

Abbots Langley Parish Council

Minutes of the Planning and Highways Committee Meeting held at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 25th November 2009 in 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 J Major Councillor O W Roe
Officers:	Mrs A Morton - Planning and Administrative Officer

396. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received, recorded and accepted from Councillor White.

397. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

398. Public Participation

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

399. Planning decisions from Three Rivers District Council

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

400. 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.

401. Three Rivers District Council - Development Control Committee

Councillor White attended the Development Control Committee meeting held on 19th November 2009 and his written report was circulated prior to the meeting. Both of the relevant planning applications were approved by the Committee: 09/1406/lbc for repairs to rear gable - removal of brick infill to oak framing and replacement with lime mortar render weathering at The Abbots House and 09/1409/ful for first-floor and two-storey side extension, two storey and single-storey rear extension at 12 Roman Gardens. Members expressed disappointment with the decision on the former application.

402. Budget

Members considered the proposed 2010/2011 budget. The next bus shelter due for replacement will be the large metal shelter on St Albans Road (A405) close to High Elms Lane secondary schools and Crematorium. Members were advised of the quotes received from bus shelter suppliers. Hertfordshire County Council have included 50% grant in their budget and, if the Parish Council wish, they are willing to take on the maintenance of this shelter provided the replacement is a 'Clear Channel' product. A new notice board is soon to be installed as part of the renewal of Lemonfield play area. The budget will allow for replacement of two notice boards. Councillor Emery explained why he considers the Parish Council should erect a new notice board on the central reservation outside the shops in Bedmond, although this could be instead of the notice board at the playing fields on Toms Lane. Members asked for a list of the Parish Council notice boards as priorities for replacement need to be considered across the whole parish.

Members agreed that appearance of bus shelters and notice boards should be attractive as this reflects on the Parish Council. It was proposed by Councillor Roe, seconded by Councillor Emery and **RESOLVED** to approve the budget with a proposal to increase in the bus shelter amount to £8,000 because replacement with a large robust bus shelter will be more expensive.

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403. Hertfordshire County Council - County Development Unit

The HCC Waste Development Framework Waste Development Plan Documents were discussed. It was agreed that comments should include the need for consideration for people living near facilities, particularly the impact of noise and odour, but to defer deciding on the response to the consultation until the next meeting.

404. Highway matters

Letters from Ms Sharon Barden and Mrs Sheila Mills (staff) regarding their concerns about vehicle driving and parking were discussed. The Chairman proposed he bring relevant issues to the attention of the Police at the next Parish Council meeting and Mrs Morton will write to Peter Kerr at TRDC asking for car parking at School Mead, particularly the disabled spaces, to be looked into. A 20 mph speed limit in residential areas is being talked about nationally and is being considered for specific areas such as Lemonfield and Abbots Langley High Street. Members agreed they encourage enforcement and would support measures that will reduce excessive speed and inconsiderate parking by drivers. Mrs Morton will reply on behalf of the Committee. A copy letter with petition from Jennifer Scott to Three Rivers District Council regarding dangers of parking in The Fairway was noted.

The Hertfordshire Highways Three Rivers members Update November 2009 was noted. Members considered it good news that work on C77 and C76 is soon to happen.

Councillor Emery reported that CHRASH have been told there will be one pedestrian island near the Tin Church but they want another one near the caravan park. Ponding in Bedmond is an ongoing issue and Mrs Morton will write again to Herts Highways.

405. Hertfordshire County Council

The Temporary 40 mph speed restrictions on A41 Watford Road, Abbots Langley, to enable replacement of existing bridge parapets together with ground investigation works to take place for up to eight weeks between 7th December 2009 and 1st June 2010 was noted.

The Temporary closing and temporary waiting restriction in various roads in Abbots Langley (College Road), Bushey, South Oxhey and Watford to enable carriageway repair works to take place for up to 10 days between 11th December 2009 to 11th January 2010 was noted.

406. Correspondence

Sonya Packett, Three Rivers District Council, emailed that she will arrange for the signage for the car park to be a double sided sign on the lamp post. She needs to obtain Hertfordshire Highways approval for the additional signs on the approaches to Abbots Langley centre.

The meeting closed at 8.46 p.m.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____