

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 **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2014** at 7.30pm

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

In attendance: L Stack – Resident  
H Jones – Town Clerk

**61. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS**

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

**62. DECLARATIONS OF COUNCILLORS' INTERESTS**

There were none.

**63. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 26 November 2013 were signed as a true record.

**64. PLANNING APPLICATIONS - HERTSMERE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

A total of 35 applications received from the Borough Council were examined, on 33 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:

13/2320/FUL - Malabo Lodge, Barnet Lane, Elstree

Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement two storey dwelling with basement [comments by 21 January 2014]

Observation – The Committee raised a query as to a possible negative impact of this basement development in respect of drainage and the water table level in the future.

13/2607/CLE - 1 Furzehill Parade, Borehamwood

Continued use of premises as A2 - Financial & Professional Services (Certificate of Lawful Development Existing) [comments by 31 January 2014]

Observation – The Committee reaffirmed its stance that retrospective applications (including Certificates of Lawful Development) were not within the spirit of the planning regulations.

## **65. PLANNING DECISIONS - HERTSMERE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

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

## **66. CLERK'S REPORT**

### Bee Keeping

**It was AGREED that:**

**arrangements be made (together with A Fiaca) to arrange for the Bee Keeping "Grand Opening" Ceremony to take place in May 2014.**

### Allotments and Stapleton Gardens

**It was AGREED that:**

- (i) the possibility of renting Stapleton Gardens to Hertsmere Borough Council for allotment purposes be investigated; and**
- (ii) Hertsmere Borough Council Planning Department be asked to advise the Council on the implications for permitting (if possible) the following on the site, if required by a potential tenant:**
  - Structures – Sheds;**
  - Structures – Containers;**
  - Polytunnels; and**
  - Livestock.**

### Benches

It was noted that there were currently 53 benches on the Council's Asset Register for 2013/14. Members received a written report setting out the programme of repair and replacement for future maintenance arrangements. It was noted that the plastic identity plaques would be installed on all benches by the end of the Council year.

### High Street Planters

It was noted that the Chairman of the Entertainments Committee was scheduled to discuss progress on the High Street Planter rejuvenation project with S Burton (Hertsmere Borough Council) at a forthcoming meeting on the topic of the costs of Meadow Park for Fireworks Night. The Committee would be kept informed of developments.

Closed Cemetery Maintenance

It was noted that the rolling programme of tree work at All Saints Cemetery was to commence in the New Calendar Year. It was noted that by way of delegated authority (having obtained three quotes), the Town Clerk had arranged for appropriate and timely action to be taken to treat invasive plants at St Nicholas closed churchyard (ensuring that the Authority met its statutory obligations). It was noted that the Environment Agency and neighbours had been notified.

**It was RESOLVED that:**

**at its meeting 12 February 2014, the General Management Committee be advised to consider for recommendation to Full Council an unbudgeted cost of £1,500 towards the cost of treatment of invasive plants at St Nicholas closed churchyard.**

**67. CLOSURE**

The Meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

Date:.....

CHAIRMAN.....