

EXTRAORDINARY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE held at the COUNCIL OFFICES, LONDON ROAD, SAFFRON WALDEN on 22 APRIL 2008 at 7.30 pm

Present: - Councillor S Barker – Chairman
Councillors C A Cant, R Chamberlain, J F Cheetham, C M Dean, C Down and S J Howell.

Also present:- Councillor J E Hudson.

Officers in attendance: - D Burrige (Director of Operations), C Oliva (Solicitor) and P Snow (Committee and Electoral Services Manager).

E51 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S Anjum, K R Artus, A Dean, H J Mason and R D Sherer.

E52 UTTLESFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL (OFF-STREET CAR PARKING) ORDER 2008

The Chairman drew attention to representations received in response to the parking places consultation. In addition to the letter received from Waitrose, a further representation had been submitted from Elizabeth Gibson, a chiropodist in Great Dunmow.

Members made a number of comments about the content of the Order. In particular, it was agreed that the reference in paragraph 6 (1) of the Order to the authorised officer attaching another fixed penalty notice to the vehicle after the expiry of more than two hours after the penalty charge had been incurred should be made clearer.

The Director of Operations confirmed that no discussions had been held with Waitrose and that it was a matter for the company to determine what amount to refund and after which period of time.

In relation to the letter from Mrs Gibson, she explained that the complainant was misinformed about a number of the points raised in her letter. For example, it was possible for her legally to park outside the chiropody business in Angel Lane to load and unload her vehicle.

It was agreed that officers would write to Mrs Gibson setting out her options under the new parking arrangements outlined in the Order. The letter would emphasise that the Council was seeking to make the best use of the parking facilities available.

RESOLVED that the District of Uttlesford (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2008 be duly made subject to a minor change to the text in paragraph 6(1) as mentioned in this Minute.

The meeting ended at 5.20pm