

Abbots Langley Parish Council

Minutes of the Leisure Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 19th November 2008 at 7.30p.m. at the Council Chamber, Langley Road, Abbots Langley.

Those present:

Chairman: Councillor Mrs D J Lay
Councillors: Councillor K Williams
Councillor J Wyatt
Councillor S Giles-Medhurst
Councillor C Daily
Councillor L Lay
Councillor White
Councillor Miss I Young (Ex-Officio)

Also Present: Mr R Smith - Sports Representative
Mr C Bromwich - Allotment Representative
Mrs G Keaveny - Halls Representative
Mrs S Sanderson - Allotments Representative

Officers: Mr T Perkins - Clerk to the Council
Mr D Abbott - Facilities Manager

The meeting opened at 7:30pm.

293. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received, recorded and accepted from Councillor Mrs S Bedford.

Mr L. Clark, Allotments Representative and Mr M. Ellis, Works Manager advised that they would be unable to attend.

294. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Mrs Lay declared an interest in agenda item 6 reference AL Garden Society and AL Cricket Club.

295. Minutes of the Meeting

It was proposed by Councillor Miss Young, seconded by Councillor Lay and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd October 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.

296. Matters referred from the Parish Council

It was proposed by Councillor Daily, seconded by Councillor Giles-Medhurst and **RESOLVED** that PCSOs be offered use of the MuGA for two hours per week, without hire or lighting charges.

Mr R. Smith would also offer the Evergreen facilities if these were of use to the initiative. The Clerk was asked to advise Sgt Canning and the PCSO's of both offers.

297. Matters referred from Planning and Highways Committee

Members support the Planning and Highways Committee request that the hedgerow on the Compasses Footpath be refurbished and hawthorn replanted where appropriate. The Works Manager was asked to review and advise a future meeting of this committee.

The Clerk was asked to look at encroachment into Parish Council property by residents of Trowley Rise, also to any right of access onto the footpath that they may have as a number have installed gates in their fences. Report to a future meeting.

298. Fees and Charges

Cllr Mrs Lay, withdrew from the discussions on the items related to AL Gardening Society and the AL Cricket Club, Cllr Miss Young took the chair for this part of the meeting only.

The Clerk was asked to make the following amendments and represent these items in December.

p3. Allotments - Add note "Effective 1st October 2009"

p4. Sports - Junior Cricket Pitches amend £150 to £120, as escalator was not applied in 2008/2009 charges and pick up increased cost from £120 in 2010/2011.

p4. Sports - Add charge for "mini-pitches". Clerk to propose charges to next meeting. Cllr Daily and Mr Ron Smith will contact the Clerk with input on this item.

p4 Sports - Clerk to propose charge for AL Cricket Club use of Tom's Lane recreation ground.

p4 Sports - Clerk asked to check with TRDC their charges for funfairs.

P9/10 Hillside - Remove from charges pack and add to agenda for April 2009 Leisure Committee to consider charges for "New Hillside".

It was proposed by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Miss Young and **RESOLVED** that all other charges as presented in the Fees and Charges be implemented for FY 2009/2010.

299. Budget 2009/2010

Members agreed that the proposal submitted by PBA for professional services on the Primrose Hill car park was excessive. Members will form a working party (Councillors Giles-Medhurst, Lay and Wyatt) to work with the Clerk on potential solutions. Working group to report back to a future meeting of this committee.

Members would like to visit the depot to review its current condition, afternoon and maybe Saturday morning date to be arranged in December.

This committee will need to consider the funding of Play Area improvements, when the outcome of our grant application to TRDC for the refurbishment of the Lemonfield Play Area is known.

300. User Forums

Agendas will not be required for the forums.

Councillor Mrs Lay will chair the Halls forum (25th November) and Councillor Miss Young the Sports Forum (2nd December). Allotments forum date to be arranged in December.

301. Trees

Members agreed with the Clerk's proposed actions on the Tree Audit. The Clerk hoped to report back to a meeting of this committee in the New Year on the works identified by the audit. The priorities identified will cover 80%-90% of the trees that are the responsibility of the Parish Council; audits would take place on the remaining estate when these are completed.

Councillor Lay asked for some beech trees in the High Street to be investigated. He will identify these to the Clerk.

302. Allotments

Members noted the Clerk's report on updating the allotment tenancy agreements and progress on identifying and contacting tenants of unworked plots.

It was proposed by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Giles-Medhurst and **RESOLVED** that the Clerk's report for future meetings should be circulated to all representatives. A vote was requested and the motion carried 5 for, 2 against.

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303. Henderson Hall

Members asked Councillors Mrs Bedford, Mrs Lay, Williams and the Clerk to meet with the Henderson Hall managing Trustees and discuss their roles and responsibilities and report back to a future meeting.

304. Reports from the Allotment Representatives

Jacketts Field, Works Manager to report back on when plots mentioned in minute 252 can be bought back into use.

Manor House, 5 volunteers so far to help with the installation of the water system on 6th December.

305. Reports from the Sports Representatives

Evergreen FC have requested approval for their family 6-a-side tournament in June. Members confirmed that this is officer delegated.

A user of the play area at Southway had reported to Evergreen FC that their child had been injured by glass on the slide. The playground is inspected daily, but the Clerk would ask the Community Warden to note this incident.

306. Reports from the Halls Representative.

Officers will review if it is possible to take bookings during the day when theatre groups have evening productions. This may be possible but there were practical problems with the seating for productions and also the cable runs for lighting and sound desks that may make this impractical.

For future meetings of this committee the Clerk was asked to agenda the reports from representatives at the start of the agenda, following any items referred from the Parish Council or other committees.

The meeting closed at 10.05 p.m.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____