

Abbots Langley Parish Council

Minutes of the Leisure Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 19th May 2010 at 7.30p.m. at the Council Chamber, Langley Road, Abbots Langley.

Those present:

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| Chairman: | Councillor Mrs D J Lay |
| Councillors: | Councillor Mrs S Bedford Councillor S Giles-Medhurst Councillor L Lay (ex-officio) Councillor K Williams Councillor D White Councillor Miss I Young |
| Also Present: | Mr R Smith - Sports Representative Mr C Bromwich - Allotment Representative Mr L Clark - Allotments 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.

31. Apologies for absence

None received.

Mrs Sally Sanderson, Allotment Representative, had advised that she would be unable to attend.

32. Declarations of Interest

Councillors' Mrs Lay, Miss Young, Lay and White declared an interest in agenda item 11, Abbots Langley Cricket Club.

33. Public Participation

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

34. 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 21st April 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.

35. Reports from the Sports Representatives

Mr Ron Smith, Evergreen FC reported that the season was over, with a number of leagues uncompleted due to the severe weather. Discussions has taken place with the Works Manager on the closed season works, two of the badly eroded goal areas will be subject to major refurbishment with works commencing imminently.

The Clerk reported that Abbots Youth FC had thanked the Parish Council's Works Team for keeping the pitches playable this season, despite the bad severe weather. Members also commented that the Manor House was looking well maintained. It was asked that thanks be passed on to the Works Team.

The Clerk reported that all open matters had been resolved with the Bowls Club and the Club had advised the Clerk that they had no outstanding matters, so the regular pre-season meeting was cancelled.

The Clerk was asked to check the minutes of the January Finance and Administration committee meeting, as there may be some outstanding matters to be followed up with the Bowls Club.

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36. Reports from the Allotments Representatives

Manor House - Mr Chris Bromwich

No matters to report.

Kingsfield - Mr Les Clark

Works Manager was asked to look at the unoccupied plot by the gate as it needed some tidying up.

New tenant on plot 26a had piled up some rubbish that may have been thrown over from neighbouring houses. Works Manger will check and see if assistance can be given on clearance.

Jacketts Field

The Clerk reported in Mrs Sanderson's absence that he had written to the resident about the dog nuisance and had subsequently spoken to them. Hopefully the matter is now closed.

The water system on the grounds had been extended, as previously requested.

37. Reports from the Halls Representatives

None present.

The Clerk reported that as previously requested the "Swiss Chalet" would be removed from above the stage. This was on the works programme, but as a low priority item due to the extensive outside works that were underway.

38. Leisure Committee Representatives

It was proposed by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Mrs Bedford and **RESOLVED** that this item be deferred to the June meeting of this committee, following receipt of late nominations.

The Clerk was asked to circulate the final list of nominees with the papers for the June Parish Council meeting as well as the draft of the "Role of the Representatives" document.

Members would like to formalise the role and when agreed add as an appendix to the current issue of the Parish Council's Standing Orders.

39. Leisure Committee Representatives

Members noted the Clerk's report on the Multi use Games Area and the progress on new leases for Abbots Langley Cricket Club and Evergreen FC.

40. Exclusion of the Press and Public

It was proposed by Councillor Miss Young and seconded by Councillor Mrs Bedford and **RESOLVED**, that as the following item dealt with proposals and counter proposals in contracts that the Parish Council may be entering into, the press and public be excluded from the discussion, under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and the Local Government Act 1972, ss100 & 102.

It was proposed by Councillor Williams and seconded by Councillor Young and **RESOLVED**, that as the Chairman had declared an interest in the following agenda item and that a Vice-Chairman had not been elected for the committee, that Councillor Mrs Bedford should act as meeting chairman.

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41. Abbots Langley Cricket Club

It was proposed by Councillor Williams and seconded by Councillor Giles-Medhurst and **RESOLVED**, that as due to declarations of interest made by members present, only three members, the minimum required to be quorate, were able to discuss this item, this item should be referred to the Parish Council for consideration.

The Clerk was asked to report on this item and a request from the Abbots Langley Community Centre to vary the terms of their lease to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

The meeting closed at 8:18 p.m.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____