

Abbots Langley Parish Council

Minutes of the Leisure Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 21st June 2017 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 Jean Bowman Councillor Robin Powell
Also Present:	Mr Chris Bromwich - Allotment Representative Mr Robert Stimpson - Allotment Representative Mr Tim Denyer - Sports Representative
Officers:	Tim Perkins - Clerk to the Council David Abbott - Facilities Manager Mark Ellis - Works Manager

The meeting opened at 7:30 pm.

61. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received, accepted and recorded from Councillors Sara Bedford, Hitesh Tailor and Alison Ward.

Mr John Kersey, Mr Vince Watts (Allotment Representatives) and Mr Chris Daily (Sports Representative) had advised the Clerk that they were unable to attend the meeting.

62. Declarations of Interest

None.

63. Public Participation

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

64. Minutes of the Meeting

It was proposed by Councillor Jane Lay, seconded by Councillor Robin Powell and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 19th April 2017, 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.

65. Election of the Committee Vice-Chairman

It was proposed by Councillor John Wyatt, seconded by Councillor Jean Bowman and **RESOLVED** that Councillor Jane Lay be elected Committee Vice-Chairman for the municipal year 2017-2018.

66. Reports from the Allotments Representatives

Manor House - Mr Chris Bromwich

No issues. Tenants had asked when the remedial works following the installation of the new fence would be completed. The Works Manager advised that the works were scheduled and due to be completed in the near future.

There were some out of date notices on some allotment boards. These boards are not routinely checked by the Community Warden, the Allotment Representatives were asked to update the boards as necessary. In future officers will ensure all council notices have a "take down" date.

Primrose Hill - Mr Robert Stimpson

No issues. The Works Manager advised that four plots on this site were being followed up for action as they were not being worked.

67. Reports from the Sports Representatives

Mr Tim Denyer - AYFC

No report.

Users of the play area had asked when the rocking horse would be back in action. Officers advised the replacement bearing had been received and would be installed shortly. The painting competition for local schools had come up with the design for the painting of "Alfie", which will take place following the remedial works.

68. Manor House Playing Fields - Phase 2 Proposed Layout

Members noted the layout schematic and agreed that this should go forward for to the tender process. As previously discussed, there was concern about the "sail" due to the risk of vandalism.

69. Abbots Langley Tennis Club - Initial Proposal

Members noted the proposal from 2Supreme Tennis and asked officers to progress.

It was noted that the Parish Council had submitted a draft lease in December 2016 to the original company that was proposing to run the facility and a response has only just been received.

70. Vandalism

Members noted the recent vandalism as reported.

Officers were making arrangements to clear out the garages at Summerhouse Way. When completed estimates for works to make the building secure will be sought and the matter referred back to this committee for consideration.

71. Electrical Survey - Floodlights Manor House MuGA

Members noted the report.

72. South Way Play Area - Resistograph Report

Members considered the report.

The Clerk was asked to request that Three Rivers District Council, at their cost, undertake a full structural survey of the climbing posts at the South Way Play Area.

73. Key Projects 2017-2019

Members considered the report. Following updates were requested.

- i. Costs and potential location for a toilet block on the Manor House playing fields.
- ii. Extension of the Christmas Lights towards the library.
- iii. Depot Project to be referred to F&A for consideration.

74. Evergreen FC - Refurbishment

Members noted the club's request to replace the picnic tables in the closed part of the club's premises.

Members asked that the club submit a grant application, so this could be considered in a manner that was fair and equitable to other tenant clubs.

75. Primrose Hill Changing Rooms Survey

The survey has been carried out and a verbal report received from the surveyor, the formal report is due imminently.

Initial comments from the surveyor were that works would be needed to the roof, water system and toilets, in addition to other maintenance tasks. When the report is received contractors quotes will be sought.

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76. Clerk's Report

Members noted the press extract on Glyphosate.

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

It was proposed by Councillor Jane Lay and seconded by Councillor Jean Bowman and **RESOLVED** that as the following matters related to a legal dispute 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.

78. Indemnity Claim

Members considered the report from the Clerk which referred to an injury to a dog on the Primrose Hill playing fields.

It was felt there was no liability on the Parish Council as the fencing was properly installed.

There were multiple risks to dogs when they were free running in open spaces and it was impossible for all of these to be eliminated. If owners were concerned about these risks then they should not allow their dogs to free run.

In this matter members felt the recourse should be to the owner's pet insurance and not the Parish Council.

The Clerk was asked to advise the owner accordingly

The meeting closed at 8.36 pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____