

## Abbots Langley Parish Council

Minutes of the Planning and Highways Committee Meeting held at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2008 in the Council Offices, Langley Road, Abbots Langley.

Those Present:

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

Officer: Mrs A Morton - Planning and Administrative Assistant

**156. Apologies for absence**

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

**157. Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**158. 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.

**159. 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.

**160. Three Rivers District Council - Development Control Committee**

Councillor White attended the Development Control Committee meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2008. He reported that three items on the agenda were relevant to the Parish. Following consideration of objections the Sabine House, Shirley Road, Abbots Langley Tree Preservation Order was confirmed. Planning application 08/1275/ful for a covered trolley park in Causeway car park, Abbots Langley, for the use of Budgens customers, was approved for 12 months with conditions. After much discussion and subject to further reports and actions, Planning application 08/1325/ful redevelopment of Hillside Hall with 10 flats, School Mead, Abbots Langley was approved by the Committee.

It was agreed that Mrs Morton would email Mr Muggeridge regarding the writing of the Parish Council's comments in reports to the Development Control Committee.

**161. East of England Regional Assembly**

The consultation on the draft Project Plan and Statement of Public Participation for the Review of the East of England Plan (letter distributed to Members / view documents on [www.eera.gov.uk](http://www.eera.gov.uk)) was discussed and noted.

**162. Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Section 78 - Appeal**

The appeal following refusal of planning permission, reference 08/0929/ful, for variation of condition 33 of 06/1346/ful to allow the retail unit to open from 0700 hours to 2200 hours 7 days a week at 15 The Limes, Bridge Road, Hunton Bridge, was noted and the date and venue of the Informal Hearing is to be advised.

**163. Government Planning Matters**

The HAPTC Information on The Planning Bill 2008, circulated with the agenda, was discussed. Significant concern was expressed about the extent of the proposed changes to the planning system, particularly the proposals to speed up consent for major development outlined in the document. The Bill is still going through the Parliamentary process and the proposal for planning appeals for minor development being heard by a panel of local councillors is being reconsidered.

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**164. Post Office**

Information had been received from Postwatch and the Post Office Ltd on the consultation and decision/proposed changes to the Area Plan Proposal on Post Office closures. No branches proposed for closure in Hertfordshire have been saved and, although four branches outside the County will stay open, Post Office Ltd is now proposing that Moatfield branch in Harcourt Road, Bushey and Weston Turville branch in Aylesbury should be closed. There will be a six week local public consultation on these two proposed closures.

**165. Hertfordshire County Council**

The temporary closing of Primrose Hill, Kings Langley, notice distributed with the agenda, to enable sewer connection works to take place, was noted.

The temporary closing of Bunkers Lane and Highwoodhall Lane, Hemel Hempstead, notice distributed with the agenda, to enable rhinophalt treatment works to take place, was noted.

The disruption being caused by emergency drainage clearance work in Gallows Hill Lane, Abbots Langley, was discussed. Councillor Miss Young reported that the water pipe replacement work at Langley Lane/College road was causing significant traffic queues. Councillor Roe reported that the "lake under the C76 railway bridge" is still occurring regularly.

**166. Hertfordshire Highways**

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

**167. Correspondence**

There was no correspondence to consider.

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_