

ELSTREE AND BOREHAMWOOD TOWN COUNCIL  
**MINUTES of the Environment and Planning Committee – 6<sup>th</sup> April 2009**

Held at Fairway Hall, Brook Close, Borehamwood, starting at 19:30 hours.

PRESENT: Councillors: H David (Chairman)  
P Hedges; F Turner

In attendance: Joel Charin, Town Clerk

**1 APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE & SUBSTITUTIONS**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. M Heywood and Cllr. R Butler.

**2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th March 2009 were approved and signed as a true record.

**3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**4 PLANNING APPLICATIONS FROM HERTSMERE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

A total of 19 planning applications were considered; a further 12 had been received too late for the Committee to influence the decision. There were 5 objections raised. Please see attached list.

**5 DECIDED PLANNING APPLICATIONS FROM HERTSMERE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

A list of decided applications received from Hertsmere Borough Council was **noted**.

**6 REPORT OF THE CLERK**

Stapleton Road

The Clerk showed members the written advice received from Hertsmere BC Planning Dept. This implies that if use of the Stapleton site had been changed to leisure use, then the Council can use the land as it wishes, for community purposes.

On the basis of what was agreed at full Council on 26 March, the Committee **agreed** to permit the requested use, unless any legal objections are made, at which point the position will be reviewed and if necessary, use will cease.

It was **agreed** to ask the Hertsmere Borough Council's estates valuer for advice re valuation of the land per square footage of agricultural use. Also, a lease would need to be drafted with a view to obtaining a commercial rent, perhaps discounted for the first year in recognition of the considerable work required to clear the land, which is currently extremely overgrown. It was suggested that a few plots at Allum Lane allotment site could also be cleared for the Council.

Application for bee keeping

Members had no objection in principle to the application for bee keeping at Melrose allotment site, provided no objections are received from neighbours or other allotment holders. It was **agreed** that the Clerk ask the allotment representatives if they have any objections to the keeping of bees.

It was also **agreed** that the Clerk check if the Council's insurers have a view and to clarify if the Council would be liable were anyone to be stung. If the Council could be held liable then permission will not be given to keep bees. If there is no such liability and if no objections are received, the applicant may proceed but will be required to take out his own liability insurance.

**7 CLOSURE**

Meeting closed at 20:30 hours.

Chairman:.....

Date:.....