

Abbots Langley Parish Council

Minutes of the Leisure Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 21st October 2009 at 7.30p.m. at the Council Chamber, Langley Road, Abbots Langley.

Those present:

Chairman:	Councillor Mrs D J Lay
Councillors:	Councillor Mrs S Bedford Councillor L Lay Councillor K Williams Councillor D White Councillor J Wyatt Councillor Miss I Young
Also Present:	Mr C Bromwich - Allotment Representative Mr L Clark - Allotments Representative Mrs S Sanderson - Allotment Representative Mrs G Keaveny - Halls Representative
Officers:	Mr T Perkins - Clerk to the Council Mr M Ellis - Works Manager

The meeting opened at 7:30pm.

300. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received, accepted and recorded from Councillor Stephen Giles-Medhurst.

Mr Ron Smith, Sports Representative advised that he was unable to attend.

David Abbott, Facilities Manager is on annual leave.

301. Declarations of Interest

All members present declared an interest in agenda item 13. Fees and Charges.

302. Public Participation

No members of the public requested to speak at this meeting.

303. Minutes of the Meeting

Minute 249. MUGA refurbishment "not" was deleted.

It was proposed by Councillor White, seconded by Councillor Lay and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd September 2009, 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.

304. Reports from the Sports Representatives

None present.

305. Reports from the Allotments Representatives

Jacketts Field.

The area by the Shepherds Close and Jacketts Field entrance has been cleared and officers will continue to monitor the situation.

The shed on Plot 5 has been peppered with air gun pellets, the police have been advised. Mrs Sanderson thought the office had been advised. The Clerk will follow up.

Plot 24 is overgrown and although it has been re-let no one appears to be working it. The Works Manager will check on his next monthly inspection.

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Kingsfield.

Two half plots, 10a and 3a not being worked. Will be checked on the next monthly inspection.

Some allotment holders had complained about not being pre-advised of the allotment price increase. The Clerk will arrange for notices to be posted at all sites when the charges for 2010/2011 are agreed in January.

Manor House

It was reported that a shed on the grounds had been broken into and a number of tools stolen. The majority of which were later recovered from the Manor House grounds where they had been used to construct an ad hoc cycle track.

306. Reports from the Halls Representatives

No report. Mrs Keaveny will be contacting the theatre groups over the coming weeks and will report next month on any concerns that arise.

307. Allotment Prize Giving

Members were disappointed at the number of plots holders who had sent written acceptances for the Allotment Prize Giving evening and then failed to attend. Members will consider what funding can be allocated to next year's presentation evening as they set the budget.

It was suggested that the allotment presentations could be merged with the Garden Society Autumn Show. Mr Bromwich, Chairman of the Gardening Society was present at the meeting as an Allotment Representative. Members asked his views and were advised that the Garden Society's presentation evening was already quite a big occasion and it may not be practical to combine the two events, but that the society were open to consider options.

Consideration of the format of next year's event will take place in the New Year, possibly moving it from a Friday night to release the evening for general hirings.

308. Carol Concert and Christmas Lights

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Bedford, seconded by Councillor White and **RESOLVED** that a road closure notice should be applied for to allow the full closure of the High Street between Abbots Road and Adrian Road, from 16:00-21:00 on 3rd December 2009 to allow the above event to take place.

The Clerk advised that although informal discussions had been held with relevant authorities, plans were far from complete, risk assessments had yet to be finalised and the details of road closures, signage and responsibilities were still needed.

Detailed planning will continue when the Facilities Manager returns from leave, w/c 2nd November.

309. Primrose Hill

Members noted the report.

310. Lemonfield Play Area

Members noted that the project was delivered within budget and the only item outstanding was the notice board.

In considering notice board replacements and possible relocations officers were asked to note there had been a long standing request for a notice board at the Nash Mills (railway bridge) end of the Parish.

311. Members Grounds Visit

Members thanked officers for the ongoing progress on the above. Repairs and maintenance tasks would be addressed as the summer grounds work load reduces.

Officers were asked to investigate if there was any opportunity for the Parish Council to work with Hertfordshire Probation Service's Community Payback scheme on any grounds projects. Officers to investigate.

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312. Fees and Charges

The Clerk will resolve charges to political parties in line with recent practice.

313. Clerk's Report

Members noted the report.

The meeting closed at 8.58 p.m.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____