

Abbots Langley Parish Council

Minutes of the Leisure Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 20th April 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Council Offices, Langley Road, Abbots Langley.

Those present:

Chairman: Councillor John Wyatt

Councillors: Councillor Sara Bedford
Councillor Jane Lay
Councillor Alison Ward

Also Present: Mr Chris Bromwich - Allotment Representative
Mr John Kersey - Allotment Representative
Mr Robert Stimpson - Allotment Representative
Mr Vince Watts - Allotments Representative
Mr David Anderson - Sports Representative
Mr Gerry Kilbane - Sports Representative

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

The meeting opened at 7:30 pm.

404. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received, accepted and recorded from Councillor Hitesh Tailor (unavailable.)

Mr Vince Watts - Allotments Representative, Ms Amanda Bate - Halls Representative and Ms Karen Stoker - Halls Representative had advised the Clerk that they were unable to attend the meeting.

405. Declarations of Interest

None.

406. Public Participation

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

407. Minutes of the Meeting

It was proposed by Councillor Jane Lay, seconded by Councillor Alison Ward and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 17th February 2016, 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.

408. Reports from the Allotments Representatives

Jacketts Field - Mr John Kersey

No report.

Primrose Hill - Mr Robert Stimpson

Some allotment tenants feel intimidated by the ongoing low level anti-social behaviour in the north east corner of the playing fields, adjacent to the allotments. Discussions to be held with the Works Manager on potential further cutting back of overgrowth, works will be mindful of the need not to create barren spaces.

Some labour may be available from allotment tenants to cut back nettles, etc. This would require a basic volunteer agreement and risk assessment, so the Parish Council's insurance would provide cover.

Manor House - Mr Chris Bromwich

No report.

409. Reports from the Sports Representatives

Mr David Anderson - Langleybury Cricket Club.

No report.

Mr Gerry Kilbane - Abbots Youth Football.

Use of the refurbished toilets at Manor House will be discussed with the Facilities Manager. But this has to be on the basis that the club is responsible for the cleaning.

Pitches have been unplayable due to water logging. The club was asked to raise this with officers as they were unaware of any complaints from the club.

Mr Kilbane was advised that problems should be raised in the first place with officers, if no resolution is found, or a decision is needed from this committee then they can be raised at a committee meeting. Most problems can and are resolved by informal discussion with officers.

410. Reports from the Halls Representatives

None present.

Ms Amanda Bate has emailed the Clerk and advised that the French Market held the previous weekend was very successful and she thanked Parish Council staff for their assistance. The Community Centre had also opened for the day which was helpful in terms of toilets and refreshments.

A very successful event that may be repeated.

411. Manor House Allotments - Wall

Decision deferred pending sourcing of further quotes. Councillor John Wyatt will advise the Facilities Manager and Works Manager of contractors that may be able to undertake the work.

412. Manor House - Patio

It was proposed by Councillor Jane Lay, seconded by Councillor Alison Ward and **RESOLVED** that the plans and specification for the above be accepted and the quote of £21,000 be accepted.

A vote was requested. Three members were in favour, one abstained.

413. Public Spaces Protection Order

Members noted the Clerk's report.

The matter of staff being asked to undertake a legal enforcement role will be raised with the Watford & Three Rivers HR team. A report will be considered at the June Staffing Committee meeting, with a further report to this committee at its June meeting.

414. Manor House Greenspace Action Plan (CMS)

Members noted the report from the Facilities Manager and Works Manager.

Officers were asked to proceed with the Wildlife Survey.

When received this will inform the tree risk assessment, which will be tasked to specifically address the issues of wildlife habitat management and of coppicing and tree removal for the long term wellbeing of the tree stocks.

415. Abbots Langley Bowls Club - Car Parking

This matter was referred to the Finance & Administration Committee for consideration.

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416. Clerk's Report

Manor House Car Parking

Officers were asked to implement the parking controls as previously discussed and report back to this committee at its June meeting.

417. Order of Business

The Chairman varied the order of business and this item was added to the agenda as urgent business. (Standing Order 14.)

418. Exclusion of the Press and Public (Part II)

It was proposed by Councillor Jane Lay and seconded by Councillor Alison Ward and **RESOLVED** that as the following matters related to the terms and conditions of a contract into which the Parish Council may be entering, 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.

419. Bedmond Sports and Social Club

The Clerk was asked to refer discussions about a grant to the above to the Finance and Administration Committee for its urgent consideration.

The meeting closed at 9.18 pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____