

Abbots Langley Parish Council

Minutes of the Planning and Highways Committee Meeting held at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 16th September 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 D M Major Councillor O W Roe Councillor D White
Officers:	Mrs A Morton - Planning and Administrative Officer

227. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

228. Declarations of interest

Councillor Morton declared a personal interest in Item 7 on the agenda as the owner of Hire One, Hempstead Road, Kings Langley is known to him.

229. To confirm the minutes of the meetings

It was proposed by Councillor Miss Young, seconded by Councillor White and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 15th July 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 Lay and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 29th July 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 Roe and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 12th August 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 26th August 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.

230. Planning Decisions from Three Rivers District Council

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

231. 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.

232. St Albans City and District Council

The St Albans 'Shaping our Community' LDF Emerging Core Strategy Consultation - July to September 2009 was discussed and it was **RESOLVED** to respond on two proposals:

Building Research Establishment site identified for 150 dwellings plus strategic employment site in the Green Belt; intensified use detrimental to the residential surroundings; concern about the impact of additional traffic particularly along

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residential road of Bucknalls Lane; distance figures given are unrealistic in practice and do not contribute to fair evaluation of the sustainability of the site.

Area of Search 1: South West of St Albans (towards Bedmond Road); concern due to significant harm that 1000/1200 dwellings and associated infrastructure would have on the openness of valuable Green Belt land; large extension of the St Albans Verulam Estate would erode open green farmland and contribute to the merging of the urban areas of St Albans and Hemel Hempstead.

233. Appeal(s)

The appeals against Enforcement Notice for, without planning permission, reference 09/0045/enfnot, the construction of a raised hardstanding area forming a yard to the rear of the main building and the regrading of the access driveway and reference 09/0046/enfnot, the material change of use of land from use for sale, hire and maintenance of solely or mainly small-scale tools and equipment to the sale, hire and maintenance of tools and equipment which will include a large proportion of tools and equipment which are industrial in scale and character; both at land at Hire One, Hempstead Road, Kings Langley, were noted.

The Public Inquiry being held at County Hall for the ASM Metal Recycling Centre, which started on 15th September 2009 and is expected to last four days was noted.

234. Highway matters

Mr Ian Brownell, Hertfordshire Highways, has written, apologising for the delay in replying, regarding ponding, High Street, Abbots Langley and advised that work to improve the drainage has been programmed for October half term to try and reduce disruption. It will include an additional gully, some local resurfacing and lowering of one existing gully.

Councillor Emery advised that the gutter has been cleaned in High Street, Bedmond, but he was not sure that the problem has been resolved.

Ms Julie Munro, Hertfordshire Highways, has sent the collected data on the speed/volume counts undertaken in two locations on High Street, Abbots Langley, which were distributed to Committee Members with the agenda. She also advised that the Design Team are currently in the process of preparing a report which considers the implementation of a 20mph zone in the High Street. Members discussed the various speeds shown in the speed/volume data, in particular that some vehicles are travelling too fast, significantly above the speed limit. Langley Lane vehicle speed is also considered a particular concern where measures should be taken. Speed enforcement was suggested and Mrs Morton will speak to the Clerk as police were requested at Parish Council to carry out speed check in High St (outside The Boys Home PH) and it was proposed by Councillor Miss Young, seconded by Councillor Lay and **RESOLVED** that a similar speed check should also be requested on Langley Lane.

The condition of Water Lane is poor with several potholes and will be reported.

235. Hertfordshire County Council

The temporary closing of Harthall Lane, Abbots Langley, for up to three days during the period 28th September and 1st October 2009 when signs are in place to enable water service connection works to take place was noted.

The Towards Better Transport in Hertfordshire - Annual Progress Report 2008/9 and factsheets Hertfordshire Road Traffic Collision and Casualty Facts 2008 and Hertfordshire transport Facts 2008, available in the Council Offices, was noted.

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236. Three Rivers District Council

The Three Rivers District Council's consultation on draft Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Licensing Policy 2010-2013, was considered. Members agreed to defer this matter to the next meeting to allow time to read the draft Statement.

237. Bus Shelters

Mrs Morton had hoped to be able to advise Members of the expected installation date in October for the replacement of the bus shelter in Gallows Hill but she is unable to apply for the Street Works Licence until the Risk Assessment is received from the contractors doing the base.

238. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to consider.

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____