

## Abbots Langley Parish Council

Minutes of the Planning and Highways Committee Meeting held at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 Miss I V Young - Ex officio

Officer: Mrs A Morton - Planning and Administrative Assistant

### **42. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received, recorded and accepted from Councillor White.

### **43. Declarations of interest**

Councillor Roe declared an interest in Planning application 08/0989/ful at 33 Gallows Hill, Abbots Langley, and this was accepted.

### **44. 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.

### **45. Planning applications as received from Three Rivers District**

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

Councillor Roe, having declared an interest in Planning application 08/0989/ful at 33 Gallows Hill, Abbots Langley, did not participate in the discussion or decision on this application.

### **46. Three Rivers District Council - Development Control Committee**

There was no report on the Development Control Committee as there were no planning applications relevant to this Parish on the agenda.

Councillor Major informed that he has been appointed to the TRDC Development Control Committee. He understands he will have to declare an interest whenever this Parish Council refers an application to that Committee but he may contact Anne Morgan for further advice on this. Councillor Major said that if there is a conflict his preferred allegiance would be to ALPC.

### **47. Hertfordshire Highways**

It was agreed to defer considering the South West Herts Transportation Strategy Review to the next meeting.

The Hertfordshire Highways Integrated Works Programme, Three Rivers District Council Members update May 2008, distributed with the agenda, was discussed. It was agreed to enquire what traffic calming is being proposed for Trowley Rise / Popes Road, particularly as Members consider the Greenways junction is dangerous?

### **48. Highway matters**

A further accident on Church Hill where a garden wall was demolished. Councillor Emery informed Members the parking scheme in Bedmond is generally successful, although it is difficult to exit safely from shops and he is awaiting a response to his suggestion of double yellow lines on the "north side" to improve sightlines.

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Mrs Morton reported following up on the presentation at JMP of the CHRASH petition re Bedmond Road/Church Hill, one Parish Council representative is invited to attend a meeting being held 11am 5<sup>th</sup> June at Herts Highways offices in Watford. Ian Brownell has arranged the meeting to outline a small scheme that has already been funded from Members Discretionary budget. As Councillor Emery was unable to attend, it was agreed to offer Cllr Williams the opportunity to attend and if he is not available then Councillor Roe would go.

The proposal by Mrs Sabat of double yellow lines, and policing thereof, to restrict parking in The Crescent on the corner leading to the garages and just beyond St Saviours Church, as well as general parking congestion in various "original" streets in Abbots Langley were discussed. It was agreed to write supporting Mrs Sabat's proposal and mention the parking congestion problems at the same time.

**49. British Telecommunications - Removal of public payphones**

The BT proposal to remove Payphones, as per consultation letter received from Three Rivers District Council and distributed with the agenda, was discussed. Members agreed to object to the proposed removal of both Toms Lane and Langley Lane Payphones on the grounds that they are isolated with no nearby Payphones and are necessary for users who do not have a phone or in an accident/emergency situation. It is therefore considered by the Parish Council that there are exceptional reasons for BT to continue to provide public service with 'coin and card' Payphones in these two locations.

**50. Correspondence**

Letters received from pupils in Class 2JG Tanners Wood JMI School regarding the safety of roads near the School were read out. Their suggestion of a zebra crossing on Gallows Hill Lane near Hazelwood Lane was discussed and Members agreed a sympathetic reply should be sent explaining why this is not the Parish Council's responsibility and with the assurance that if a pedestrian crossing is proposed the Parish Council would support it. Councillor Roe also offered to attend the school in person during the Health Awareness Week mentioned in the teacher Mrs Glass' covering letter.

Councillor Lay advised that because no representations could be made at the meeting, he had not attended the Watford Development Control Committee on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2008 considering the redevelopment of Watford General Hospital and Surrounding area. He said the planning application has been approved and the meeting was well reported in the Watford Observer.

Councillor Major advised he received a letter from GO-East approving the Highways Agency scheme to widen the M25. (Copies of the letter for Councillors Roe and Miss Young received by the Office that day were given to them after the meeting).

The meeting closed at 09.24 p.m.

Signed .....

Dated .....