

Abbots Langley Parish Council

Minutes of the Planning and Highways Committee Meeting held at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 15th October 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

230. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

231. Declarations of interest

Councillor Morton declared a personal interest in Planning application 08/1781/rsp at 20 Dowding Way, Leavesden, and this was accepted.

232. To confirm the minutes of the meetings

It was proposed by Councillor Miss Young, seconded by Councillor Major and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th September 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 Miss Young, seconded by Councillor Mrs Bartrick and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 24th September 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.

233. Any matters referred from Parish Council

There were no matters referred from Parish Council.

234. 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.

235. 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 Morton, having declared an interest in Planning application 08/1781/rsp at 20 Dowding Way, Leavesden, stood down as Chairman and did not participate in the discussion, decision or comment on this application. Councillor Lay took the Chair for this part of the meeting.

Two representatives of C76 Residents Working Group arrived at the start of this agenda item. It was proposed by the Chairman and agreed to bring forward the three planning applications of interest to them. They were invited to speak on 08/1659/ful, 08/1857/ful and 08/1836/ful, Helen Lehrle gave residents views and they left the meeting after these applications had been considered.

236. Planning matters

The changes to the Planning rules that came into effect from 1st October 2008 were noted.

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237. Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Section 78 - Appeal

The Public Inquiry being held on 10th February 2008 relating to Land to the rear of 59 Toms Lane, Kings Langley, was noted.

238. Hertfordshire County Council

The withdrawal of the Core Strategy Hertfordshire Waste Development Plan documents, letter distributed with the agenda, was noted.

239. Hedgerow - Compasses Footpath

In response to the request from the previous meeting, the Works Manager has suggested the overgrown hedgerow could be cut back to 8 to 10 feet in height for which he obtained a quote of £900 and then, after allowing time for the hedge to sprout, fill in any gaps with supplementary planting. Mrs Morton advised Trowley Rise residents have not been consulted at this early stage. The budget for tree works is Leisure Committee's responsibility and also it should be possible for the Parish Council to carry out the work when members of the works team have completed their chainsaw training courses. It was proposed by Councillor Lay, seconded by Councillor White and **RESOLVED** that the overgrown hedgerow be restored as soon as is practical and to refer the matter to Leisure Committee to consider as part of their tree works programme.

240. Transport matters

The further options being considered by NATS following public consultation on the TCN Airspace Change Proposal, letter distributed with the agenda, was noted.

241. Three Rivers District Council

The proposed improvement or renewal of street furniture at Shopping Parade, High Street, Bedmond and at Shopping Parade, College Road, Leavesden, letters distributed with the agenda, was noted.

242. Hertfordshire Highways

The Replacement of street lighting columns in High Street, Gallows Hill Lane and Tibbs Hill Road, Abbots Langley, letter distributed with the agenda, was discussed. Members agreed they are keen to see the ornamental street lighting in the centre of the High Street retained but it was not clear if any of these particular columns are included. They had no issues with replacement of other lighting columns, assuming the modern lighting columns will be energy efficient with no upward glare. Street lighting along Gallows Hill Lane is being obscured by trees.

243. Hertfordshire County Council

The Temporary Closing of Abbots Road, Abbots Langley, to enable replacement of existing gas mains to take place, notice distributed with the agenda, was noted.

244. Correspondence

An email received from Julie Scott proposes the names of Old Cottage Lane, Compasses Walk, Kingsfield Lane or Kingsfield Close for the access to Kingsfield Cottages. It was agreed that the preference of the Parish Council would be first for Kingsfield Close and then Kingsfield Lane.

Hertfordshire Highways Joint Member Panel for Three Rivers District Council next meeting agenda includes a letter from the Clerk on behalf of the Joint Parish Councils requesting consideration of having two Parish Council Members to represent Parish Councils on the Panel. The agenda was available at the meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.27 pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____