

Abbots Langley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 13th March 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Council Offices, Langley Road, Abbots Langley.

Those Present:

Chairman: Councillor Alex Michaels

Vice-Chairman: Councillor Liz Burns

Councillors: Councillor Sara Bedford
Councillor Jean Bowman
Councillor Brenda Kersey
Councillor Jane Lay
Councillor David Major
Councillor Robin Powell
Councillor Owen Roe
Councillor Hitesh Tailor
Councillor Alison Ward
Councillor John Wyatt

Officers: Tim Perkins - Clerk to the Council

Police: PC 2091 Danielle Howlett-Bolton (part of meeting)
PCSO 6276 Paul Burt (part of meeting)

The meeting opened at 7:31 pm.

373. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received, accepted and recorded from Councillor Lyn Ferguson.

374. Public Participation

None.

375. Hertfordshire Police

Sgt. Barry Eldridge had emailed the Clerk at 4:19 pm on the day of the meeting to advise that no officers would be able to attend. A brief email report was provided, which the Chairman asked the Clerk to circulate.

Members were concerned about the comment that the past few months had been unremarkable, particularly given the daytime robbery that took place in Trowley Rise in January. Many residents were distressed about this and had expressed concerns to members.

The Clerk was asked to write, not email, Sgt. Eldridge and pass on the concerns of members about the Trowley Rise incident, ask for a fuller report and also for Sgt Eldridge's attendance at meetings when duties and operations permit.

Officers as recorded above arrived at 7:44 pm. They were unable to provide further information of the Trowley Rise incident but would pass on the comments raised by members to Sgt. Eldridge.

376. Declarations of Interest

None.

377. To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on

It was proposed by Councillor Liz Burns, seconded by Councillor Brenda Kersey and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 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.

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378. Minutes for adoption

The following committee minutes were adopted, approved for publication on the Council's website and passed to the committees for resolution.

Planning & Highways Committee - 11th January, 1st & 22nd February 2017

Finance & Administration Committee - 23rd January 2017

Leisure Committee - 15th February 2017

379. Internal Audit 2016-2017

Members noted the review carried out by the Finance & Administration Committee (min. 331.)

380. Civic Awards Policy

It was proposed by Councillor Jane Lay, seconded by Councillor Liz Burns and **RESOLVED** that the wording of the above policy be amended as follows.

- *No serving or past Parish Councillor should be considered for an award.*
- *Former, non-serving, members of other authorities were eligible for an award.*
- *The restriction on staff, or former staff, being eligible is maintained."*

A text amendment to para 3 was also **RESOLVED** "shall" to be replaced with "may".

381. Annual Parish Meeting 2016-2017

Members noted the draft minutes of the above.

The Chairman thanked the Vice-Chairman for standing in at short notice. The Chairman also requested that min. 1 be amended to read "urgent family commitment".

Members also thanked Mr Peter Warman, Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group for addressing the meeting and for the displays he arranged.

Attendees had commented that some of the questions and responses were difficult to hear. The Clerk will arrange for a PA with a roving microphone for next year's meeting. Members will also review seating arrangements.

382. Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Report

Members noted the Chairman of the Steering Group's report.

The Chairman advised that the issue of a Health Hub is likely to be key, especially with government targets to reduce hospital visits. Members agreed, but felt as the parish was not high in the county statistics for social deprivation there were likely to be other higher priority areas for a Health Hub.

Members again thanked the Chairman for his hard work and that of the group.

383. District and County Council Member's Reports

District Councillor David Major

The consultation on parking in Parsonage Close has just ended. The results are awaited, but it will be no surprise that the major issue highlighted is expected to be parking related to the school.

County Councillor Sara Bedford

The R8 bus service is still under threat. Mullany's have not provided any usage statistics so Hertfordshire County Council officers have undertaken sampling. The results would indicate that only three residents from Furtherfield and two from Toms Lane would not have a suitable alternative service. Based on this it is unlikely the County Council will subsidise the £37,000 to keep the service running.

Seventeen children in Abbots Langley have not got a senior school place at one of their ranked allocations. Most have been allocated Adeyfield School in Hemel Hempstead.

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384. Chairman's Report

The Vice-Chairman stood in for the Chairman at:

12th March - Chairman of Three Rivers' Civic Service at Christ Church, Chorleywood.

385. Clerk's Report

Members noted:

- Parish Council Vacancy
The Clerk was asked to re-advertise without a closing date.
- Bedmond Sports & Social Club
- Legal Services
If prior to tendering for legal services the Parish Council is in need of professional advice on council or charity related matters the Clerk is asked to consult the most appropriate firm for the advice sought.
- Jury Service
- Correspondence
- Small Grants
- Office Copies
- Diary dates

386. Monthly Statement of Accounts

It was proposed by Councillor Sara Bedford and seconded by Councillor John Wyatt and **RESOLVED** that the Statement of Accounts for January & February 2017 as notified to the Council be approved and published on the Parish Council's website.

The meeting closed at 8.57 pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____