

Abbots Langley Parish Council

Minutes of the Planning and Highways Committee Meeting held at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 15th July 2009 in the Council Chamber, Langley Road, Abbots Langley.

Those present:

Vice Chairman: Councillor Miss I Young

Councillors: Councillor G W Emery
Councillor L G Lay
Councillor O W Roe
Councillor D White

Officers: Mrs A Morton - Planning and Administrative Officer

134. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received recorded and accepted from Councillors Morton and Major.

135. Declarations of interest

Councillor Roe declared an interest in Planning application 09/0918/ful at 36 Lauderdale Road, Hunton Bridge, because he lives nearby.

136. To confirm the minutes of the meetings

It was proposed by Councillor White, seconded by Councillor Lay and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th June 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 Lay, seconded by Councillor White and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 24th June 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.

137. Planning decisions from Three Rivers District Council

Planning decisions, as attached at Appendix A, and the withdrawal of individual planning applications for change of hours at Abbots Business Park and replacement with two applications for the whole site, were noted by Members present.

138. Planning applications as received from Three Rivers District Council

Members discussed the Planning applications list and **RESOLVED** the comments to be submitted to the District Council as attached at Appendix B.

Councillor Roe, having declared an interest in Planning application 09/0918/ful, did not participate in the discussion, decision or comment on this application.

139. Planning matters

The proposal for a biomass facility at Appspound Lane, Potters Crouch, details distributed with the agenda, was discussed. Members agreed that they would like to be kept informed.

140. Dacorum Borough Council

It was agreed to consider the Emerging Core Strategy for Dacorum and East Hemel Hempstead Area Action Plan Issues and Options at 12th August meeting so Members will have an opportunity to read the documents and attend drop-in sessions.

The publication of the Dacorum Borough Council Revised Local Development Scheme which came into effect on 1st May 2009 was noted.

141. London Borough of Hillingdon

The draft Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for the former National Air Traffic Services (NATS) site, Porters Way, West Drayton, was noted.

142. Highway Matters

High Street, Abbots Langley - Ms Munro had advised that the speed monitoring has shown the 85 percentile traffic speed to be 25 miles per hour; even in the early hours of the morning at 2 a.m. and 5 a.m. it was 28 mph and 29 mph respectively and the figures during the day were often 21 mph, 22 mph and 23 mph. She said she considers it is unlikely there would be further works to slow traffic along the High Street with percentile figures within the speed limits and that the existing hump is quite severe. It was mentioned that Hertfordshire Highways Three Rivers Joint Members Panel 8th July agenda report states that Members agreed 20 mph zones in High Street, Abbots Langley, and Lemonfield Estate be added to the list of schemes in the Discretionary Budget Programme.

C77 Bedmond - Councillor Emery advised that vehicle activated speed signs will be installed and the requested refuges in middle of the road are being considered, costed and sites determined.

C76 Kings Langley - works are out to tender and expected to start during this financial year.

High Street, Abbots Langley, further work needed to resolve ponding but Ms Munro advised she has not had a response to her request for information on when work will be done. Members agreed with the suggestion at Parish Council to write to Mr Dave Eaglesham as we have been asking for this information since February.

Councillor Emery raised the problem of ponding in Bedmond. Mrs Morton said she had been advised this is considered to be a drainage problem and has been put on the urgent list for clearance when the VAC machine is next in the area.

143. Transport matters

Councillor White outlined his concerns regarding the reduction in bus services, particularly R9 Chipperfield/Watford which provides a valuable social service even if it will only be missed by a few people. District and County Councils provide subsidies for several services and changes are necessary due to withdrawal of some funding by Dacorum and Watford. Funding for 318 Abbots Langley/Watford has been confirmed this year but possible provision of a route via Bedmond is a commercial decision for Mullaney's. Having discussed the local bus services, it was agreed by Members to keep this matter under review.

144. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to consider.

The meeting closed at 9 p.m.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____