

Abbots Langley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 12th March 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Council Offices, Langley Road, Abbots Langley.

Those Present:

Chairman:	Councillor Liz Burns
Vice-Chairman:	Councillor Brenda Kersey
Councillors:	Councillor Sara Bedford Councillor Jean Bowman Councillor Stephen Giles-Medhurst Councillor Jane Lay Councillor David Major Councillor Robin Powell Councillor Owen Roe Councillor Alison Ward Councillor John Wyatt
Officers:	Tim Perkins - Clerk to the Council

The meeting opened at 7:30 pm.

361. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received, accepted and recorded from Councillors Hitesh Tailor and Alex Michaels (both unavailable).

362. Public Participation

None.

363. Hertfordshire Police

Not present.

Due to an oversight the Clerk advised that the agenda had only been sent to Sgt Simmons that morning, although the full calendar of meetings was available on the website.

364. Declarations of Interest

None.

365. To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

It was proposed by Councillor Jane Lay, seconded by Councillor Alison Ward and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 8th January 2018, 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.

366. 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 - 10th & 31st January, 21st February 2018

Finance & Administration Committee - 22nd January 2018

Leisure Committee - 14th February 2018

367. Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Report

Members noted the report.

The Clerk confirmed that the Neighbourhood Plan website would be part of the Parish Council's website. To ensure consistency of "look and feel" development work would be undertaken by Peter Fleming who designed the Parish Council's website.

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Members were concerned about the circulation of the Neighbourhood Plan “flyer”. It had not been received in the Garston, Primrose Hill and Toms Lane areas. The Clerk was asked to advise the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Chairman.

368. Internal Audit 2017-2018 (Interim update)

Members noted the review carried out by the Finance & Administration Committee (min. 347).

369. District and County Council Member's Reports

County Councillor Sara Bedford

Secondary School Place Allocations

Eighteen children have received non-ranked place allocations. Discussions are ongoing and further admissions data is being sought. Some children have been allocated places at Adeyfield School (Hemel Hempstead) and Westfield Academy (West Watford).

YMCA Woodlands

Demolition work has started. It is hoped a cycle hub will be part of the development, discussions are ongoing.

Strategic Working Group

A working group has been formed by the five principal authorities in South West Hertfordshire to consider joint strategies, particularly large-scale developments that may cross authority borders.

318 Bus Petition

A petition of apx. 1,250 signatures was handed in to County Hall on 9th March 2018, protesting about the removal of the above service north of the parish towards Hemel Hempstead. Consideration is being given to various funding options which may bring about a partial solution. Poor usage statistics have not helped review options.

There have been multiple complaints from residents about Aviva cancelling particularly first and last timetabled services on the number 8 service.

370. Chairman's Report

The Chairman has attended the following events.

25th February - Three Rivers District Council Civic Service at St Peters Church, Mill End.

371. Clerk's Report

Members noted:

- Graffiti - Police Action
- Office Copies
- Financial Grants - Acknowledgement Letters
- Small Grants approved
- Diary Dates

372. Monthly Statement of Accounts

It was proposed by Councillor John Wyatt and seconded by Councillor Sara Bedford and **RESOLVED** that the Statement of Accounts for January & February 2018 as notified to the Council be approved and published on the Parish Council's website.

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373. 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 following item relates to 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.

374. Evergreen FC - Charge on Property

Members considered the briefing note provided by the Parish Council's solicitor and the final draft of the legal charge.

The Clerk advised members that he had received the following update from the solicitors prior to the meeting.

"The form of the Legal Charge has now been settled.... You will see that my amendments were all accepted - there were some minor 'tweaks' made by the Foundation's solicitors, and Blake Morgan, but none of these were any issue for Abbots Langley Parish Council."

It was proposed by Councillor Stephen Giles-Medhurst and seconded by Councillor Jane Lay and **RESOLVED** that the charge as outlined be approved.

The charge was duly executed by two members with the Clerk witnessing.

The meeting closed at 8.07 pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____