

Abbots Langley Parish Council

Minutes of the Planning and Highways Committee Meeting held at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 14th October 2009 in the Council Chamber, Langley Road, Abbots Langley.

Those present:

Chairman	Councillor M T Morton
Councillors:	Councillor G W Emery Councillor L G Lay Councillor D J Major
Officers:	Mrs A Morton - Planning and Administrative Officer

288. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received, recorded and accepted from Councillors Roe, White and Miss Young.

289. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

290. Public Participation

No members of the public requested to speak at this meeting.

291. To confirm the minutes of the meetings

It was proposed by Councillor Lay, seconded by Councillor Emery and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 16th September 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 Emery, seconded by Councillor Lay and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 30th September 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.

292. Planning Decisions from Three Rivers District Council

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

293. 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.

294. East of England Regional Assembly

The review of the East of England Plan to 2031 consultation on the four scenarios for growth of future housing and jobs numbers was considered - it was agreed at the previous meeting that Mrs Morton would write a draft response, which was circulated and considered by Members present. Members agreed the response after adding "energy supply" to read "Sustainable resources (especially water supply and energy supply), provision of adequate infrastructure and climate change (mitigation and adaptation) are issues that must be resolved for all four scenarios." Scenario 1 Roll forward of existing Plan appears the most reasonable and practical option. No comment was made on Scenario 2 which maintains the same growth in this district but still concentrates growth in the southern half of the Region. Scenarios 3 and 4 were strongly objected to because they allocate an even greater increase in new housing and employment than the current plan.

295. Planning matters

The Site Submission Statement and Contextual Analysis and Options Study by Bidwells in respect of land south of Toms Lane, Kings Langley - Members considered two reply suggestions circulated at the meeting and agreed with the second draft response. Parish Council comments for the LDF Core Strategy consultation were reiterated with observations on the Indicative Site Layout options: if housing is approved a footpath/cycleway should be provided;

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Option 1 if Green Belt land is required for TRDC to meet the housing allocation Members are not in favour of low density large houses, suggest that dwelling numbers could be increased to reflect trend towards smaller households but still retain a reasonably spacious layout; Option 2 appears overly cramped western end; alternatively suggest line of similar type of semi-detached houses as existing neighbouring properties; landscaping scheme is supported.

296. Highway matters

There were no new highway matters to report. Agenda and reports for the Herts Highways Three Rivers Joint Member Panel taking place that evening are online and available in the office.

Langley Lane speeding was raised with the Police at Parish Council. Councillor Morton understands that the suggested speed and volume count has already been done and he will check if Councillor Giles-Medhurst has the information.

297. London Borough of Hillingdon

The Public Consultation 'Accessible Hillingdon' draft Supplementary Planning Document setting out housing/places design principles and standards to be accessible to people with disabilities was noted.

298. Bus shelters

Mrs Morton advised that the replacement of the bus shelter on Gallows Hill is expected during week commencing 19th October 2009.

299. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to report.

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____