

**BERKHAMSTED CITIZENS ASSOCIATION**  
**TOWN AMENITIES SUB-COMMITTEE**

**Minutes** of the meeting of the BCA Town Amenities Sub-Committee held on **Monday 16 September 2013** at 8 pm at 15 Shrublands Avenue, Berkhamsted.

**Present:** Paul Crosland (PC) in the Chair, Gordon Bluck (GB), Beryl Edwards (BE), Jenny Habib (JH), Susan Johnson (SJ), Christopher Talbot-Ponsonby (CTP),

**Apologies:** Tony Statham (TS)

1. **Minutes** of the meeting of 20 August were agreed.

2. **Matters arising**

2.1 20 Aug. Minutes, item 3.2 – retaining wall at Lincoln Court. Works have commenced and several courses of brickwork have been removed. **Note**

2.2 23 July Minutes, item 3.3 - sign at Chiltern Corner, Durrants Road: the original street sign has been reinstated. **Note**

2.3. 20 Aug. Minutes, item 3.5 – meeting recorded that a short article (re: Gable Hall) was included in the Gazette dated 11 September. **Note**

2.4 20 Aug. Minutes, item 3.8 – preliminary works have started at the station for the new lifts installation.

2.5 20 Aug. Minutes, item 3.9.2 – Planning Application, 10 Admiral Way. After discussion following the August meeting, no objection was raised.

3. **Planning and Environment**

3.1 PC attended a presentation on the subject of Community Infrastructure Levy, given by Robert Freeman of Dacorum BC and attended by Town Councillors and other interest groups. The local allocation element of CIL raised from Berkhamsted developments was about 15% of approx.. £3 million raised borough-wide i.e. only around £40 - £50k per annum. Follow-up meeting on 30 September would consider infrastructure projects which Berkhamsted could lobby for use of local and borough CIL funding. **Note**

3.2 There was a general discussion on the use of Section 106 monies, the outcome of which was that PC would try to secure a copy of the s.106 Agreement for the New Lodge development.

3.3 Planning Applications for weeks of 21/ 28 August and 4/ 11 and up to 13 September were reviewed. No significant applications requiring TASC action. **Note**

3.4 It was noted that the Churchill Retirement Homes project had been approved at Planning Authority level, presumably with planning conditions still under review.  
**Note**

3.5 Referring back to the previous Minutes, it was noted that neither the Admiral Way nor the Tesco planning applications had yet been determined. **Note**

3.6 SJ noted that the sign for 'Here' on Lower Kings Road has an internally-illuminated sign, which was not part of the planning approval. SJ to discuss with planning enforcement. At the same time, SJ will discuss the constantly-illuminated Waitrose sign on Lower Kings Road, which is also internally illuminated. **SJ**

#### **4. Transport (including Parking)**

4.1 (brought forward from previous Minutes) BE reported that she had had a look at the new style of bus stop timetable panels and agreed with PC's view that the displays are too small, and confusing. PC to write to Public Transport Unit at Herts CC to complain on BCA's behalf. **PC**

#### **5. Canal (including Canal & Riverside Partnership – CARP)**

5.1 Nothing to report **Note**

#### **6. Footpaths/ Footways**

6.1 PC noted that the footpath from Gilbert Way to Shootersway (FP 17) has been cleared and is now passable. **Note**

6.2 Concerning the footpath between Kings Road and Doctors Commons Road, PC believes this is currently not shown on the County Definitive Rights of Way map..PC will contact Clayton Rae, Countryside & Rights of Way Officer at Dacorum BC to ascertain the status of this path **PC**

#### **7. Trees**

7.1 Nothing to report. **Note**

#### **8. Sparrows Herne Trust Waymark**

8.1 SJ has obtained quotation from local tradesmen for stripping back paint from the Waymark. SJ has completed an Application for funding from BTC for 50%, and will discuss with Town Clerk on his return from holiday (also waiting latest

bank statement). Grant of £250 obtained from Berkhamsted Community Partnership (BCP). Works to be done in Spring 2014.

**SJ**

**9. Environment Award**

9.1 Long list prepared by CTP was tabled at the meeting.

**Note**

**10. AOB**

10.1 None .

**11. Dates of next meetings**

Monday 14 October (8 p.m.) at Jenny's house

Tuesday 12 November (8 p.m.) at Gordon's house

Tuesday 10 December (8 p.m.) at Gordon's house