

Abbots Langley Parish Council

Minutes of the Finance & Administration Committee Meeting held on Monday 24th April 2017 at 6:00 pm in the Council Offices Langley Road, Abbots Langley.

Those Present:

Chairman:	Councillor Brenda Kersey
Councillors	Councillor Sara Bedford Councillor Jane Lay Councillor Liz Burns (substituted Councillor Lyn Ferguson) Councillor Hitesh Tailor
Officers:	Tim Perkins - Clerk to the Council Gail Kiely - Finance Officer

The meeting opened at 6:01 pm.

423. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received, accepted and recorded from Councillor Lyn Ferguson (work commitment).

424. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Jane Lay declared an interest in agenda item 5; Financial Grant 2017-2018 application Abbots Langley Cricket Club and left the room taking no part in the discussion or voting on this item.

425. Public Participation

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

426. To confirm the Minutes of the previous meeting

It was proposed by Councillor Jane Lay, seconded by Councillor Hitesh Tailor and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd January 2017, copies of which had been sent to all Members of the Parish Council and which had been adopted by the Council, be taken as read and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

427. Financial Grant 2017-2018 Application

Members considered the financial grant deferred from the January 2017 meeting of this committee min.332 vii.

It was proposed by Councillor Hitesh Tailor, seconded by Councillor Liz Burns and **RESOLVED** that the following grants be awarded in financial year 2017-2018 under The General Power of Competence, Localism Act 2011 Sec 1 (1).

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£675 to support the cost of soil, seed and fertilizer to maintain the cricket table.

428. Budget Monitoring Report

Members considered the Q4 2016-2017 Budget Monitoring Report and noted the comments in the tracking report. The circumstances regarding unplanned repairs on equipment at Lemonfield and turf for the new Manor House play area were noted.

429. Financial & Small Grants Policy Review

Members discussed the current policy, which had operated satisfactorily since it was implemented in 2009. In reviewing it members hoped to achieve the following:-

- i. To attract a wider range of applicants.
- ii. To increase the number of smaller grants given for specific, possibly one-off, items or events.

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- iii. To avoid any community group becoming over-reliant on continuous annual Parish Council grant funding introduce a three or four-year cycle of progressive tapers.
- iv. To identify those organisations that carried out tasks that would otherwise fall in some measure to the Parish Council to perform and funding those organisations by way of service level agreements.

The Committee asked the Clerk to incorporate the new proposals into a draft revised scheme for consideration by the Committee at its meeting on 24th July 2017.

Members requested that the Finance Officer provides further information on the organisations and level of support given to applicants over a four year period for the July meeting of this committee.

430. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

Members noted the report and sums available.

431. NALC - Referendum on Parish Council Precept Increases

Members noted the NALC report.

The meeting closed at 7.22 pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____