

## Abbots Langley Parish Council

Minutes of the Leisure Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at 7.30 pm in the Council Offices, Langley Road, Abbots Langley.

Those present:

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

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

The meeting opened at 7:30 pm.

### **186. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received, accepted and recorded from Councillor Robin Powell (unavailable).

### **187. Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Jane Lay declared an interest in agenda item 7iii Fees & Charges 2017-2018 (min. 192iii) as an allotment tenant and a member of Abbots Langley Gardening Society.

### **188. Public Participation**

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

### **189. 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 24<sup>th</sup> August 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.

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

Kingsfield - Mr Vince Watts

The footpath barrier padlock had to be cut off as it was jammed and access was required for a manure delivery. The Works Manager will replace with a normal allotment padlock.

Where practical the Works Manager will advise the allotment representatives when he is showing prospective new tenants around the sites.

Jacketts Field - Mr John Kersey

Officers confirmed that the administrative overheads of splitting plots into quarters could not be justified.

The entrance to the site from Shepherd Close is again obstructed by rubbish and a skip. The Clerk will take photographs and raise with Three Rivers District Council.

Primrose Hill Community Orchard.

Some maintenance is required around the base of trees and some of the wire guards need removing, Mr Kersey will discuss with the Works Manager if any protectors can be sourced to prevent damage at the base of the trees from trimmers.

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Manor House - Mr Chris Bromwich

No report.

Primrose Hill - Mr Robert Stimpson

No report. Anti-social behaviour appears to have reduced, only reports of minor problems from tenants.

### 191. Reports from the Sports Representatives

Mr David Anderson

No report.

Mr Anderson advised members that he would not be seeking re-nomination as he had a busy work year ahead. Members thanked Mr Anderson for his contribution over the past two years.

### 192. Budget 2017-2018

#### i. Key Projects

Members noted the above. There were no further projects to add to the list. Officers will update on project progress at the December meeting of this committee.

#### ii. Budget

Members noted the committee pages. The Clerk advised that the budget was still very much work in progress. A number of minor updates were made which will be included in the next budget revision.

The Clerk was asked to talk to the Leisure Manager at Three Rivers District Council to ensure there was no misunderstanding on the financial contributions from the Parish Council to the Play Area, Tennis Club and Skate Park projects.

#### iii. Fees & Charges.

Members noted the above. It was agreed that the Manor House and Council Chambers charges will be frozen for 2017-2018. The Tanners Wood Hall charges will be subject to the minor increases proposed.

The Clerk will review the Bowls Club pavilion and grounds rental.

### 193. Nominations - Allotments & Sports Representatives

Allotment representatives.

Jacketts Field & Primrose Hill Community Orchard - Mr John Kersey

Manor House - Mr Chris Bromwich

Primrose Hill - Mr Rob Stimpson

Kingsfield - Mr Vince Watts

Sports Representatives

Abbots Youth Football - Mr Tim Denyer

Evergreen FC - Mr Chris Daily

It was proposed by Councillor Sara Bedford, seconded by Councillor Alison Ward and **RESOLVED** that the nominations as detailed above were approved for a two year term of office.

Sports representatives will be asked to contact other local clubs, outside of their respective sports, to understand any problems the club may have.

### 194. Trees Preservation Order - Jacketts Field Allotments

Members noted the above which has been posted on the allotment notice board.

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**195. Allotment Judging & Prize Giving**

Allotment representatives will again seek the views from plot tenants and attendees will be canvased at the Gardening Society presentation evening.

Final decision to be taken at the February 2017 meeting of this committee.

**196. Evergreen Football Club - Football Dug Out**

It was proposed by Councillor Sara Bedford, seconded by Councillor John Wyatt and **RESOLVED** that temporary permission be granted to Evergreen FC to construct a dugout until the end of the 2017-2018 season.

The club will be responsible for maintenance of the facility which will not be included on the Parish Council's insurance policy.

Members preference for construction was 9" dense concrete blocks, which is likely to be more resistant to vandalism than standard blocks.

**197. Clerk's Report**

Members noted that a Penalty Charge Notice has been issued and settled at Primrose Hill car park.

The meeting closed at 8:55 pm.

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

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