

Abbots Langley Parish Council

Minutes of the Planning and Highways Committee Meeting held at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 13th May 2009 in the Council Offices, Langley Road, Abbots Langley.

Those Present:

Chairman	Councillor M T Morton
Vice Chairman	Councillor Miss I V Young
Councillors	Councillor G W Emery Councillor L G Lay Councillor D J Major Councillor O W Roe Councillor D White

Officers: Mrs A Morton - Planning and Administrative Officer

Also present: Councillor Mrs Bedford and four members of the public (present for part of the meeting)

22. Election of Chairman

Councillor Morton was elected as Chairman of this Committee for the year 2009/2010 at the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 11th May 2009.

23. Election of Vice-Chairman

It was proposed by Councillor Morton, seconded by Councillor Emery and **RESOLVED** that Councillor Miss Young be elected Vice-Chairman of the Planning and Highways Committee for the year 2009/2010.

24. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

The Chairman acknowledged the resignation of Councillor Mrs Bartrick due to ill health and expressed appreciation for her contribution on this Committee and best wishes; this was unanimously agreed.

25. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Councillor Mrs Bedford arrived at the meeting.

26. To confirm the minutes of the meetings

It was proposed by Councillor Miss Young, seconded by Councillor Emery and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 8th April 2009, 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 Emery and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd April 2009, 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.

27. Planning Decisions from Three Rivers District Council

Planning decisions, as attached at Appendix A, were noted by Members present.

28. 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.

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed to bring forward consideration of Planning application 09/0577/ful at 18 Gallows Hill Lane, as members of the public interested in that application were present. Residents from Gallows Hill Lane and

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Hazelbury Avenue had met the previous day and Mrs Sue Osler gave details of their opposition to the development. Councillor Mrs Bedford outlined reasons for objection. Members raised various issues and agreed the comments to be submitted. Councillor Mrs Bedford and members of the public left the meeting.

29. Three Rivers District Council - Development Control Committee

It was agreed that the Parish Council representatives to attend the Development Control Committee meetings will be as follows:

21st May 2009 - Councillor White
18th June 2009 - Councillor Emery
16th July 2009 - Councillor Roe
20th August 2009 - Councillor Morton.

Arrangements for further meetings were deferred until closer to the time.

Councillor Major advised that, although he didn't 'tick the box' and despite efforts to find someone else, he was appointed to the Development Control Committee.

30. Appeal(s)

New planning legislation for the appeals procedure on householder application and various other changes came into force on 6th April 2009. A sheet received from the Planning Inspectorate was distributed. Mrs Morton summarised information given by Geof Muggeridge from the Joint Council Officers April meeting minutes. Mrs Morton was requested to circulate written copy of the minute.

31. Planning matters

Mrs Morton reported on the meeting regarding Breakspeare School Travel Plan held with Chairman of Governors and Deputy Headteacher from Breakspeare School, Planning Officer and Travel Plan Advisor from Hertfordshire County Council, the Clerk and herself. The Clerk explained the purpose of the car park is for residents using Manor House grounds and facilities but he wanted to work with the school to minimise their impact and not to prevent them using the car park when available. It was agreed to amend the relevant paragraph in the Travel Plan to clarify that "current practice is to use furthest end of Manor House car park when available"; "staff are advised to keep the car park clear when functions are taking place"; and work is being done "to minimize the time that school transport busses are in the car park". Deputy Headteacher said she will tell bus drivers when the car park is not available. She also advised that there is adequate on site car parking when the school let out its facilities and deleted the "enhance revenue" sentence from the Travel Plan. The Clerk considers the meeting improved communication and Mrs Morton believes the Travel Plan better reflects the current situation. The Chairman thanked the Clerk and Mrs Morton and this was agreed by Members.

32. Highways Agency

The Highways Agency notice on the Watford and South of St Albans - Redbourn - Kidney Wood, Luton, Special Road Scheme 1957 (Variation) Scheme 2009 (removing motorway status from the M10 to become known as A414) was noted.

33. Highway matters

C77 - Paint work on the road with slow down, speed limit etc now completed and further signs are awaited. Councillor Emery advised that they are still pressing for two pedestrian crossing islands and he understands that designers are investigating widening the road to accommodate them. Phase 2 Church Hill to Pimlico will have speed limit studies on 30 mph through Pimlico with 40 mph either side. A new campaign group formed in Leverstock Green to cover that section of the road.

C76 - No progress to report.

High Street Abbots Langley - Letter from Julie Munro, Herts Highways, advises that information on speed and volume counts is not available yet; junction with St Lawrence Close is on the 2009/10 road markings list; no further information to report on "ponding" and she has requested the information again.

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34. Transport matters

The Parish Council enquiry to Mullany's Coaches on the feasibility of extending their 318 service to Bedmond has been referred by Peter Kerr TRDC to Hertfordshire Passenger Transport Unit for their views. He has been talking to HCC about keeping bus links between Kings Langley Station and Abbots Langley because of changes as a result of Dacorum withdrawing funding and one of the Parish Council suggested routes was via Toms Lane and Station Road, passing the Station.

There have been no complaints reported to Councillor Emery recently on Arriva Route 6 via Bedmond.

35. Licensing Act 2003

The Parish Council's objections to the Royal Oak PH licence variation application were not accepted or considered because Three Rivers District Council considers that the Parish Council does not qualify as an interested party under the terms laid out in the Licensing Act 2003. Mrs Morton suggested that this appears to be their interpretation of the Act as St Albans District Council considered an objection by her local Residents' Association last year. There were objections from nearby residents and Mrs Morton will find out the decision of the Licensing Hearing.

36. Correspondence

Letter from VSM Estates advises that a Public exhibition on the redevelopment of RAF Uxbridge will take place on 15th and 16th May 2009.

Councillors Morton and Emery have received a letter from Roger and Catherine Wickenden, Joint Directors, Barton Lodge Veterinary Centre following the Parish Council comments on their planning application at Railway Arms Cottage (09/0443/ful). Mrs Morton will reply to the letter, advising that the matter is now in the hands of Three Rivers District Council Planning Department.

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____