

ELSTREE AND BOREHAMWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting held in the Meeting Room of Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council Offices, Fairway Hall, Brook Close, Borehamwood on **Tuesday 27th August 2013** at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Mrs F Turner (Chairman in the Chair)
Cllr G Franklin (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr Mrs S Parnell (Substitution)
Cllr C Butchins (Substitution)

In attendance: H Jones – Town Clerk

28. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr C Kelly (Other Business) (Cllr Mrs S Parnell substituted), Cllr Mrs P Strack (Sickness) (Cllr C Butchins substituted) and Cllr K Prince (Other Business).

29. DECLARATIONS OF COUNCILLORS' INTERESTS

There were none.

30. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 23 July 2013 were signed as a true record.

31. MANOR WAY STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS CONSULTATION

Members conducted a site visit to the parade of shops at Manor Way immediately prior to the meeting in order to inspect the area before making comments for submission to Hertfordshire County Council and to Hertsmere Borough Council (where appropriate). It was noted that the deadline for comments was 3 September 2013.

It was AGREED that the submission to the Manor Way Streetscape Improvements Consultation be as follows:

- **Street furniture replaced or repaired on site should be consistent in style to that in neighbouring areas and should be in keeping with the street scene;**
- **A-boards should not be overused on the pavement outside shops or be hazardous for pedestrians in blocking the pavement (as per the Town Council's previous submissions concerning the use of A-boards on Shenley Road);**
- **The bollards on the Eastern side of the street should be moved further towards Manor Way in order to increase the area for a car to park in a bay (i.e. to increase the length of bays);**

- **Assurances be provided that the proposed reduction of parking width from 2.7m to 2.2m on the Western side would be sufficient and would not encourage or necessitate partial parking on the pavement;**
- **The yellow litter bins be replaced with more current versions of Hertsmere Borough Council's items for this purpose (together with the HBC logo being displayed on these);**
- **Once the improvements had been put into effect, consideration be given by the Highways Authority to box planting on the pedestrian barriers;**
- **Loose hanging cables (especially those outside Manor Laundry) be assessed by Borough Council Officers as a matter of priority for Health and Safety purposes (a representation to be made directly by the Town Council to the appropriate department with photographic evidence of the concerns).**

32. PLANNING APPLICATIONS - HERTSMERE BOROUGH COUNCIL

A total of 16 applications received from the Borough Council were examined, on 12 of which the Committee had no specific objections to make, subject to the views of neighbours.

The Committee made the following observations on the remaining applications:

FUL/13/1760 - 94 Stratfield Road, Borehamwood WD6 1UR

Erection of 2 storey, end of terrace, 2 bedroom dwelling with associated vehicular crossover, off street parking, private garden, refuse and cycle store, landscaping together with new crossover for existing dwelling. [comments by 27 August 2013]

Observation – The Committee considered the proposal to be an over-development and expressed concern about the potentially negative impact on the street scene.

FUL/13/1775 - Metro Bank, Unit 3e, Borehamwood Shopping Park, Theobald Street, Borehamwood
Retrospective application for 1 new window to rear elevation. [comments by 27 August 2013]

Observation – The Committee reaffirmed its position that it considered retrospective applications to be outside of the spirit of the Planning Regulations.

13/1848/LCN - 104 Shenley Road, Borehamwood WD6 1EB

Extended opening hours to 24 hr opening, 7 days per week. Hours shall remain the same for Good Friday & Christmas Day (Licensing Consultation). [comments by 30 August 2013]

Observation – The Committee objected to the potential disruption to residents and increased risk of nuisance and anti-social behaviour resulting from the proposed extension to hours.

TP/13/1412 - 2 Anthony Road, Borehamwood WD6 4NG

Demolition of existing detached house and construction of two semi-detached houses for use within class C2 as care homes for young adults with profound and multiple disabilities. [comments by 12 September 2013]

Observation – the plans supplied were insufficiently clear for the Committee to take a view on the application.

33. PLANNING DECISIONS - HERTSMERE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Details were received of decisions by the Borough Council relating to applications on which the Committee had submitted comments.

It was noted that disappointment was expressed concerning the granting of the following decision on which the Town Council had previously voiced objections:

TP/12/0021 - Grant Permission (Section 106) - Nicoll Farm Stables, Allum Lane, Elstree WD6 3NP
Demolition of existing stables/buildings and removal of associated equestrian equipment. Erection of 5 detached 4 bedroom dwellings with basement accommodation and associated car parking & landscaping (Amended plans received 19/3/13, 20.3.13 & 26/3/13 Additional plan received 26.3.12)

34. CLERK'S REPORT

Notice of Inclusion of the Crown Public House on Hertsmere Borough Council's List of Assets of Community Value

It was noted that the Committee had no comment on the above notice.

High Street Planters: Update

It was noted that the new planting scheme was scheduled to be implemented before the end of October 2013 and that Hertsmere Borough Council had received the Town Council's financial contribution to the initiative for the 2013/14 Year. In addition, contractors employed by or on behalf of Affinity Water had been issued with representations seeking to ensure that any replacement of planters resulting from works was on a like for like (or improved) basis.

Summer Allotment Competition Allum Lane

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee judged the Allum Lane Summer Allotment Competition on 21 August 2013. It was noted that a future edition of the Town Crier magazine would include an article applauding, not only the prize winners, but all plot holders for their inventiveness and wealth and diversity of produce.

It was noted that the prize winners would judge the 2014/15 competition and hand on the trophies to the winners at that time. A stipulation of the competition rules was that judges would not be permitted to vote for their own or their fellow judge's allotment plot in any particular year.

It was AGREED that a presentation be made to the winning 2013/14 plot holders (subject to availability) at the Council meeting on 17 September 2013 as follows:

Name	Plot	Prize
Mr A Cox	1&2	Best Grown Trophy and £25 for gardening items
Ms V Nhavira	37	Best Kept Trophy and £25 for gardening items

Bee Keeping Update

It was noted that the Bee Keeping Area at Allum Lane Allotments had been completed and that two boxes would be purchased for inclusion of hives.

35. CLOSURE

The Meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

Date:.....

CHAIRMAN.....