

DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

2nd APRIL 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 substituting for Cllr. Watts.

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

1113. **Chairman:** In the absence of the Chairman, the Deputy Chairman, Cllr Mrs. S.A. Stavrou, chaired the meeting.

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

1114. **Apologies for Absence:** Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Clark, Cllr. Collier, Cllr. Pryor and Cllr. Watts.

1115. **Declarations of Interest:** There were no Declarations of Interest.

1116. **Minutes:** RESOLVED – THAT the Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th February 2009, copies of which had been previously circulated to all Members, be taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

1117. **Public Questions:** There were no Public Questions.

1118. **Planning Applications:** Members referred to lists of planning applications previously considered by the Town Council and showing District Councils decision/current situation. The Chairman gave a current situation report and it was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the information be noted.

1119. **Bus Services:** Members had no issues they wished to be raised with the Transport Authority of Bus Companies.

1120. **Highway Matters:** Cllr. Pryde informed the meeting that Amesbury had now been resurfaced and it was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT this information be noted.

1121. **West Essex Area Stakeholders Meeting:** Members referred to the Notes and Minutes of the West Essex Area Stakeholders Meeting held on 15th December 2008. It was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the information be noted.

1122. **County Highways Consultation – Parking Standards Design and Good Practice:** Members noted this consultation and it was moved by Cllr. Pryde, seconded and

RESOLVED – THAT any response should be made by a County Councillor and Town Clerk.

1123. **Street Cleaning:** There were no street cleaning issues raised.

1124. **Status List:** Members referred to the Status List and specific reference was made to the need for an early site meeting at Market Square with the County Highways Officer. The Recreation and Amenities Manager advised that he was still having difficulty in contacting the correct Officer at Essex County Council regarding replacement railings at Foxes Parade. Following further discussion it was moved by Cllr. Pryde, seconded and

RESOLVED – THAT (a) County Councillor Mrs. Webster be requested to follow up the Foxes Parade railings and
(b) subject to the above the Status List be noted.

1125. **CCTV in Car Parks:** Members noted that at the last Neighbourhood Action Panel Meeting it was reported that anti-social behaviour continued in the Quaker Lane Car Park close to South Place and the Chairman asked the Council to consider the installation of additional cameras to monitor that area of the Car Park. The Recreation and Amenities Manager suggested that two cameras should be installed in that location.

The Recreation and Amenities Manager went on to say that an additional camera in Cornmill Car Park would also improve the system in that area. The Chairman then advised that there was a possibility that these could be funded from the Safer Communities Fund and it was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT (a) the Officers submit a bid to the Safer Communities Fund for funding the installation of two additional cameras at Quaker Lane and one additional camera at Cornmill Car Parks and

(b) at the next meeting of this Committee the Officers present a report in respect of upgrading the system.

1126. **Conservation Area Character Appraisal:** Members noted that District Council is carrying out a Character Appraisal of the Waltham Abbey Conservation Area and Cllr. Pryor had suggested improvements to the former watercress beds in the Abbey Gardens. Following further discussion it was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the following items be submitted for consideration under the Character Appraisal of the Waltham Abbey Conservation Area;

- ❖ Improvements to the former watercress beds in the Waltham Abbey Gardens
- ❖ New litter bins
- ❖ Refurbishment of bollards in the Market Square
- ❖ Refurbishment of lamp columns in Sun Street

1127. **Public Bench, Sun Street:** The Town Clerk informed Members that he had received a request on behalf of the Post Office Limited for the bench outside the Post Office to be relocated in order to facilitate the installation of an ATM Machine at the front of the Post Office. Following discussion it was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the applicant be advised that subject to a suitable alternative site being found the bench be moved.

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