

Abbots Langley Parish Council

Minutes of the Planning and Highways Committee Meeting held at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 24th September 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 D White
	Councillor Miss I V Young - Ex officio

Officer: Mrs A Morton - Planning and Administrative Assistant

207. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

208. Declarations of interest

Councillor Roe declared a personal interest in Planning application 08/1763/ful at 26 Lauderdale Road, Hunton Bridge, and this was accepted.

Councillor Major declared a personal interest in Planning application 08/1555/adv at West Hertfordshire Crematorium, High Elms Lane, Abbots Langley, and this was accepted.

209. 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.

210. 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 Major, having declared an interest in Planning application 08/1555/adv at West Hertfordshire Crematorium, did not participate in the discussion, decision or comment on this application.

Councillor Roe, having declared an interest in Planning application 08/1763/ful at 26 Lauderdale Road, did not participate in the discussion, decision or comment on this application.

Although both planning application 08/1639/ful for adult play park and toddler swings at Leavesden Country Park and 08/1644/ful uncovered trolley park in car park for Budgens had already been approved by the Development Control Committee the previous week, the decision would not be made until the end of the public consultation period. Councillor Major mentioned that on the advice of Mr Muggerridge, he declares an interest at Development Control Committee for all planning applications in Abbots Langley Parish, including applications not yet considered at Parish, and this situation was discussed.

211. Three Rivers District Council - Development Control Committee

Councillor Emery attended the Development Control Committee meeting held on 18th September 2008. Councillor Emery reported that there were six planning applications on the agenda, two of which were discussed under the previous item because they had not yet been considered by Parish Council. He advised that planning application 08/1384/ful for a timber outbuilding to be used for agricultural purposes at 152 Toms Lane was refused; application 08/1452/ful for three contemporary style dwellings at Hilltop Farm was withdrawn by mutual agreement, while the application 08/1453/ful for three traditional style dwellings at Hilltop Farm was approved; and Councillor Laval's application 08/1593/ful for loft conversion at 61 Toms Lane was approved.

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212. Member's Report or Information

Councillors Morton and Miss Young attended the Dacorum Borough Council workshop on "The Future Shape of Kings Langley" held on 19th September 2008, which will contribute to Dacorum Council's Core Strategy. They advised that the workshop through a presentation, two group sessions, and feedback, considered what people like and enhances Kings Langley, discussed how and where development, particularly housing can be accommodated and priorities for Kings Langley for the next twenty years.

213. London Borough of Hillingdon

The London Borough of Hillingdon public consultation on the draft RAF Uxbridge Supplementary Planning Document and draft Sustainability Appraisal was noted.

214. Hertfordshire Highways

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

215. Highway matters

Progress is expected soon on works being proposed for both C76 and C77 roads but there is no further news as yet.

216. Utilities matters

The National Grid essential gas main replacement in Hempstead Road and Gove Mill Lane, notice distributed with the agenda, was noted. The work due to start on 22nd September has begun.

217. Bus Shelters

Gary Knapp had carried out an inspection of the Council's bus shelters which shows the majority would benefit from some maintenance and four bus shelters require renovation or replacement. Due to the continual removal of the standard signs, more durable 'no smoking' signs are needed. The Works Manager has been made aware of the findings of the bus shelter inspection. It is proposed to deal with renovation/repair of the A405/St Michaels bus shelter under the vandalism budget and, after allowing for maintenance and 'no smoking' signs, it may be possible to replace either the Gallows Hill or Pimlico bus shelter in this financial year. Following discussion, Members agreed officers should decide the priority.

218. Hedgerow - Compasses Footpath

Councillor Lay described the situation along Compasses footpath and following a brief discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Lay, seconded by Councillor Miss Young and agreed to investigate the feasibility of improving the hedgerow that the Parish Council is responsible for. It was suggested that initially the Works Manager should be asked to go and have a look and report to the next meeting what he thinks about the overgrown trees and possible new planting to improve the hedge.

219. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to consider.

The meeting closed at 9.52 pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____