

BERKHAMSTED CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

TOWN AMENITIES SUB-COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the BCA Town Amenities Sub-Committee held on **Wednesday 23 January 2013** at 8 pm at 13 Doctor's Commons Road, Berkhamsted.

Present: Paul Crosland (PC) in the Chair, Susan Johnson (SJ), Christopher Talbot-Ponsonby (CTP), Jenny Habib (JH), Gordon Bluck (GB), Tony Statham (TS)

Apologies:, Beryl Edwards (BE)

1. **Minutes** of the meeting of Tuesday 11 December 2012 were agreed.
2. **Matters arising**
 - 2.1 PC highlighted the presence of an incongruous sign in the Conservation Area, at Alsford Wharf in Castle Street, showing private parking restrictions. SJ to write to Conservation Office at DBC and also contact the Enforcement Officer. **SJ**
3. **Planning and Environment**
 - 3.1 PC noted that the consultation for the Tring, Northchurch and Berkhamsted Urban Transport Plan was currently open (until 1 March) with an exhibition at the Civic Centre on Saturday 26 January. All to review the Plan during February to see if it necessary for BCA to submit comments on the consultation. **ALL**
 - 3.2 The consultation document for the proposed Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) was discussed. Different rates are to be applied in different areas across the borough, and it was agreed that GB should write to DBC to protest at the punitive rates proposed for Berkhamsted. Post meeting note: GB e-mailed James Doe of DBC on this, who responded that the charging rates were based on evidence collected by a major bank but would "ultimately....be tested at the Public Examination into the final draft charging schedule, which will be conducted by an independent Examiner." BCA to consider whether a formal representation should be made to DBC. **Note**
 - 3.3 Plans were reviewed for weeks of 12/19/26 December and 2/9/16/23 January.
 - 3.3.1 10 Shrublands Avenue (4/00014/13/FHA) SJ to comment on the unsuitability of using a 'composite' door in the Conservation Area. **SJ**
4. **Transport (including Parking)**
 - 4.1 The Chairman thanked those involved in completing pavement surveys for the Town Council. PC advised that the Town Council was struggling to arrange a meeting with the framework contractor to try to resolve these and other highways issues affecting the town. **ALL**

5. Canal

- 5.1 Towpath repair works between Castle Street and Waitrose bridge were expected to be completed by March 2013. **Note**

6. Footpaths/ Footways

- 6.1 PC had looked at the wall at the junction of Kings Road with Charles Street, but noted that it didn't appear to him to be leaning. Further down Kings Road, however, adjacent to the church, there was evidence of the wall bowing outwards. PC to review and report to Town Warden as appropriate. **PC**

- 6.2 PC noted that the byway between Long Green and Bourne End had recently been upgraded by Dacorum/ Herts CC., which was a great improvement.

7. Trees

- 7.1 Nothing to report **Note**

8. Environment Award

- 8.1 Short list appended to these minutes. **Note**

- 8.2 TS to photograph all entrants if possible. **TS**

9. AOB

- 9.1 None **Note**

10. Dates of next meetings

Tuesday 19 February (8 p.m.) at Christopher's house
Tuesday 12 March (8 p.m.) at ??

**APPENDIX 1:
'SHORT LIST' FOR ENVIRONMENT AWARD**

1. Berkhamsted Station upgrade – canopies, ticket hall, passageways
2. 'Brasserie Blanc', High Street
3. Castle Wharf Boatyard development
4. 'Spring Meadow', Shootersway (east of Cross Oak Road junction)
5. 'The Glebe', Chesham Road
6. 11 Bank Mill
7. Orchard House and The Old Orchard, Rectory Lane
8. The Paul Beard Centre, Berko Astro at Ashlyns School.
9. 5A Castle Hill Close
10. 'Compton', Ivy House Lane
11. 12 West Road
12. 16 & 16A West Road