

DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

9th FEBRUARY 2009

- * Cllr. A.B. Clark (Chairman)
- * Cllr. Mrs. S.A. Stavrou (Deputy Chairman)
- * Cllr. Mrs. P.C. Brooks
- * Cllr. J.F. Collier
- * Cllr. Mrs. R. Gadsby
- Cllr. S.C. Pryde
- * Cllr. W.J. Pryor
- Cllr. A.P. Watts

* Denotes Members Present.

Also present: Cllr. James deputising for Cllr. Pryde.

In attendance: Town Clerk and Recreation and Amenities Manager.

803. **Apologies for Absence:** Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Pryde and Cllr. Watts.

804. **Declarations of Interest:** There were no Declarations of Interest.

805. **Minutes:** RESOLVED – THAT the Minutes of the Meeting held on 2^{7th} November 2008, copies of which had been previously circulated to all Members, be taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

806. **Public Questions:** There were no Public Questions.

807. **Planning Applications:** Members referred to lists of planning applications previously considered by the Town Council and showing District Councils decision/current situation. Following discussion it was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the information be noted.

808. **Highway Potholes:** The Recreation and Amenities Manager reported that he had advised County Highways of a number of large potholes on the A121. It was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT this be noted.

809. **Gunpowder Park:** Cllr. Mrs. Stavrou advised Members that drainage ditches had been dug either side of the entrance to the Park and where the ditching finishes it causes flooding onto Sewardstone Road. It was moved by Cllr. Mrs. Stavrou, seconded and

RESOLVED – THAT the Town Clerk advise Lee Valley Regional Park Authority of this problem and ask that they divert the outflow.

810. **Market Square and Sun Street:** Members referred to the Town Clerk's report making particular note of the Traffic Order for the conversion of Highways into Footpaths incorporating Sun Street and Market Square. Cllr. Collier advised Members that an elderly lady was recently knocked over by a vehicle in the turning circle of the Market Square. Following a full discussion it was moved by Cllr. Pryor, seconded and

RESOLVED – THAT the Town Clerk forward a copy of the Traffic Order to the sergeant in charge at Waltham Abbey Police Station and also advise him of the accident that had occurred.

It was further moved by Cllr. Mrs. Stavrou, seconded and

RESOLVED – THAT a copy of the Order be forwarded to Waltham Abbey Neighbourhood Action Panel and to the Epping Forest Area Action Group.

811. **Honey Lane M25 Junctions:** The Town Clerk advised Members that Essex County Highways had agreed to investigate the installation of parking restrictions in the area of Honey Lane between the M25 Junctions and Members noted a copy of the Highway Officer's letter confirming this. The Town Clerk went on to say that County Highways was supporting the Town Council's request to District Council to make this section of Honey Lane a "Non Consent Street". It was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT this information be noted.

812. **Essex Speed Management Strategy:** The Town Clerk referred to this document having been previously circulated to all Members for consideration. It was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT Members advise the Town Clerk at the earliest opportunity of any comments they wish to make.

813. **Street Cleaning:** Cllr. Mrs. Stavrou noted that certain traders in Highbridge Street were still placing trade refuse outside their premises on days other than the specified collection day. Cllr. Mrs. Stavrou went on to say that there had been incidents of fly-tipping in Mott Street and Lippitts Hill and Cllr. James spoke of a similar situation in St. Leonard's Road, Nazeing where mattresses had been left at the side of the road. It was moved by Cllr. Mrs. Stavrou, seconded and

RESOLVED – THAT the Town Clerk bring these issues to the attention of the Waste Disposal Department at Epping Forest District Council.

814. **Status List:** Members referred to the Status List and Cllr. Pryor made specific reference to the consultation in respect of parking in the Market Square suggesting that the Town Council should reconsider the proposal originally put forward. Following further discussion it was moved by Cllr. Pryor, seconded and

RESOLVED – THAT (a) this Committee reconsiders the issue of car parking in the Market Square and
(b) subject to the above the Status List be noted.

815. **Former Public Convenience Building, Quaker Lane:** Cllr. Mrs. Stavrou asked if the former public convenience building in Quaker Lane could be put to use for the Community Transport Office who were currently seeking new premises. The Officers advised that the building needed considerable refurbishment and it was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT no action be taken.

816. **Directional Signage at Beechfield Walk:** Cllr. Mrs. Gadsby advised Members that she had discussed with District Councillor Bassett the need for additional signage at the junction of Beechfield Walk and Sewardstone Road in order to deter heavy goods vehicles from entering the housing development and she had been advised to write to County Highways on this issue. Cllr. Mrs. Stavrou suggested that the Town Clerk draft a letter for Cllr. Mrs. Gadsby and it was moved by Cllr. Mrs. Stavrou, seconded and

RESOLVED – THAT Cllr. Mrs. Gadsby liaise with the Town Clerk on this matter.

817. **Highway Improvements – Harold Crescent:** The Chairman advised Members that he had received letters of thanks from residents of Harold Crescent for the assistance given by the Town Council in realising highways improvements on this housing development. It was moved by Cllr. Mrs. Stavrou, seconded and

RESOLVED – THAT this information be noted.

A.B. CLARK – CHAIRMAN