussion, decision or comment on these applications.

25. Three Rivers District Council - Development Control Committee

It was agreed that the Parish Council representatives to attend the Development Control Committee meetings were as follows:

22nd May 2008 - Councillor Morton

19th June 2008 - Councillor Roe

17th July 2008 - Councillor Emery

21st August 2008 - Councillor White.

Arrangements for further meetings were deferred until closer to the time.

26. Three Rivers District Council - Enforcement Matters

The current enforcement list as distributed with the agenda was considered and noted.

The Enforcement Case regarding banners at Evergreen has been closed because the banners have been removed. The Enforcement Officer has said that A-boards causing an obstruction on pavement being highway land should be referred to Hertfordshire Highways and Mrs Morton has reported the A-boards on the High Street. Members agreed that A-boards do cause difficulty for pedestrians especially those with pushchairs and children or those using mobility vehicles and Councillor Emery mentioned the problem in Bedmond is the vegetation overhanging the pavement.

27. Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Section 78 - Appeal

The current appeals list as distributed with the agenda was noted. The Parish Council have been notified of the appeal at 49 Primrose Hill, Kings Langley, for the creation of a driveway with crossover to the front of the property and erection of a retaining wall with 1.2m fence above, with responses by 17th June 2008, and this was noted.

28. Highway matters

No progress to report since last meeting. It is understood that Jan Smith of CHRASH is disappointed that, having presented a 480 signature petition to the last Joint Member Panel meeting, the promised meeting has not happened so far.

Mrs Morton advised that Mr Paul Selley's response to the request for site reports for KSI accidents along C77 Bedmond Road was that these reports remain confidential and may be used by the Police, Coroner and in any subsequent Court case. Mr Selley had offered to provide a summary of where/when accidents happened but otherwise he had nothing further to add to his reply (11th February 2008) to the Clerk's letter and he mentioned a Councillor may phone him about this if they wish. Councillor Miss Young advised that CRASH members were at the C76 Residents Group meeting in Nash Mills and she understood a meeting would be arranged between Dacorum Borough, St Albans and Three Rivers District Councils and she has asked that this Parish Council be invited.

It was suggested Mrs Morton should enquire if any progress had been made in respect of the CHRASH petition.

29. Transport matters

Members considered the Arriva attendance at the meeting on 16th April regarding Service 6 through Bedmond was constructive. It was agreed a letter should be sent accordingly, including the relevant extract from the minutes, to Richard Hollis, Bus Compliance Manager Vehicle and Operator Services Agency, and copied to Arriva.

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30. Correspondence

Watford Borough Council advised that the major planning application for the redevelopment of Watford General Hospital and Surrounding area will be considered by the Development Control Committee on 15th May 2008. Councillor Lay hopes to attend but no representations can be made.

Three Valleys Water Draft Water Resources Management Plan letter, previously circulated to Members, was considered and it was agreed that this item will be deferred until after Councillor Roe attends one of the Regional Presentations of the Plan.

The meeting closed at 08.48 p.m.

Signed

Dated