

Abbots Langley Parish Council

Minutes of the Planning and Highways Committee Meeting held at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 25th June 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

Also present: Councillor Mrs Lay was present for part of the meeting.

Officer: Mrs A Morton - Planning and Administrative Assistant

79. Apologies for absence

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

80. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

81. 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.

82. Planning applications as received from Three Rivers District Council

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

83. Hertfordshire County Council - County Development Unit

The Planning application for proposed classroom extension at Breakspeare School, Gallows Hill Lane, Abbots Langley was discussed under TRDC Planning application 08/1213/HCR above and it was agreed to submit the same comment.

84. Three Rivers District Council - Development Control Committee

Councillor Roe attended the Development Control Committee meeting held on 19th June 2008, and he was accompanied by Councillor White. Councillor Roe reported that two planning applications were listed in Abbots Langley Parish but West Herts College Planning Application 08/0711/rsp was withdrawn prior to the meeting. Councillor Roe advised that after listening to speakers for and against ASM Metal Recycling Centre at Railway Terrace, Kings Langley Planning application 08/0839/HCR3, the Committee decided to confirm the Officer's informal recommendation to Hertfordshire County Council that the application be refused. Councillor Major advised that he declared a personal interest and left the room while this application was being considered by the Committee.

85. Planning matters

The development of land to the rear of 59 Toms Lane with one mobile home and a recently constructed plinth on the property was raised by Councillor Emery because of an email he received from Councillor Laval who lives nearby. Following discussion it was agreed that when notification of the appeal is received, to write to the Planning Inspectorate supporting TRDC's refusal of planning permission.

86. Three Rivers District Council

The draft Hunton Bridge Conservation Area Appraisal, distributed with the agenda, was discussed. The importance of the War Memorial at Langleybury was mentioned and the following observations and comments on the document were agreed:

- Langleybury spelling is incorrect on several occasions/throughout the document.
- Langleybury House - support inclusion in conservation area, although boundary change would be to the South West (page 16).
- The Limes/north side of Bridge Road - not in favour of amending this boundary of conservation area. The frontage of new development has been specifically designed and therefore, even though the buildings are new, Members consider it is appropriate it should stay within the conservation area. Taking it out of the conservation area will lose the protection/control and would allow changes to the frontage with alterations and infilling that might not be in keeping/suitable etc. However, if the boundary is to be changed Members consider that the boundary should continue to be around 1 Bridge Road.
- Members suggest it would be helpful if the Conservation Area map in the document showed the proposed amendments to the boundary?

87. Hertfordshire Highways

The Deposit Documents: The Hertfordshire (High Road, Abbots Langley/Watford) (Restrictions of Waiting) Order 2006 that became enforceable on 16th June 2008 were noted.

The Hertfordshire Highways Integrated Works Programme, Three Rivers District Council Members update June 2008, distributed at the meeting, was discussed. More information will be sought on the "Ovaltine Safety and Traffic Scheme".

The notice regarding Temporary closing of various roads in Abbots Langley Parish, (including Adrian Road, the gap in the central reserve of A405, Hazelwood Lane, the A405 southbound slip road leading onto Bucknalls Lane, and Water Lane) to enable highway maintenance works together with highway drainage works to take place during the period 4th July 2008 and 3rd January 2010, was distributed at the meeting and noted by Members present and will be circulated to other Members.

Councillor Emery advised there are markings on the pavement from Toms Lane down the High Street in Bedmond and that he considers the pavements from Bedmond to Abbots Langley are in a terrible condition. He also asked Mrs Morton to follow up on the difficulty for drivers to exit safely on to the highway from the parking area outside the Bedmond shops.

88. Utilities matters

A draft response to the consultation questions on the 2008 draft Water Resources Management Plan for Three Valleys Water, written by Mrs Morton following discussion at the previous meeting, was considered. It was proposed by Councillor Miss Young, seconded by Councillor Mrs Bartrick and agreed to submit the response to DEFRA, as attached at Appendix C.

89. Correspondence

A letter from Go-East advising of the Publication of Revision to the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) for the East of England was distributed to Members present.

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

Signed

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