

ABBOTS LANGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Leisure Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 23rd April 2008 at 7.30p.m. at the Council Chamber, Langley Road, Abbots Langley.

Those present:

Chairman: Councillor Mrs S Bedford

Councillors: Councillor Mrs D J Lay – Vice Chair
Councillor K Williams
Councillor David White

Also Present: Councillor L Lay – Sports Representative
Mr R Smith – Sports Representative
Mr C Bromwich – Allotment Representative
Mr L Clark – Allotment Representative
Mrs G Keaveny - Halls Representative

Officers: Mr T Perkins – Clerk to the Council
Mr D Abbott – Facilities Manager
Mr M Ellis – Works Manager

The meeting opened at 7:55pm, due to it not being quorate.

588. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received, recorded and accepted from Councillor O W Roe, Councillor Miss I V Young, Councillor C Daily.

Mr Simon Ash, Halls Representative, has advised that he would be unable to attend.

589. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

590. To confirm the minutes of the meeting

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Lay, seconded by Councillor White and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 19th March 2008, copies of which had been sent to all Members of the Parish Council and which had been adopted by the Council, be taken as read and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

591. Hillside Hall

Final plans were received from the architects. These were approved, but the Clerk was asked to point out that the internal serving hatch between the kitchens and main hall had been omitted from the final version of the plans.

Councillor Mrs Bedford advised that Three Rivers Planning Dept. had received draft plans to create a number of parking spaces around the School Mead green through the installation of “grasscrete”.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Lay, seconded by Councillor White and **RESOLVED** that the finals plans presented for Hillside Hall be approved.

592. Bedmond Sports and Social Club

It was proposed by Councillor White, seconded by Councillor Mrs Lay and **RESOLVED** that Bedmond Sports and Social Club be given permission to hold their Annual Fete on 19th July 2008.

The matter concerning the lease was held over to a future meeting, as opinion had not been received from the Council’s solicitors.

593. Evergreen Football Club

It was proposed by Councillor White, seconded by Councillor Mrs Lay and **RESOLVED** that Evergreen Football Club be given permission carry out building works, as agreed with the Works Manager, to improve security to the rear wall of the club building.

594. Primrose Hill Car Parking

The report circulated by the Clerk was considered and it was agreed as a first step, to try and improve parking for users of the play area and playing fields that signage would be introduced for “users only” bays and the general signage would be updated.

The Clerk was also asked to bring forward proposals to improve car parking at Manor Lodge and Manor House.

The Works Manager was asked to investigate parking on the football field which is taking place at the Langleybury Playing Fields.

595. Centralian Players

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Lay, seconded by Councillor White and **RESOLVED** that Centralian Players be given permission to erect a stage extensions during their production taking place 15th-17th May 2008.

The Clerk was asked to write to the Centralian Players to confirm the permission and also to ensure that they sought proper instructions and usage guidance from the owners of the extension.

596. Allotments

A request from the allotment tenant at plot 5, Jacketts Field, to erect an 8ft x 4ft greenhouse had been received. The officers presented a draft Allotment Risk Assessment that was currently work in progress.

It was agreed that permission should be given for the greenhouse to be erected, subject to it being of good commercial quality, fitted with polycarbonate or high quality safety glass and installed on and fixed to a solid base. The allotment holder was to be advised that should they give up their plot then the greenhouse and its base would have to be removed, if arrangements could not be made for an incoming tenant to take it over. The Council would seek to recover its costs if it had to remove the greenhouse and base.

In future these permissions would be officer delegated.

It was proposed by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor White and **RESOLVED** that permission be granted to erect a greenhouse, subject to the conditions outlined above and that in the future these permissions would be officer delegated.

597. Sports Representatives

Mr Ron Smith reported that the vandalism had stopped, almost overnight, on the South Way playing fields. Councillor Bedford said there had been a marked reduction vandalism following some successful work with Oxhey Jets, maybe worth Evergreen following up with the club. Evergreen will be seeking funding and fund raising to replace the Astroturf surface, Councillor Williams suggested they follow up some of the links on the Three Rivers grants page, especially Grant Finders

Councillor Lay advised that the Abbots Langley Cricket Club fixtures started on 19th April and he asked that the thanks of the club be passed on to Council staff for the excellent grounds preparation work that had taken place before the commencement of the season.

598. Allotment Representatives

Mr Chris Bromwich asked if it was possible to get a skip or use the Council tipper to take away some of the accumulated rubbish round the Manor House allotments. The Works Manager was asked to look at options as well as confirm the date for the installation of the water system.

Plot 1 at Kingsfield allotments is not used as the main electricity supply runs underneath it. The Works Manager was asked to see if the area could be strimmed and treated for weeds.

599. Halls Representatives

The Clerk confirmed that the final Henderson Hall trustee had been appointed at the April Parish Council meeting and it was hoped that the first meeting of the new trustees would take place during May.

The Facilities Manager advised representatives that the new blackout blinds would be installed in Henderson Hall within the next two weeks.

The meeting closed at 8:55 p.m.

Signed

Dated