

DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

2nd OCTOBER 2008

- 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.

In attendance: Town Clerk, Senior Assistant to the Town Clerk and Recreation and Amenities Manager.

403. **Chairman:** In the absence of the Chairman, Cllr. Mrs. S.A. Stavrou (Deputy Chairman) Chaired the Meeting.

Cllr. Mrs. S.A. Stavrou in the Chair

404. **Apologies for Absence:** Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Collier and Cllr. Pryor.

405. **Declarations of Interest:**

Member	Item	Interest	Reason	Action
Cllr. S. Pryde	Planning Application EPF/0668/08	Personal and Prejudicial	Member is the applicant	Left the Chamber
Cllr. S. Pryde	Planning Application EPF/1380/08	Personal	Member is a governor of the adjoining school	Remained
Cllr. S. Pryde	Planning Application EPF/1604/08	Personal	Member has business contact with the applicant	Remained
Cllr. S. Pryde	Planning Application EPF/1505/08	Personal	Member is a friend of the applicant	Remained
Cllr. Mrs. S. Stavrou	Agenda Item 7C Advertising Boards in Sun Street	Personal	Member has a business interest in Sun Street	Remained – took no part in the debate
Cllr. Mrs. P. Brooks	Agenda Item Supp. 2 Bus Route 505	Personal	Member is a friend of the Complainant	Remained

406. **Minutes:** RESOLVED – THAT the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd July 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.
407. **Public Questions:** There were no Public Questions.
408. **Planning Applications:** Members referred to lists of planning applications previously considered by the Council and showing District Councils decision/current situation. It was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the information be noted.

409. **Proposed Development for a Lidl Store:** Members noted a request from Messrs. Jones Lang Lasalle on behalf of Lidl requesting a meeting in order to discuss the Town Council objections to the proposed development. The Chairman advised that in order for District Members not to fetter their discretion it would be inadvisable for them to attend such a meeting and it was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT Cllr. Pryde and Cllr. Reilly represent the Town Council.

410. **Bus Services:**

(a) **Route 505:** Members noted a complaint from a local resident regarding frequency and capacity of this service at peak times with particular reference to students needing to access Harlow College. It was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the matter be referred to the County Councillor for action.

(b) **Service to Breach Barns:** Cllr. Mrs. Brooks advised Members that she had contacted Essex County Council regarding the service to Breach Barns which she believed was on the point of collapse. It was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT this information be noted.

411. **Church Street – Market Square Barrier:** Members referred to the traffic count carried out by the Officers following which it was moved by Cllr. Pryde, seconded and

RESOLVED – THAT the proposed site meeting be deferred in order for a consultation with traders to be carried out regarding parking in the Market Square area.

412. **Federation of Small Businesses:** Members noted correspondence from the Federation of Small Businesses expressing concern at the proposal to restrict car parking in the Market Square and requesting a meeting to discuss this. It was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the local secretary be invited to attend the next meeting of the Development and Environment Committee.

413. **Essex County Council (Epping Forest District) (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Amendment No. 1) Order 2008:** Members referred to a copy of the Public Notice and sealed order in respect of this amendment and it was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the information be noted.

414. **Advertising Boards (A Frames):** Members noted correspondence from a Waltham Abbey resident supporting the use of A frames in Sun Street and following discussion it was moved by Cllr. Pryde, seconded and

RESOLVED – THAT the respondent be advised that the Town Council shares the view but wishes to prevent abuse of this practice.

415. **Street Cleaning:** There were no specific street cleaning issues and the Chairman referred to the benefit of having purchased the street sweeping machine and spoke of Cllr. Pryde's involvement in this initiative. It was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the information be noted.

416. **Essex County Fire and Rescue Service:** Members noted correspondence between the Chief Fire Officer and the Mayor of Epping Town in respect of Waltham Abbey Fire Station and it was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the correspondence be noted.

417. **Co-option:** Members noted a proposal by Cllr. Pryde that a representative of the retail community be co-opted to this Committee in order to enable regular contact and dialogue and therefore create a working relationship with the retail community. It was moved by Cllr. Watts, seconded and

RESOLVED – THAT this item be deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

418. **2012 Olympics:** Cllr. Pryde referred to correspondence he had received from the Chairman of the Waltham Abbey Town Partnership asking if Council would wish to work with the Partnership in preparation for the 2012 Olympics. It was moved by Cllr. Watts, seconded and

RESOLVED – THAT this matter be deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

419. **Status List:** Members dealt with the Status List as set out;

(a) **Historic Plaques:** It was noted that a list of possible sites for Historic Blue Plaques was being prepared and it was moved by Cllr. Watts, seconded and

RESOLVED – THAT this information be presented to the meeting of the Council on 23rd October.

(b) **Highbridge Street Railings:** The Recreation and Amenities Manager advised that these would be installed by Christmas. Cllr. Pryde referred to the need for new railings in Foxes Parade and it was moved by Cllr. Pryde, seconded and

RESOLVED – THAT the Officers discuss with Essex County Council the possibility of installing similar railings in Foxes Parade at the same time as the Highbridge Street installation.

RESOLVED – THAT subject to the above the Status List be noted.

420. **Street Trading Licence:** Cllr. Mrs. Stavrou advised Members that the recent application for a Street Trading Licence for a refreshment van in Honey Lane had been refused by District Council. Cllr. Mrs. Stavrou went on to say that roads in the district were classed as consent roads which allowed applications to be considered and she had discussed with Epping Forest District Council Officers the possibility of Honey Lane being classified as a non--consent road and asked would Members agree with this proposal. It was moved by Cllr. Watts, seconded and

RESOLVED – THAT this matter be referred to the meeting of the Council on 23rd October.

**MRS. S.A. STAVROU - DEPUTY CHAIRMAN
CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING**