

## Abbots Langley Parish Council

Minutes of the Leisure Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 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 S Giles-Medhurst Councillor L Lay 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 S Sanderson - Allotment Representative
Officers:	Mr T Perkins - Clerk to the Council Mr D Abbott - Facilities Manager

The meeting opened at 7:32pm.

### **582. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received, accepted and recorded from Councillor Mrs Bedford (unwell) and Councillor Williams (unavailable).

Mrs G. Keaveny Halls Representative had advised that she was unable to attend. Mr M. Ellis, Works Manager, is currently unavailable.

### **583. Declarations of Interest**

None.

### **584. Public Participation**

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

### **585. Minutes of the Meeting**

It was proposed by Councillor Miss Young, seconded by Councillor White and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> February 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.

### **586. Reports from the Sports Representatives**

Mr Ron Smith advised that some teams were catching up on fixtures lost due to the severe weather. Some leagues though were in disarray and unlikely to complete a full season of fixtures.

Discussions are underway with Three Rivers District Council about funding for the proposed youth project in the South Way Pavilion. It is likely the earliest any facility would be able to open is late summer, early autumn, due to all the practical arrangements that will need to be made.

A resident has been in contact with both Evergreen FC and Councillor Williams about using a piece of waste land, currently believed to be in the ownership of MEPC, as space for additional football pitches. Discussions are ongoing between the resident and the club.

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### 587. Reports from the Allotments Representatives

Jacketts Field - Mrs S. Sanderson.

It was reported that waste had returned at the Jacketts Field entrance to the grounds. The Clerk will make a site visit as soon as possible, take photographs and refer the matter to Three Rivers District Council.

The Clerk advised that the monthly allotment inspections would be delayed this month due to the Works Managers absence. Plot 24 will be checked when the grounds are next inspected.

Kingsfield - Mr L. Clark

The Works Manager was asked to give attention to the following during his next grounds inspection:

- Footpath between plots 4a and 4b may have been dug up.
- New marker post on plot 17, this should be split 17a and 17b, same for plot 18.
- Plot 30 post has this been correctly located?
- Plot 13b, earth seems to be encroaching onto the footpath and edge boards maybe causing damage.

Manor House - Mr C. Bromwich.

No problems reported, all plots being worked enthusiastically.

### 588. Reports from the Halls Representatives

None present.

### 589. Sports & Halls Representative

The Clerk was asked to check what formal arrangements existed for the appointment of the various representatives, if this covered a specific term of office, etc. The Clerk was unaware of what arrangements maybe in place as the appointment of the representatives took place before his arrival. The Clerk will undertake some research and will report to the next meeting of this committee. Councillor Miss Young advised that the minutes of the February 2006 Leisure Committee meeting maybe relevant.

Members will consider at a future meeting the appointment of an additional Halls and Sports representative. The Clerk will arrange for notices to be placed in the halls and letters to be sent to the sports clubs to see if there are any willing volunteers.

### 590. Allotments

The tenant of plot 5 at Jacketts Field had asked for permission to erect a 3m x 2m x 3m poly tunnel on his plot.

The Clerk was asked to contact other Parish Councils to see if they had granted permission for any poly tunnels to be erected on their allotments. Whilst members were not against the request, they did want further research carried out and for the Clerk to report back with his findings and if appropriate a draft policy.

### 591. Henderson Hall

Members noted the Clerk's report and supported the use of the box office in Henderson Hall for the sale of tickets for the Abbots Langley Festival of the Arts.

It was proposed by Councillor Giles-Medhurst, seconded by Councillor Wyatt and **RESOLVED** that the permission should be granted for the use of the box office for the sale of tickets for ALFA and that in the future similar request should be delegated to the Clerk for consideration and approval.

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**592. Composting**

Members noted the comprehensive report submitted by the Works Manager and asked that he be thanked for his efforts.

It was proposed by Councillor Giles-Medhurst, seconded by Councillor White and **RESOLVED** that the recommendation that the Parish Council work with Three Rivers District Council on a partnership arrangement to operate a composting site in Leavesden Country Park be accepted.

Officers were asked to work with colleagues at Three Rivers District Council and report back to a meeting of this committee.

**593. Clerk's Report**

Members noted the items in the Clerk's report, not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

The meeting closed at 8.32pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_