

Abbots Langley Parish Council

Minutes of the Planning and Highways Committee Meeting held at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 30th July 2008 in the Council Offices, Langley Road, Abbots Langley.

Those Present:

Vice Chairman	Councillor L G Lay
Councillors	Councillor G W Emery Councillor D J Major - Ex officio Councillor O W Roe Councillor D White Councillor Miss I V Young - Ex officio

Officer: Mrs A Morton - Planning and Administrative Assistant

Representatives from C76 Residents Group were present for first part of the meeting.

140. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received, recorded and accepted from Councillor Mrs Bartrick and Councillor Morton.

141. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

142. Highway matters

Councillor Roe attended Hertfordshire Highways C76 meeting held on 21st July 2008, organised by Andrew Freeman (HH), with local Councillors and representatives of C76 Residents Group. Councillor Roe distributed some spare copies of the Hertfordshire Highways "Report on investigation to improve Highway facilities" using S106 Ovaltine redevelopment funds. Councillor Roe outlined various points made on the pedestrian and highway schemes being proposed along the C76. Helen Lehrle of C76 Residents Group gave further explanation of the options. Highest priority is given to schemes at the railway bridge (painting, new signage, traffic lights, pedestrian footway and drainage works). Funding is limited but other sources may be available for upgrade of bus stops and roundabouts near Dacorum. Views on the proposals are being sought by C76 Residents Group, although the majority of people along the route appear to be positive, and there will be public consultation as required and Hertfordshire Highways are willing to talk to those with concerns/objections. During the discussion Members expressed their support, particularly for the proposals at the railway bridge. The Chairman congratulated C76 Residents Group for their achievement. Members thanked the four representatives for attending. They then left the meeting. The Chairman thanked Councillor Roe.

143. 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.

144. 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.

Because the Parish Council lease Hillside hall, Members were informed of the Clerk's advice before they considered planning application 08/1325/ful. An email from Edwin Josephs objecting to redevelopment of Hillside Hall site was circulated prior to the meeting and Members were also advised of the objections expressed by a neighbour, Ms Marie Barnes.

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145. Three Rivers District Council - Development Control Committee

As the only relevant planning application on the agenda of the Development Control Committee meeting held on 17th July 2008 was the provision of car parking bays in School Mead (08/1130/ful) which Members supported, Councillor Emery advised that he considered there was no need for him to attend.

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

21st August 2008 - Councillor White
18th September 2008 - Councillor Emery
16th October 2008 - Councillor Roe
20th November 2008 - Councillor White.

146. Government Planning matters

The HAPTC information regarding PPS12 that makes reference to planning at a parish level (Parish Plans), distributed with the agenda, was considered. Members expected that substantial work as well as funding, for which there was presently no budget, would be required and it was agreed to take no further action at this time.

147. Hertfordshire Highways

The Hertfordshire Highways Integrated Works Programme, Three Rivers District Council Members update July 2008, distributed with the agenda, was discussed and noted.

148. Highways matters

Members considered the concerns raised by Mrs Banks about the safety of the junction of Abbots Road/High Street/Langley Road, including the exit from the slip road in front of the shops on to Abbots Road, as well as the concerns raised by Mr Butcher regarding the speed of traffic and car parking congestion on Langley Road and surrounding roads. Following discussion it was agreed that these concerns should be passed on to Hertfordshire Highways and Three Rivers District Council.

149. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to consider.

The meeting closed at 9.33 p.m.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____