

## Abbots Langley Parish Council

Minutes of the Planning and Highways Committee Meeting held at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 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 D J Major - Ex officio Councillor O W Roe Councillor Miss I V Young - Ex officio

Officer: Mrs A Morton - Planning and Administrative Assistant

**281. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received, accepted and recorded from Councillors Emery and White.

**282. Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**283. To confirm the minutes of the meetings**

It was proposed by Councillor Miss Young, seconded by Councillor Mrs Bartrick and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> October 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 Roe, seconded by Councillor Lay and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> October 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.

**284. Any matters referred from Parish Council**

There were no matters referred from Parish Council.

**285. 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.

**286. 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.

Members agreed the existing Planning and Highways Committee meeting arrangements should continue regardless of the number of planning applications to be considered but that this could be reviewed in future.

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

The Parish Council representatives to attend the Development Control Committee meetings were agreed as follows:

20<sup>th</sup> November 2008 - Councillor David White

11<sup>th</sup> December 2008 - Councillor Morton

22<sup>nd</sup> January 2009 - Councillor Roe

19<sup>th</sup> February 2009 - Councillor Miss Young

19<sup>th</sup> March 2009 - Councillor Lay

**288. Dacorum Borough Council**

The publication consultation on the Supplementary Issues and Options Paper of the Site Allocations Development Plans document, notice distributed with the agenda, as well as publication of Place Shaping Workshop reports was noted.

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**289. Hertfordshire County Council**

The publication of the Towards Better Transport in Hertfordshire - Annual Progress Report August 2008, copy available in Council Offices and online, was noted.

The temporary closing of various roads in Abbots Langley (Hunton Bridge Hill /Bridge Road) and Kings Langley (Station Road/Gallows Hill) to enable street lighting works to take place, notice distributed with the agenda, was noted.

**290. Highway matters**

Information to update on current road issues had already been emailed to Members advising of the Public Exhibition on the proposed C76 road improvement as well as the planning application for major redevelopment of the former SAPPI site in Dacorum DC which would significantly impact on C76.

Councillor Lay advised he had the opportunity to observe pedestrian and traffic movement along the High Street, Abbots Langley, and considered motorists speeding or distracted by eating or using a phone as well as pedestrians not looking when crossing the road, especially on the raised platform at the junction with Abbots Road/Langley Road, are a serious concern. Members discussed various road safety issues in respect of High Street in detail and concluded that the speed of vehicles at the times when traffic is free flowing is a key issue and the accident risk is high. Councillor Mrs Bartrick suggested 20mph speed limit and Councillor Major suggested asking for the speed to be monitored as vehicles approach and leave the centre of the High Street. As this is the responsibility of the Police, Mrs Morton suggested they could be asked at the next Parish Council meeting. Members agreed Mrs Morton should write to Sgt Canning raising the concerns of this committee and request speed monitoring with strips across the road by St Lawrence Church and Causeway House and ask for his views on 20mph speed limit.

**291. Street naming**

As emailed to Members prior to the meeting, Three Rivers District Council asked if the Parish Council has any objection to the developer's proposal of Jenson Close for the street name for new properties rear of 43-55 Bucknalls Lane. Members agreed they would prefer a name with local/historical relevance and suggested Brookdell Close or Brookdell Farm Close because the nearby Brookdell farm is now Mullany's coach depot and they also considered it an attractive name for a close.

**292. Correspondence**

There was no correspondence to consider.

The meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

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

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