

Minutes of the Planning and Highways Committee Meeting held at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 14th January 2009 in the Council Offices, Langley Road, Abbots Langley.

Those Present:

Chairman	Councillor M T Morton
Vice Chairman	Councillor L G Lay
Councillors	Councillor G W Emery 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

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received, accepted and recorded from Councillors Mrs Bartrick and White.

2. Declarations of interest

Councillor Miss Young declared an interest in Planning application 08/2264/ful at 85 Gallows Hill Lane, Abbots Langley, and this was accepted.

3. To confirm the minutes of the meetings

It was proposed by Councillor Emery, seconded by Councillor Major and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th December 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. Councillor Lay was not present and had given his apologies.

It was proposed by Councillor Roe, seconded by Councillor Emery and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd December 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.

4. Any matters referred from Parish Council

It was agreed to put consideration of London-Midland train services from Kings Langley as referred from Parish Council on the agenda for next meeting.

5. 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.

6. 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 Miss Young, having declared an interest in Planning application 08/2264/ful at 85 Gallows Hill Lane, did not participate in the discussion, decision or comment on this application.

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

The appeal following refusal of planning permission, reference 08/0873/ful, for change of use of amenity land to private garden by erection of a 2m high boundary fence to incorporate land adjacent at 4 Lemonfield Drive, Garston, with written representations to be received by 27th January 2009, was noted.

The appeal following refusal of planning permission, reference 08/1676/rsp, retrospective application for front boundary wall and piers to maximum height of 2m at 85 Toms Lane, Kings Langley, with written representations to be received by 2nd February 2009, was noted.

The appeal following refusal of planning permission, reference 08/1467/ful, for first floor rear extension and new window to side elevation at 29 Abbots Road,

Abbots Langley, with written representations to be received by 13th February 2009, was noted.

8. Highway matters

Ms Munro, Herts Highways, replied to the letter about road safety, particularly the raised platform in High Street, Abbots Langley. She has requested a survey and any signs that may be missing or additional signs that are considered beneficial will be ordered as necessary. Also in response to the letter from the Clerk requesting vehicle measuring strips at both ends of the High Street, she has asked for a speed survey to be undertaken. It was agreed to write again about ponding in High Street, Abbots Langley as well as on Bedmond slip road and at the bus stop adjacent to Roman Gardens.

C76 - awaiting further action following the public consultation.

C77 - a further meeting is awaited to reappraise what has been suggested i.e. the request for vehicle activated speed signs and central reservations. Councillor Emery mentioned the poor state of the pavements, particularly between Bedmond and Abbots Langley as well as the condition of the five trees on the grass verge opposite his property where he considers the trees need pruning and the debris on the grass will damage the mowers and it was agreed Mrs Morton should report these matters.

9. Bus Shelters

Written report was circulated to Members present explaining that the bus shelter opposite 1 Bedmond Road, Pimlico will be replaced this financial year and it is intended to replace the bus shelter in Gallows Hill, Abbots Langley next year. Both will have a new base. Hertfordshire County Council will provide a grant of 50% of the cost of both bus shelters and bases, although there are some conditions they are considered reasonable. Herts Highways require the Parish Council to apply for a street works licence. No Smoking signs have been replaced where necessary in all Parish Council bus shelters and the works team are currently carrying out various (prioritised) maintenance jobs. The roof on the bus shelter A405 adjacent to St Michaels has been replaced under the vandalism budget.

10. Government Planning matters

The public consultation on the draft Planning Policy Statement: Eco-towns was discussed and it was decided to put this item on 11th February 2009 agenda.

11. Street Naming and Numbering

The developer of land to the rear of 43-55 Bucknalls Lane had been asked to contact the Parish Council regarding street names but has not done so yet.

12. Correspondence

A letter from Chris Fagan, Committee Manager, Three Rivers District Council, regarding Herts Highways Joint Members Panel Agendas and how matters of concern to Parish Councils may be raised was circulated to Committee Members.

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____