

Abbots Langley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 13th July 2009 in the Council Offices, Langley Road, Abbots Langley.

Those Present:

Chairman	Councillor D J Major
Vice Chairman	Councillor L Lay
Councillors	Councillor C Daily Councillor G W Emery Councillor S Giles-Medhurst Councillor J Hill Councillor Mrs D J Lay Councillor K D Williams Councillor D White Councillor J Wyatt Councillor Miss I V Young
Officers:	Tim Perkins - Clerk to the Council
Police:	Sergeant 1275 Neil Canning
Also present:	County Councillor Paul Goggins

The meeting opened at 7:30pm.

120. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received, accepted and recorded from Councillors Mrs Bedford, Ms. Phipps, Morton and Roe.

121. Declarations of Interest

None.

122. Hertfordshire Police

Sgt. Canning reported that over the past month there had been a number of incidents of vandalism at the Bedmond and Manor House Playing Fields, enquiries were ongoing, but there was currently insufficient evidence for arrests. There has also been a break in at the Evergreen clubhouse.

At Leavesden Country Park a fire had been set using accelerants, the adult gym equipment damaged and there had been incidents of large numbers of children drinking underage. Action had been taken over the underage drinking, alcohol has been confiscated and the Police are trying to find the source of the alcohol, which is believed to be outside of Abbots Langley.

Sgt Canning considers that the adult gym equipment has been located in an area that means it will always be liable to vandalism and that it should be moved to a more visible area. Cllr Giles-Medhurst advised that there had already been discussions with officers at TRDC in this regard and he asked that the police contact Chris Hope at TRDC to make their views known.

Sgt Canning advised that PC Dave Herring would be off work for a considerable amount of time, following a non-work related motorcycle accident. Members asked that their best wishes be passed on to PC Herring.

Action has been taken against motorists' pavement parking on Old Mill Lane. Officers will continue to give it attention, but longer term the only real solution is double yellow lines.

Crime statistics show a reduction in burglary year on year compared to April-May 2008, violent crime was also down, with only two offences recorded in April and May 2009.

Cllr Giles-Medhurst asked about communication to residents concerning the Leavesden Steering Group fun day scheduled for Saturday 18th July. Sgt. Canning

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advised that residents facing the green had been called on and a leafleted. Officers were asked to give attention to crowd dispersal after the event, as last year there had been some ASB problems following the event.

Officers have been giving attention to parking violations on the C76. County Councillor Goggins advised that the tenders had gone out for the C76 work, but no commencement date has yet been set.

123. Minutes of the Meeting

It was proposed by Councillor Giles-Medhurst, seconded by Councillor Miss Young and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 8th June 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 White, seconded by Councillor Miss Young and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 29th June 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.

124. Minutes for Adoption

The following committee minutes were adopted, approved for publication on the Council's website and passed to the committees for resolution.

Planning & Highways Committee - 10th & 24th June 2009

Leisure Committee - 17th June 2009

Staffing Committee - 29th June 2009

125. Reports from Members

Councillor Williams advised that he and Councillor Wyatt had been appointed trustees of the Community Centre.

Councillor Williams has been re-elected to the Executive Committee of HAPTC, but that he has stood down as their representative to NALC.

126. Community Orchard

It was proposed by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Miss Young and **RESOLVED** that this item be deferred to the next meeting to allow Councillor Ms. Phipps to address the meeting.

127. Henderson Hall

The Clerk advised that no nominations had been received for the vacancy as Managing Trustee for Henderson Hall. Councillor Mrs. Bedford will be asked to include this in her column in My Abbots.

128. Chairman's Report

During the past month the Chairman has attended the AGM of Langleybury Scouts, the Royal British Legion Veterans Day lunch and the Abbots Langley Carnival.

The Chairman had received correspondence from Watford Lions thanking the Parish Council for their grant towards the costs of staging the carnival and also the hard work of Mark Ellis and the Works Team.

Cllr Mrs. Lay raised a concern about access for stall holders to set up which was not permitted until 09:00. Cllr Miss Young, as the Parish Council's representative on the Carnival Committee, advised that there had been problems on reception and will report back to the organising committee.

Minutes of the Carnival Committee, which are sent to the Clerk, will be added to future Parish Council's meeting agendas as a correspondence item.

Members noted the Parish Council advertisement had been provided free of charge in the carnival programme. Members asked that in future years, as the largest financial contributor to the carnival, the Parish Council got more prominent recognition.

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129. Clerk's Report

Noted.

130. Diary Dates

Noted. The Tough Ten organisers contact members directly about marshalling duties.

131. Monthly Statement of Accounts

It was proposed by Councillor Wyatt and seconded by Councillor Williams and **RESOLVED** that the Statement of Accounts for June 2009 as notified to the Council be approved.

132. Part II Business

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Lay and seconded by Councillor Miss Young and **RESOLVED**, that as the following items dealt with the 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.

133. Hillside Hall

Members considered the latest version of the documents related to the surrender of the current lease and the draft new lease. The Parish Council's solicitor had also provided a briefing document.

As the lease documents had only been circulated on Friday and the briefing document at the meeting, members deferred consideration of the documents. The Clerk was asked to urgently convene a meeting of the Chairman of the Parish Council, Chairman of the Finance and Administration Committee and the Leader of the Council to consider the documents.

Following consideration the Clerk will liaise with the Chairman on the most appropriate way of getting the documents approved by the Parish Council.

The meeting closed at 8.44pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____