

Abbots Langley Parish Council

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9th July 2015.

To Members of the Leisure Committee

Councillors: Sara Bedford, Martin Brooks, Jane Lay, Hitesh Tailor, Alison Ward & John Wyatt (Chairman).

The next meeting of the Leisure Committee will be held at the above address on Wednesday 15th July 2015 at 7:30 pm when your presence is summoned for the purpose of transacting the business outlined below. The press and public are welcome to attend the meeting.

Tim Perkins
Clerk to the Council

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence**
To receive and accept apologies for absence.
2. **Declarations of Interest**
To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda.
3. **Public Participation**
To note if any members of the public have requested to speak at this meeting, in accordance with the Parish Council's Public Speaking Arrangements.
4. **Election of the Committee Vice-Chairman**
To elect the Vice-Chairman of this committee for the municipal year 2015-2016.
5. **To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on**
22nd April 2015.
6. **Reports from Allotments Representatives**
To receive reports from the Allotments Representatives.
7. **Reports from Sports Representatives**
To receive reports from the Sports Representatives.
8. **Reports from Halls Representatives**
To receive reports from the Halls Representatives.
9. **Three Rivers District Council - Abbots Langley Leisure Project**
To consider the latest report on the above. (enclosed)
10. **Play Areas Update**
 - i. To receive a report from the Clerk following the RoSPA Play Area Risk Assessments carried out in May/June 2015. (See Clerk's report item 1.)
 - ii. To receive an update from Councillor Sara Bedford on discussions with residents and Richard Harrington MP on the Manor House play areas.
11. **Hertfordshire County Council - DisabledGo**
To note the correspondence from HCC on the DisabledGo Project (See enclosed correspondence and Clerk's report item 2.)

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12. Evergreen FC - Final Building Refurbishment Plans

To consider the above and if agreed recommend their approval to the Parish Council. (enclosed)

13. Langleybury Playing Fields - St Paul's School Parking

To note the Clerk's report. (See Clerk's report item 3.)

14. Millennium Gardens - Works to Hedges

To consider a request from Councillor Jane Lay and AImS for works to be carried out to reduce the hedges in the Millennium Gardens.

15. Key Projects - Review 2015-2016

To consider the update on the Key Projects agreed in the 2015-2016 budget discussions. (enclosed)

16. Clerk's Report

To consider items on the Clerk's report not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

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1. Play Areas - RoSPA Inspection

The annual inspections of our play areas have been completed and the inspectors report submitted. The reports run to around 200 pages so are not practical to circulate to members.

The inspector will bring to our attention any "urgent" defects identified during the inspection. There were none. All other defects are risk scored and they are all medium or low. A number of pieces of equipment, especially in the Manor House play areas are identified as close to end of life, that will not be a surprise to members.

The Works Team will prioritise and action the points raised. Remedial work has started on the Manor House toddler and junior play areas, the works required have been identified and some minor replacement parts are being sourced. Deliveries and weather permitting it is expected the works in these areas will be completed by the end of w/c 13th July 2015.

2. Hertfordshire County Council - DisabledGo

The enclosed correspondence from Hertfordshire County Council is self-explanatory.

I have nominated the Manor House, Tanners Wood Hall and the office to be included in the audit. The nomination has been acknowledged by HCC.

3. Langleybury Playing Fields - St Paul's School Parking

Members who served on this committee last year will recall there was a problem when Langleybury Cricket Club allowed access for vehicle parking on the playing fields when the school's Summer Fair was held. It was chaos, with cars just dumped all over the field.

I wrote to the club and the school last year advising that permission would be required if this was to be permitted in the future.

A few days prior to the Summer Fair this year the school asked for parking permission. I asked to have sight of their risk assessment, parking plans and arrangements for marshalling. These were not forthcoming and permission was not granted.

4. Car Parking at Manor House & Primrose Hill

Members agreed to implement parking controls at the Manor House and Primrose Hill, the final equipment specifications have been agreed with the selected contractor and the order will be placed tomorrow.

It is expected the equipment will be installed by early September.

I will write to Breakspere School prior to the end of term to advise them of the pending installation.

5. Countryside Management Service - Manor House

Members approved the drafting of a management plan for the Manor House and budget provision was made in this financial year. For the benefit of new members enclosed is a copy of the summary plan.

I held off initiating this work until this committee was established as input will be required from members early in the project. I will be giving CMS the go ahead for the project to be started.

6. Primrose Hill Slide

The play equipment was installed in 2007, the company that carried out the work has subsequently gone out of business. The slide was been damaged, a combination of wear and tear and probable over use by older children.

It took a while but the Works Manager managed to track down the original equipment manufacturer, in Canada. To get a replacement was in excess of £5,000 for the slide and shipping, exc. import duty.

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We tried to find a more local replacement, we found some possibilities but in the end none would have worked. We looked at a metal fabricator custom building one, but in stainless steel that would have been c. £5,000 as well.

So, long story short we think we may have a possible repair option, it is worth a go and if it breaks down in time at least we will have tried and will have no option but to pay out for one of the expensive options.

Hopefully that will be sorted over the next few weeks, we wanted it done before the school hols, but that maybe tight.

7. Proposed Public Space Protection Order

Members discussed the above at the April meeting of this committee (min. 429), it refers to the proposed control of dogs on public open spaces in the district.

Consideration of the order was due in the July cycle of meetings at Three Rivers District Council, but due to the large number of responses to the survey and consultation (3,000) this has been deferred until September.

I will update when I hear further.

Tim Perkins
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