

## Abbots Langley Parish Council

Minutes of the Planning and Highways Committee Meeting held at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2010 in Council Chamber, Langley Road, Abbots Langley.

Those present:

Chairman:	Councillor M T Morton
Vice Chairman:	Councillor Miss I V Young
Councillors:	Councillor G Emery Councillor L G Lay Councillor D J Major
Officers:	Mrs A Morton - Planning and Administrative Officer

**544. Apologies for absence**

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

**545. Declarations of interest**

Councillor Morton declared a personal interest in agenda item 7/minute 550, the appeal at Hire One, Hempstead Road, Kings Langley as the owner is known to him.

**546. Public Participation**

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

**547. Planning decisions from Three Rivers District Council**

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

**548. 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.

**549. Hertfordshire County Council**

The planning application for the proposed variation of condition 4 of planning permission of 8/0496-03 at Great Westwood Quarry has been withdrawn.

**550. Appeal(s)**

Having declared an interest Councillor Morton stood down and did not participate in the discussion and Councillor Miss Young chaired the meeting while the appeal against operational development - raised hardstanding and re-grading of access driveway at Hire One was considered. It was agreed to respond by writing to the Planning Inspectorate reiterating the comments previously resolved on the relevant planning application 09/2083/ful.

**551. Planning matters**

The reports by HAPTC, distributed with the agenda, on "Planning Application Consultees List" and "Improving Planning Engagements with Consultees" - information on consultations by Department of Communities and Local Government, were discussed. It was agreed to defer this item for further consideration at the next meeting together with the HAPTC report on "Development Management", which was distributed to members at the meeting.

**552. Hertfordshire County Council**

The Temporary Closing of the A41 Watford Road between junctions with Langleybury Lane and Old Mill Road for up to three nights, between 29<sup>th</sup> March and 30<sup>th</sup> May 2010, to enable the replacement of existing bridge parapets together with carriageway resurfacing works was noted.

**553. Hertfordshire Highways**

The reviewed HCC Speed Management Strategy was noted. Following her request, Councillor Miss Young was given the paper copy of the Strategy.

**554. Highway matters**

C77 - Councillor Emery reported that the pedestrian island uprighters are in place awaiting bollards and they have re-laid the footpaths. Finishing the job is probably delayed due to adverse weather. They still want a second pedestrian refuge. Ponding near the shops is still an issue. Unfortunately there was another fatality near where Councillor Emery lives a few weeks ago.

C76 - Councillor Lay reported that, since parking outside the shop (Ovaltine site) has been stopped with bollards, vehicles are now churning up the opposite bank where there are shrubs and he considered this to be vandalism.

High Street, Abbots Langley - Councillor Major reported that work on the ponding problem last week has not been successful outside the Indian restaurant/take-away and Jewellers shop. The work has resolved the problem between the bend and the pedestrian crossing but there is still water lying on the road round the bend and, as it was raining, it was obvious even when the workmen were finishing.

There are tremendous demands on the highways authorities to carry out emergency potholing at the moment as a consequence of the adverse weather.

Mrs Morton reported that the Herts Highways Network Management Team had confirmed they are aware of both the works programmed for Railway Terrace/ Primrose Hill/ Station Road and Kings Langley High Street (minute 532) and they are currently planned to ensure there is no clash of the works and diversion routes.

Mrs Morton advised that Mr Peter Kerr had noted the Committee's comments on the Waiting Restrictions and will look into the matter raised about parking on the central grass area in Gallows Hill Lane slip road.

**555. Correspondence**

The CPRE Hertfordshire will hold a skills seminar on "The Planning System - How it works" on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March from 9/9.30 am to 4.30 pm in Knebworth Village Hall and Members were asked to let Mrs Morton know if they wish to attend.

Information on the Three Rivers District Council intention to draw up a three year Cyclical Tree Programme Rota was circulated to Members present.

**February TRDC Development Control Committee** - Councillor Roe has given his apologies for the meeting and it was not considered necessary for a Member to attend in his place.

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_