

## Abbots Langley Parish Council

Minutes of the Leisure Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2013 at 7.30pm in the Council Offices, Langley Road, Abbots Langley.

Those present:

Chairman:	Councillor Jane Lay
Vice Chairman:	Councillor John Wyatt
Councillors:	Councillor Sara Bedford Councillor Martin Brooks Councillor Gloria Keaveny
Also Present:	Mr Keith Gissing - Sports Representative Mr Ron Smith - Sports Representative Mr Vince Watts - Allotments Representative Mr Peter Warman - Halls Representative
Officers:	Tim Perkins - Clerk to the Council David Abbott - Facilities Manager Mark Ellis - Works Manager

The meeting opened at 7:30pm.

### **117. Apologies for absence**

None.

Mrs Sally Sanderson, Allotment Representative, had advised that she was unable to attend the meeting.

### **118. Declarations of Interest**

None.

### **119. Public Participation**

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

Members of the Abbots Improvement Group were in attendance to answer any questions members may have relating to the group's report.

### **120. Minutes of the Meeting**

It was proposed by Councillor John Wyatt, seconded by Councillor Gloria Keaveny and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2013, 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.

### **121. Reports from the Allotments Representatives**

Jacketts Field

The Clerk updated members on the previously reported problems with access to the allotments, at the Shepherd Close entrance. These had recently been resolved following action taken by the housing association, which had motivated their tenant to clear all the obstructions to the entrance. The area had also been trimmed and the access was clear.

Kingsfield - Mr Vince Watts

Allotment tenants were willing to assist any plot holders who may be unable to work their plots due to ill health. Mr Watts will talk to the Works Manager and see if a small quantity of weed inhibiting matting could be made available for use in these circumstances.

The Clerk advised that following a recent inspection two plot holders had been written to about the condition of their plots.

**122. Reports from the Sports Representatives**

Mr Keith Gissing

Issues were raised about the condition of the Bowling Green. Mr Gissing was again asked to raise any concerns with officers, prior to the meeting. Any matters not satisfactorily resolved could then be discussed at the meeting.

The Clerk advised he was always willing to make time to meet with officers of the club, but asked that a convenient time be arranged in advance.

Mr Ron Smith

New football season is about to get underway. Initial planning for the building development works is in hand following the awarding of the drinks company and Football Association grants, it is hoped draft plans will be available for review by early autumn.

**123. Reports from the Halls Representatives**

Mr Peter Warman

Discussions are ongoing between the Managing Trustees and the Henderson Hub Project Working Group (HHPWG). Fund raising deadlines are approaching so security of tenure, which potential funders will require, is now a priority.

Formation of the new operating company is in hand.

**124. Election of Vice-Chairman**

Members noted the minuting omission from the June meeting of this committee, the following decision was restated for the minutes.

It was proposed by Councillor Gloria Keaveny, seconded by Councillor Jane Lay and **RESOLVED** that Councillor John Wyatt be elected Vice-Chairman of this committee, for the municipal year 2013-2014.

**125. Abbots Improvement Group (AIMs)**

Members noted the report from the above and thanked the volunteers for all their hard work.

**126. Budget 2014-2015 - Key Projects**

Members noted the key projects list. Any updates or additions to the list should be forwarded to the Clerk for inclusion in the next revision which will be reviewed at the October Leisure committee meeting.

**127. Clerk's Report**

Members noted the following:

- The Bedmond Horse unveiling.
- Primrose Hill Allotments, Notices to Quit being served.
- Allotment Presentation Evening, planned for 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2013.

When the new school year starts the Facilities Manager was asked to hold initial discussions with the new Head Teacher and/or Deputy Head at Breakspeare School about the parking problems in the Manor House car park.

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**128. Exclusion of the Press and Public (Part II)**

It was proposed by Councillor Jane Lay and seconded by Councillor Sara Bedford and **RESOLVED** that as the following matters related to the terms and conditions of employees of the Parish Council, 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.

**129. Staffing - Works Team**

Members noted the Clerk's report and asked for an update as the situation progressed.

The Clerk will be calling a Staffing Committee meeting in September when the matter will be discussed further.

The meeting closed at 8:53 pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_