

Abbots Langley Parish Council

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18th August 2016.

To Members of the Leisure Committee

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

The next meeting of the Leisure Committee will be held at The Manor House, Gallows Hill Lane, Abbots Langley, WD5 0DD on Wednesday 24th August 2016 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. **To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on**
22nd June 2016.
5. **Reports from Allotments Representatives**
To receive reports from the Allotments Representatives.
6. **Reports from Sports Representatives**
To receive reports from the Sports Representatives.
7. **Reports from Halls Representatives**
To receive reports from the Halls Representatives.
8. **Abbots Langley Carnival**
To consider the arrangements for organising the above. (See Clerk's report item 1.)
9. **Leisure Committee Representatives**
To consider the arrangements for appointing the above. (See Clerk's report item 2.)
10. **Key Projects 2017-2018**
To consider the first draft of the above report. (enclosed)
11. **Manor House - Ecology Appraisal & Habitat Management Plan**
To consider the above. (See Key Projects report item 1 and enclosed report.)

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12. Evergreen Football Club - Football Dug Out

To consider if permission should be granted to build the above on the South Way playing fields. (See Clerk's report item 3 and enclosed plan.)

13. Car Parking - Manor House & Primrose Hill

To consider the report from the Clerk. (See Clerk's report item 4.)

14. Christmas Lights

To consider the report from the Clerk. (See Clerk's report item 5.)

15. Three Rivers District Council - Abbots Langley Play Area Projects

To consider the report from Three Rivers District Council. (See Clerk's report item 6, enclosed reports and appendices from TRDC.)

16. Clerk's Report

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

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Clerk's Report - Leisure Committee - August 2016

1. Carnival

See following from Allen Harvey, Chairman of the carnival organising committee. It was not unexpected.

"Following the recent Carnival meeting we have discussed at a Club meeting the viability of us continuing to organize Abbots Langley Carnival. We have come to the decision that this is not possible due to the low number of members being in a position to carry out the substantial organization involved. Also because of the relatively small number of able bodied members to help on the day due to our high age profile. We regret not being in a position to continue organizing this very worthwhile event and would like to thank Mark and yourself for all the assistance you have given us.

If you do call a meeting of local organizations and interested individuals please let us know as one or two of our members would possibly be interested in helping in some way. It was my intention in any case not to continue as Carnival Chairman in view of the length of time I have held the position and the very large work load involved. I should however be pleased to pass on any information required to whoever takes over the running of the event."

The fireworks are fine for this year, they require considerably less organisation and the Lions will take care of that, for this year at least.

2. Leisure Committee Representatives

I seem to have done a pretty good job of confusing myself. Some of the papers relating to the above refers to a two year term of office, others four year. We did previously align the terms of office so they would not fall in the same year as ordinary elections.

So for the sake of my peace of mind two years or four years? If two years then the terms of office come to an end in the autumn.

Members also need to consider if they want to continue with the role of the Halls Representative. The halls reps have in the recent past all been drawn from the users of Henderson Hall and have represented the performing arts groups. The Manor House regular bookings are more clubs and societies and Tanners Wood Hall more classes and activity based bookings. We could certainly advertise in those venues for reps.

3. Evergreen Football Club - Football Dug Out

Evergreen have asked that members reconsider the decision reached in February 2015 to refuse permission to construct a dug out at South Way playing fields. A copy of the proposed plan is enclosed and the minute when this matter was previously discussed in copied below.

367. Evergreen Football Club

Members are concerned about the overuse of the grounds, which is primarily a public open space. The office and members have received complaints about access to the grounds when matches are being played and training is ongoing many evenings.

*It was proposed by Councillor Martin Brooks, seconded by Councillor Jane Lay and **RESOLVED** that permission for a permanent player's shelter be refused and the club asked to consider options for portable structures that could be removed after matches.*

A vote was requested, three members were in favour, one against and one abstained.

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4. Car Parking - Manor House & Primrose Hill

The implementation of the above was delayed due to the signs being vandalised.

One particularly bright visitor to the Cricket Club damaged the signs at the Manor House in full view of the CCTV. They have paid for the damage.

Proper signage has to be in place otherwise enforcement cannot take place.

The implementation timetable is now:

- 22nd August Go live, but no enforcement, "words of advice".
- 5th September Enforcement commences, but will only be warning letters.
- 12th September Full operations.

5. Christmas Lights

Three contractors were approach for pricing, one dropped out when they could not meet the requirements of HCC. The two remaining are our current contractor and another who also is well known and recommended by local councils.

Cost summary as follows, a further breakdown and illustrations of the proposed lighting arrays will be available at the meeting. The year 1 costs include the purchase cost of new lighting arrays. Rental options were available but were prohibitively expensive.

Contractor	Purchase	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Contractor 1	6,550	4,293	3,640	3,820
Total		10,843		
Contractor 2	8,885	5,234	3,952	4,201
Total		14,119		
<i>Budget + c/f from last FY</i>		<i>14,000</i>		

6. Three Rivers District Council - Abbots Langley Play Area Projects

Following reports from TRDC are enclosed:

- a. Abbots Langley Leisure Project - S106 Allocation (A4 - 5 pages)
- b. Manor House Grounds - a place to enjoy (A3 - 1 page)
- c. Existing and New Site Plan - Block Diagram (A3 - 1 page)
- d. Abbots Langley Tennis Club Community Plan (A4 - 9 pages)

7. Allotments - Unworked Plots

The Works Manager carried out an allotment inspection at the beginning of August.

Following are the number of plots currently unworked. Initial letters have been sent to the tenants.

Kingsfield	9
Primrose Hill	8
Jacketts Field	6
Manor House	2

We have had a spate of new tenants enthusiastically taking on plots, realising what hard graft they are and then not doing any further work.