

## Abbots Langley Parish Council

Minutes of the Leisure Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Council Offices, Langley Road, Abbots Langley.

Those present:

Chairman: Councillor John Wyatt  
Vice Chairman: Councillor Martin Brooks  
Councillors: Councillor Sara Bedford  
Councillor Hitesh Tailor  
Councillor Jane Lay

Also Present: Mr Chris Bromwich - Allotment Representative  
Mr John Kersey - Allotment Representative  
Mr Robert Stimpson - Allotment Representative  
Mr Vince Watts - Allotments Representative  
Ms Karen Stocker - Halls Representative

Officers: Tim Perkins - Clerk to the Council  
David Abbott - Facilities Manager  
Mark Ellis - Works Manager

The meeting opened at 7:30 pm.

### **339. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received, accepted and recorded from Councillor Alison Ward (unwell).

Mr David Anderson, Sports Representative and Ms. Amanda Bate, Halls Representative, had advised the Clerk that they were unable to attend the meeting.

### **340. Declarations of Interest**

None.

### **341. Public Participation**

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

### **342. Minutes of the Meeting**

It was proposed by Councillor Sara Bedford, seconded by Councillor Jane Lay and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2015, 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.

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

Jacketts Field - Mr John Kersey

No report. Mr Kersey and Mr Robert Stimpson had carried out some winter maintenance and planting at the community orchard in Primrose Hill.

Manor House - Mr Chris Bromwich

No report.

Kingsfield - Mr Vince Watts

No report.

Primrose Hill - Mr Robert Stimpson

No report.

### **344. Reports from the Sports Representatives**

None present.

### **345. Reports from the Halls Representatives**

No report.

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**346. Public Spaces Protection Order**

It was proposed by Councillor John Wyatt, seconded by Councillor Martin Brooks and **RESOLVED** that staff be trained to issue fixed penalty notices for infringements of the above order.

A vote was requested. Four members were in favour, one against.

Councillor Martin Brooks voted against the proposal and wanted his objections noted.

The Clerk was asked to review who should be trained, what if any changes to job descriptions would be required and other issues around staff safety and policy. The Clerk to report back to the next meeting of this committee.

**347. Manor House Greenspace Action Plan (CMS)**

Members noted the report and were pleased with the informative and practical content, which sets out a realistic plan for maintaining and improving the Manor House greenspace.

Councillor Sara Bedford will raise the report with Three Rivers District Council to see if it is practical to have this considered alongside the current review of leisure provisions at the Manor House.

Engagement with organisations such as the Abbots Langley Gardening Society and groups such as the Watford New Hope Trust and Sunnyside Rural Trust may also be appropriate as work starts on the action plan.

Officers will report back on what work in the plan could be carried out in house, with existing or extra staff resources and what work would require external contractors.

**348. Manor House Allotments - Legacy Wall**

Members reviewed the report on the above from Ashridge Surveyors.

It was proposed by Councillor Martin Brooks, seconded by Councillor Jane Lay and **RESOLVED** that the wall be demolished, the bricks recovered and retained for potential resale or future use. Fencing to be installed in place of the wall. Given the poor condition of the wall officers were asked to undertake this work as soon as practical.

**349. AIMS Annual Report**

Members noted the report from AIMS.

**350. Clerk's Report**

Members noted:

- Primrose Hill Community Orchard - County Councillor Locality Grant (£200).
- Primrose Hill slide.
- Car Parking Systems - Manor House & Primrose Hill.

The meeting closed at 8.27 pm.

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

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