

**Minutes of the Planning and Highways Committee Meeting held at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 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

**1. Apologies for absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

**2. Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. 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.

**4. 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.

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

Councillor Roe attended the Development Control Committee meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2009 and his written report was circulated to Members present. Nine planning applications on the agenda were relevant to the Parish, five of which related to Leavesden Country Park, and the Committee's concluded as follows:

08/1740/rsp - land to the rear of 59 Toms Lane: refused unanimously without discussion; appeal inquiry on a previous application is due on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2009.

08/1979/ful - Abbots Langley Community Centre: approved.

08/2057/ful - 14 Henderson Place, Bedmond: deferred for a site visit.

08/2057/ful - disabled parking bays in front of 1-17 Abbots Road: approved.

08/2129/ful, 08/2130/ful and 08/2131/ful - various works to improve Leavesden Country Park were approved.

08/2163/ful - Leavesden Country Park/Langley Lane: deferred as the proposed access would not be suitable for disabled.

08/2251/adv - Leavesden Country Park advertisement consent: sign for Older Persons' Play area was not view favourably and referred back to TRDC Leisure.

During discussion on the report, concern was expressed that the outcome on the last two applications may jeopardise the improvements. Councillor Roe was thanked for his report.

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

The appeal following refusal of planning permission, reference 08/0823/ful, for demolition of outbuilding and conversion of existing garage/store into habitable accommodation with single storey side and front extension to create a two bedroom bungalow with associated access and parking at 2 Langley Lane, Abbots Langley, with written representations to be received by 18<sup>th</sup> February 2009, was noted.

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

The London-Midland train services from Kings Langley, referred from Parish Council, was discussed. Councillor White considered that, as the service is currently operating normally, it was too late for the Council to follow up the issues. He had wanted to show that the Council are concerned about problems that have caused local people such difficult travelling, particularly to work. It was agreed to keep the rail service under review.

**8. Members' Report or Information**

Councillor Miss Young reported that she considers there is a lot of fly-posting throughout the Parish. She said the works team used to take out of date posters down and she suggested the Community Warden and Groundsmen could remove them when they are in the vicinity. She clarified that the Parish Council notice boards are being maintained. Following discussion, it was agreed that, as it is illegal, fly-posting needs be reported to the appropriate authority to resolve and Members should email Mrs Morton or give her a note with details of the location, such as the address or lamppost number and street name.

**9. Hertfordshire Highways**

The Hertfordshire Highways Integrated Works Programme, Three Rivers District Council Members update, January 2009, distributed with the agenda, was noted.

The Hertfordshire Highways Joint Member Panel meetings on 28<sup>th</sup> January, 8<sup>th</sup> April, 8<sup>th</sup> July, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2009, 27<sup>th</sup> January and 14<sup>th</sup> April 2010 were noted. Agendas and minutes available in the Council Offices or [www.threerivers.gov.uk](http://www.threerivers.gov.uk).

**10. Highway matters**

C77 - drawings received from Hertfordshire Highways of the proposed road safety improvements on Bedmond Road and Church Hill were circulated at the meeting. Councillor Emery advised that the residents parking scheme in Bedmond has displaced vehicle parking to the lay-by in Toms Lane and one of the residents there is asking for the residents parking scheme to be extended. It was agreed Mrs Morton would make enquiries.

High Street, Abbots Langley - Plan outlining the proposed works to improve the safety of the new School Crossing Patrol were considered and noted. Members had no objections.

**11. Street Naming and Numbering**

The street name for the development to the rear of 43-55 Bucknalls Lane was discussed. Members are not in favour of a name that is personal to the developer and the proposed family names of 'Jensen Close', 'David Close' or 'St David Close' are not supported. 'Brookdell Close' or 'Brookdell Farm Close' are suggested again as the developers concerns of association with 'Brookside' are not shared by Members. Members agree with the proposal of 'Lodge Close' as well as 'O'Neill Close' which they consider would be an appropriate name giving recognition to the contribution of Betty O'Neill to the community over many years.

**12. Correspondence**

There was no correspondence to report.

The meeting closed at 09.17 pm.

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

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