

Abbots Langley Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 21st March 2018, 7:30 pm at Tanners Wood Hall, School Mead, Abbots Langley.

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Those present:

Councillors: Councillors Liz Burns (Chairman), Jean Bowman, Lyn Ferguson, Brenda Kersey, Jane Lay, David Major, Alex Michaels, Robin Powell, Owen Roe, Alison Ward and John Wyatt.

Apologies: Councillors Sara Bedford, Stephen Giles-Medhurst and Hitesh Taylor.

Officers: Tim Perkins (Clerk to the Council) & Janet Pearce (Planning and Meetings Officer).

Others: Julie Lloyd (Admiral Nurse) - Dementia Awareness Presentation.

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The meeting opened at 7:32 pm.

1. Welcome

Councillor Liz Burns, Chairman of the Parish Council, welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Apologies from Councillors as detailed above were noted.

3. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 2016-2017

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting, held on 1st March 2017, were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

4. Annual Report and Committee Reports

The Chairman summarised her report for the past year and introduced the committee Chairmen.

The Chairmen of the Council's Planning & Highways, Leisure and Finance & Administration Committees introduced and summarised their reports.

The Chairman explained that as the work of the Staffing Committee involved the employees of the Parish Council much of its business was confidential.

The Review Panel deals with formal complaints raised against services the council provides. The panel Chairman confirmed that they had not met this year as no such complaints were received.

The reports having been summarised the Chairman asked for questions.

Questions from residents:

Q: Is there anything the Parish Council can do to assist with the elimination of obstructive and dangerous parking around the parish.

A: The Planning & Highways Committee often raise parking issues when considering planning applications, particularly those where garages are being turned into habitable accommodation. However, current planning regulations do not give sufficient weight to parking issues. Future changes in regulations may give more consideration to parking and the related issues, such as obstructive and displacement parking.

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Q: *Does the Parish Council or members support the application in Abbots Road to converted traditional housing into flats?*

A: Each application has to be treated on its own merits, taking the detail of the individual application into consideration.

Members have to take care not to “predetermine” the application and any comments submitted to the Planning Authority have to be agreed by the committee, not individual members.

5. Civic Awards

The Parish Council’s Civic Awards were announced by the Chairman.

Outstanding Achievement

Ingrid Allen (Library Manager)

Service to the Local Community

Debra Hicks (Funeral Consultant)

Local Community Group

Abbots Langley Carers Network (presented to Joan Gentry on behalf of)

The awards to Ingrid Allen and Debra Hicks will be presented at the Chairman’s Reception as they were unable to attend this meeting.

6. Financial Grants

Grants certificate were presented to the following organisations.

i. Back to the Front

£3,000 to support Back to the Front 2018 Project - Book Production.

ii. Abbots Langley Cricket Club

£650 to support the cost of soil, seed and fertilizer to maintain the cricket table.

iii. CAB in Three Rivers

£2,000 to support home visiting & Case Worker at Abbots Langley CAB.

iv. St Lawrence Church

£2,500 to support the cost of churchyard maintenance and maintaining the environment.

v. St. Paul’s Church Langleybury

£1,500 to support the cost of maintenance and improvement of church grounds.

vi. Lions Club of Watford

£2,000 to support the cost of staging Abbots Langley Carnival & Fireworks.

vii. Herts & Middx Wildlife Trust

£750 to support the cost of Working Parties at Longspring Wood, Toms Lane (x3).

viii. Royal Air Force Association

£250 to support the cost of supporting meeting hall hire costs.

ix. Abbots Langley Flower Arranging Society

£250 to support the cost of staging demonstrations and flowers.

x. Henderson Hub

£32,000 to support the activities of the Hub.

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7. Speaker - Dementia Awareness

Julie Lloyd (Admiral Nurse) gave an overview of the challenges of caring for someone with dementia and the support available.

Attendees had the opportunity to ask questions.

The Chairman thanked Julie Lloyd for her interesting and thought provoking presentation.

8. Meeting Closed

There being no further business the Chairman closed the formal meeting at 8:33 pm, thanking colleagues and the Parish Council staff for all their hard work during the year.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____

[Draft minutes noted by the Parish Council min. 16 - 14/05/2018.]

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