

Abbots Langley Parish Council

Minutes of the Leisure Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 22nd October 2008 at 7.30p.m. at the Council Chamber, Langley Road, Abbots Langley.

Those present:

Chairman:	Councillor Mrs D J Lay
Councillors:	Councillor J Wyatt Councillor K Williams Councillor L Lay Councillor I Young (Ex-Officio)
Also Present:	Mr L Clark - Allotment Representative Mr C Bromwich - Allotment Representative
Officers:	Mr T Perkins - Clerk to the Council Mr D Abbott - Facilities Manager Mr M Ellis - Works Manager

The meeting opened at 7:30pm.

245. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received, accepted and recorded from Councillors Mrs Bedford, Daily, White and Giles-Medhurst.

Mrs S Sanderson, Allotments Representative, Mr R Smith, Sports Representative and Mrs G Keaveny Halls Representative advised that they would be unable to attend.

246. Declarations of Interest

None.

247. Minutes of the Meeting

It was proposed by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Lay and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 17th September 2008, copies of which had been sent to all Members of the Parish Council prior to the meeting, be taken as read and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

248. User Forums

The Halls User forum will be held on 25th November 2008 and the Sports Forum on 2nd December 2008, both at 7:30pm at the Manor House. The bar would not be open for these forums, but tea, coffee and biscuits would be available. The Allotments Forum will be held in the New Year, date to be confirmed.

The forums are to be targeted at user groups, such as theatre groups, sports clubs, etc. not individual users. Invitations to be sent out by the office, the Clerk was asked to draft an appropriate letter and notices for the boards in the Parish.

249. Christmas Carol Concert

It was proposed by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Wyatt and **RESOLVED** that Mr David Francis DFC be asked to switch on the Christmas lights on 27th November.

250. Allotments

The priority list for allotment allocation should be on a "first come, first served" basis, with priority given in the following order:

1. Parish residents applying for their first allotment plot.
2. Parish residents who already have an allotment plot in the Parish.
3. Non-residents.

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The Clerk was asked to draft a policy for adoption by this committee. Following adoption a letter will be sent to all of those on the waiting list advising of the policy.

Officers were asked to continue to follow up unused and unworked plots.

251. Budget 2009/2010

Members reviewed the first draft of the budget heads for which this committee is responsible. Income lines will be finalised next month when the Fees and Charges will be considered.

Open issues are:

1. Allotment rents.
2. Football pitch refurbishment, 2009/2010 and rolling programme.
3. Primrose Hill car park refurbishment cost.
4. Depot refurbishment.

Sustaining the policing strategy in Abbots Langley is to be referred to the Parish Council for consideration.

252. Allotment Representative

It was agreed that the water system at Manor House would be installed on Saturday 6th December, Chris Bromwich will pass the word amongst allotment holders and the office will arrange for a notice to be posted on the allotment grounds. Mark Ellis will arrange the hiring of a trenching machine, if required.

Mark Ellis and Les Clark carried out a site visit at the Kingsfield allotments and the office is following up on unworked plots.

Mark Ellis advised that it would be possible to open two half plots at the Jacketts Field end of the Jacketts Field allotments, these would require weed killing, stone clearance and rotorvating before they could be let out.

253. Sport Representatives

None present.

254. Halls Representatives

None present.

The meeting closed at 9.55 pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____