

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
HELD ON MONDAY, 5 JANUARY 2009

*Cllr J Barfoot (Vice-Chairman)

Cllr R Taylor

*Cllr A Burlton

*Cllr C Woodward (Chairman)

Cllr Mrs D Hollebon

*Cllr J Wyllie

*Cllr C Horner

Vacancy

* denotes present.

In attendance: Tricia Carpenter, Asst Town Clerk

481. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs Hollebon (Personal).

482. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

483. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No representations had been received from members of the public.

484. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17 NOVEMBER 2008**

Min 406 Litter Bins

Amend Line 2....Replacement litter bin outside 157 London Road

To read.... Replacement litter bin at the bus stop adjacent to 157 London Road.

Min 408: Former Green Energy Working Party Remit

To note that this minute should have included reference that a BSTC Environmental Policy should have been included as an agenda item for this meeting.

RESOLVED: Having given effect to the above amendments, the Minutes of the meeting held on 17 November 2008 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chairman.

485. **AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT**

Members had been circulated with a copy of the Hertfordshire County Wide Air Quality Action Plan, along with comments provided by Cllr Woodward and Cllr Gilbert in response to the Plan. Members were generally disappointed with the Action Plan document which appeared to merely suggest investigative measures as opposed to positive action to address the main cause of the poor air quality at Hockerill Junction, i.e excess traffic.

RESOLVED: that the attached comments circulated by Cllr Woodward be adopted as the Town Council's response to the Action Plan.

486. **HERITAGE BUILDINGS**

Members had been previously circulated with a copy of the East Herts Council list of Heritage Buildings with listed status within Bishop's Stortford. The document was noted to be very out of date and members were asked to update the list with the current occupiers where appropriate, as well as suggest further buildings within the Town which should be considered for listed status. e.g. the Herts and Essex High School Building, The Almshouses at South Road and Whitehall College.

RESOLVED: that members' update the document as necessary and propose further buildings suitable for listed building status and that those amendments along with those suggested by Cllr Wood be passed to the relevant officer at East Herts Council.

487. **GATEWAY ENTRY SIGNS TO TOWN**

Members had been circulated with photographs of the Town gateway signs situated at Hadham Road and requested that consideration be given to the provision of similar signage at all entrances into the Town in order to create uniformity and to clearly highlight the 30mph speed restrictions, particularly noting that the A1250, Dunmow Road, was the main access from the M11 and the A1250 East.

RESOLVED:

1. that a letter be sent to Mr D Kyan, Hertfordshire Highways to request the provision of gateway signs to the Town.
2. To send a copy of the request to Cllr Dodd (HCC) and Cllr Poulton (EHDC), Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively of the Highways Joint Member Panel.
3. To advise Thorley Parish Council of the request in order to ensure the appropriate siting of signage on Thorley Street.

488. **ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**

RESOLVED: that the following items be included on the next agenda.

Vision Board/Town Plan written update (regular item)
Bishop's Stortford Town Council Energy and Water Statement
Advertising banners on Railings at Causeway
Town Centre Enhancements
Remit of the Environmental Committee regarding Footpaths
BSTC Grass cutting schedule
British Waterways Study of the River Stort.
Updated Reports (regular item)

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10 pm.