

Abbots Langley Parish Council

Minutes of the Planning and Highways Committee Meeting held at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 16th July 2008 in the Council Offices, Langley Road, Abbots Langley.

Those Present:

Chairman	Councillor M T Morton
Vice Chairman	Councillor L G Lay
Councillors	Councillor G W Emery Councillor D J Major - Ex officio Councillor O W Roe Councillor D White

Officer: Mrs A Morton - Planning and Administrative Assistant

102. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received, recorded and accepted from Councillors Mrs Bartrick and Miss Young.

103. Declarations of interest

Councillor Emery declared a personal interest in Planning application 08/1194/ful at 7 High Street, Bedmond, and this was accepted.

104. To confirm the minutes of the meetings

It was proposed by Councillor Lay, seconded by Councillor Emery and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 11th June 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.

It was proposed by Councillor Lay, seconded by Councillor Emery and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 25th June 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.

105. Any matters referred from Parish Council

There were no matters referred from Parish Council.

106. 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.

107. 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.

Councillor Emery, having declared an interest in Planning application 08/1194/ful at 7 High Street, Bedmond, did not participate in the discussion, decision or comment on this application.

108. Street naming and numbering

The naming of the entrance way to Kingsfield Cottages was discussed and it was agreed to suggest Kingsfield Close. Members said they are keen to retain the name Kingsfield, although an alternative to 'Close' could be considered if that is preferred. The difficulty in seeing the entrance beside the Compasses PH when travelling north up Tibbs Hill Road was mentioned so Members still recommend improving the signage.

109. Highway matters

Councillor Emery attended Herts Highways C77 Bedmond Road/Church Hill meeting held on 16th July 2008, organised by Ian Brownell (HH), with Councillors Paul Goggins and Joy Mann, CHRASH representatives Jan Smith and Hugh Ball present. Councillor Emery said it was a constructive meeting with the opportunity

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to consider improvements within the budget of £27000. It was decided to initially concentrate on the vicinity of Church Hill and he outlined the various options discussed including improved/more visible signage and road markings, pedestrian islands and Rippleprint. The suggestions will be reviewed by the Design Team of Herts Highways with their report expected by end September. The Chairman thanked Councillor Emery.

Councillor Roe offered to attend the Herts Highways C76 meeting that has been arranged to take place on 21st July.

No further action required at the moment on the various matters raised at Parish Council with Mr Steve Gregory, District Manager, Herts Highways.

110. Hertfordshire County Council

The Temporary Closing of Harthall Lane, Kings Langley, notice distributed with the agenda, to enable replacement of existing water pipes to take place, was noted.

The Temporary Closing of College Road, Abbots Langley, notice distributed with the agenda, to enable works in connection with a new water supply to take place, was noted.

111. Post Office

The proposed closure of Post Offices in South Essex, South Herts and Bucks, as per the list and letter from Postwatch distributed with the agenda, was discussed. Hertfordshire County Council is also seeking information on the likely impact of the closures. Although no Post Offices in Abbots Langley Parish are proposed for closure, it was agreed to respond to the consultation with a positive letter supporting their retention because of the vital service the Post Offices in the Parish provide for the community.

112. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to consider.

The meeting closed at 9.19p.m.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____