

Abbots Langley Parish Council

Minutes of the Leisure Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 17th February 2010 at 7.30p.m. at the Council Chamber, Langley Road, Abbots Langley.

Those present:

Chairman:	Councillor Mrs D J Lay
Vice Chairman:	Councillor C Daily
Councillors:	Councillor Mrs S Bedford Councillor L Lay Councillor K Williams Councillor D White Councillor J Wyatt Councillor Miss I Young
Also Present:	Mr R Smith - Sports Representative Mr C Bromwich - Allotment Representative Mr L Clark - Allotments Representative Mrs G Keaveny - Halls Representative
Officers:	Mr T Perkins - Clerk to the Council Mr D Abbott - Facilities Manager

The meeting opened at 7:30pm.

535. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received, accepted and recorded from Councillor Giles-Medhurst.
Mr Mark Ellis Work Manger is on annual leave and Mrs Sally Sanderson, Allotment Representative advised that she was unable to attend.

536. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Mrs Lay declared an interest in agenda item 8, Manor House as the matters to be discussed involved Abbots Langley Cricket Club of which she is a committee member.

537. Public Participation

No members of the public had expressed an interest in addressing the Parish Council.

538. Minutes of the Meeting

It was proposed by Councillor Miss Young, seconded by Councillor Williams and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 16th December 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.

It was proposed by Councillor Lay, seconded by Councillor White and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 20th January 2010, 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.

539. Reports from the Sports Representatives

Mr Ron Smith advised that a full fixture list has been played over the past two weekends and that Evergreen FC was starting to make progress in clearing the fixture backlog that had built up due to the severe weather.

The Clerk and Mr Smith still need to review the Evergreen FC lease for the buildings at South Way. The Clerk will advise the Parish Council on what changes need to be made to the lease, if any, or to seek approval for issuing confirmation that the Parish Council will be willing to extend the lease at a future date.

The Clerk confirmed that the insurance claim was in progress, the insurers had asked for clarification on some minor points.

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Councillor Williams has received a letter from a resident asking about further junior football pitch provision for Evergreen FC, this was related to the planning application for Leavesden Studios. Mr Smith advised at this stage he is unaware of the need for any further pitches for Evergreen FC teams.

540. Reports from the Allotments Representatives

Nothing to report from Kingsfield or Manor House allotments.

The Works Manager to be asked to investigate the mound of earth adjacent to Kingsfield allotments.

Councillor Mrs Bedford advised that Abbots Langley JMI School are in the early stages of considering a project to start allotment gardening. The school would like to arrange visits to the Parish Council's allotments. The Clerk advised that both Divine Saviour and Tanners Wood Schools had visited Kingsfield allotments over the past two growing seasons and that if the school contacted the office a visit could be arranged. Mr Chris Bromwich advised that the Abbots Langley Gardening Society were considering projects that would involve local schools, it was suggested that the school contacts Councillor Mrs Lay or Mr Bromwich.

541. Reports from the Halls Representatives

The Facilities Manager confirmed that the minor items raised during the electrical survey of Henderson Hall had been addressed.

542. Manor House

Councillor Mrs Lay handed over the chairing of the meeting to Councillor Daily, Vice-Chairman, as she had previously declared an interest in this agenda item. (Minute 536)

The Clerk advised members that the electrical report referred to in the Facilities Manager's report had been commissioned by officers, following advice from a qualified electrician. Whilst the report covered items relating to electricity provision to the Cricket Club scoreboard, this was not why the report had been requested.

Councillor Williams had raised a number of items concerning agreements that were in place between the Parish Council and Abbots Langley Cricket Club. The Clerk advised that beyond the lease which was due to expire in 2011 he was unaware of any further agreements or arrangements.

Abbots Langley Cricket Club has written to the Clerk about the electrical supply for the scoreboard, the Clerk received this letter by email on 16th February 2010. Officers are clear that two separate supplies need to be run to the new scoreboard, one for the requirements of the Cricket Club from the Cricket Club's mains supply and a second for the Parish Council's requirements to power the planned CCTV and car park lighting, from the Parish Council's supply. It would be sensible if an armoured conduit was installed carrying both supplies and the data cables necessary for the CCTV.

The electrical survey also highlighted that areas of the Cricket Club premises were still powered from the Parish Council's supplies and that three radiators in the Cricket Club were supplied by the Parish Council's central heating system. Councillor Lay advised that it had been agreed in the past that the Cricket Club would pay an uplift on its rent of some £30/£40pa to cover the costs of these services. As previously mentioned the Clerk was unaware of such arrangements, as they pre-dated him by some years.

It was proposed by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Wyatt and **RESOLVED** that

- The new cricket scoreboard cannot be used until a separate power supply, from the Cricket Club is installed and working.
- That a separate conduit be installed, between the Manor House and the new cricket scoreboard, for both the Cricket Club and Parish Council's power and data requirements.

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- That the Clerk open discussions with the Cricket Club on the lease renewal and any separate agreements that maybe required for the costs of the utility services supplied by the Parish Council.
- Consideration be given to the separation of utility supplies.

A vote was requested, five members were in favour, the Vice-Chairman (acting as Chairman) and Councillor Lay did not vote.

543. Fees and Charges

Councillor Mrs Lay resumed chairing the meeting.

Members deferred a decision, on allowing a pitch hire discount to the Royal Oak public house for a charity match to be held on the Manor House playing fields, to the March meeting of this committee.

Officers were aware of the need to coordinate timings with the Cricket Club and that if the match was to go ahead that if it clashed with a cricket fixture it would need to be over by 1:30pm.

Members asked the Clerk to find out which charity was being supported, was it registered and what other organisations were putting in funding.

Concern was also raised about the volume of pedestrian traffic across the road between the Royal Oak and the playing fields.

The meeting closed at 8.37p.m.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____