

Abbots Langley Parish Council

Minutes of the Leisure Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 13th December 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Council Offices, Langley Road, Abbots Langley.

Those present:

Vice Chairman: Councillor Jane Lay
Councillors: Councillor Sara Bedford
Councillor Jean Bowman
Councillor Robin Powell

Also Present: Mr Chris Bromwich - Allotment Representative
Mr John Kersey - Allotment Representative
Mr Vince Watts - Allotments Representative
Mr Chris Daily - Sports 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.

288. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received, accepted and recorded from Councillors John Wyatt, Hitesh Tailor and Alison Ward (all unavailable).

Mr Robert Stimpson, Allotment Representative - Primrose Hill, had advised the Clerk that he was unable to attend the meeting.

289. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Jane Lay declared an interest in agenda item 295, Fees and Charges, as Secretary of Abbots Langley Gardening Society.

290. Public Participation

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

291. Minutes of the Meeting

It was proposed by Councillor Robin Powell, seconded by Councillor Jean Bowman and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 18th October 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.

292. Reports from the Allotments Representatives

Jacketts Field - Mr John Kersey

No report for Jacketts Field

Primrose Hill Community Orchard

The replacement trees have been delivered and will be planted when conditions allow. The Works Manager will assist with the loan of tools.

Manor House - Mr Chris Bromwich

No report.

Officers reported that a shed on the allotments had been damaged by a falling branch that was heavy with snow. The shed will be replaced.

Kingsfield - Mr Vince Watts

No report.

The allotment judging was completed and the certificates and cups will be presented at the Abbots Langley Gardening Society Christmas social on 21st December. Thanks to the Facilities Manager for producing the certificates.

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Primrose Hill - Mr Robert Stimpson

Not present. The Clerk had been advised that there were no items to report.

293. Reports from the Sports Representatives

Mr Tim Denyer - AYFC

No report. Thanks to the Works Manager and team for keeping the pitches in a good playable condition.

294. Playing Fields Income

Members noted the Clerk's report on the additional £3053 in Playing Fields income following a review with clubs of the teams using Parish Council pitches.

Officers will look at aligning the age groups of teams so the Fees & Charges schedule matches the same age banding as the Football Association model used by the clubs.

295. Fees & Charges 2017-2018

It was proposed by Councillor Sara Bedford, seconded by Councillor Robin Powell and **RESOLVED** that the Fees and Charges for 2018-2019 (v1c) be recommended by this committee to the Parish Council for approval.

296. Budget 2018-2019

i. Key Projects

Members noted the updated report.

Officers were asked to proceed with the external water fountain at the Manor House, if possible funded from the 2017-2018 budget. It was asked that a meter is installed to measure the usage of the fountain.

Officers would review costings for the toilet block in the New Year and report back to this committee. The Primrose Hill changing room is to remain on the Key Projects list, but members considered the toilet block was a higher priority.

ii. Committee Pages

Members noted the Clerk's report on future planned expenditure on vehicles and tree works.

The committee had no further significant changes to the budget.

297. Hertfordshire Year of Physical Activity 2018

Members noted the above and asked to be kept up to date on developments as they are announced.

298. Clerk's Report

Members noted the Clerk's report on;

- Gas canisters at South Way.
- Tennis Club progress.

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

It was proposed by Councillor Jane Lay and seconded by Councillor Sara Bedford and **RESOLVED** that as the possible early stages 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.

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300. Bedmond Sports & Social Club

Members noted the business plan as submitted by the potential new trustees.

Officers were asked to obtain projected financial information and to move to appointing new trustees and agreeing a new lease as soon as practical.

The committee asked to be kept up to date on progress.

The meeting closed at 8.14 pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____