

Abbots Langley Parish Council

Minutes of the Planning and Highways Committee Meeting held at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 26th August 2009 in the Council Chamber, Langley Road, Abbots Langley.

Those present:

Chairman	Councillor M T Morton
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

187. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received, recorded and accepted from Councillor Major.

188. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

189. Planning Decisions from Three Rivers District Council

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

190. 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.

Planning application 09/1119/rsp at 152 Toms Lane - Councillor Emery suggested this 'may be a case where the applicant may be required to be a licensed smallholder' and he requested that this be recorded in the minutes. Mrs Morton advised she was not aware of a smallholder licence and in any case it would not be a planning matter. Members asked Mrs Morton to investigate if smallholders should be licensed but to take no further action.

191. St Albans City and District Council

It was agreed to defer consideration of St Albans 'Shaping our Community' LDF Emerging Core Strategy Consultation - July to September 2009 to next meeting.

192. Three Rivers District Council - Development Control Committee

Councillor Morton attended the Development Control Committee meeting held on 20th August 2009. His written report was circulated prior to the meeting and he gave further details on the discussion and decision on relevant planning applications: 09/0831/ful The Oaklands increase of caravans to 24 was granted permission with a condition requiring a 'Site Management Plan' within two months; 09/0849/ful Kings Langley Station additional car parking granted permission; 09/0904/ful and 09/0905/ful Abbots Business Park variation of working hours to 0700 to 2000 Monday-Friday and 0800 to 1730 Saturdays (no Sundays) approved.

193. Appeal(s)

The appeal against refusal of planning permission, reference 09/0353/ful, for erection of pair of semi-detached, two storey dwellings with further accommodation in roof space served by front rooflights, new access to highway (Creasy Close) and associated parking, landscaping, bin stores and cycles stores and new access onto Creasy Close and parking area for existing dwelling at 57-59 Tibbs Hill Road, Abbots Langley was noted.

194. Highway matters

There were no updates to report on current road issues.

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Mrs Morton reported that the Clerk had been contacted by a local shopkeeper suggesting additional signage for the large free car park as drivers approach Abbots Langley centre, as significant number of customers are apparently unaware of it. Mrs Morton wrote accordingly to Mr Kerr, TRDC, as Causeway car park belongs to them, and he supports the idea in principle and has followed up with Herts Highways.

Councillor Miss Young is concerned about vehicles being driven out of the car park the wrong way on the one way system and Mrs Morton agreed to investigate and follow up if 'no entry' signs are not clear.

195. Correspondence

Letter from Hertfordshire County Council re Transitional period for the Commons Act 2006 in Hertfordshire. HCC conducting a review of its register for common land and town or village greens and any member of the public may apply to amend the register before 30th September 2009. After this date anyone wishing to amend the register will need to apply to HCC but fees may need to be paid. In Abbots Langley Parish, the plan shows Kitters Green registered as a village green (VG031) and two areas of common land (CL282) on High Street, Abbots Langley, between Kitters Green and Langley Road and outside St Lawrence Church. Councillor Morton mentioned land behind 18 Gallows Hill Lane where he believes residents may be pursuing village green registration, although evidence would be needed to prove it has been used by public 'as of right' for at least 20 years.

East of England Regional Assembly Review of the East of England Plan up to 2031 - public consultation on first stage 2nd September to 24th November 2009 and details of Public Consultation Event being held on 9th September 2009 were circulated.

The meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____