

## Abbots Langley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Council Offices, Langley Road, Abbots Langley.

Those Present:

Chairman: Councillor Brenda Kersey

Vice-Chairman: Councillor Robin Powell

Councillors: Councillor Liz Burns  
Councillor Jean Bowman  
Councillor Jane Lay  
Councillor David Major  
Councillor Owen Roe  
Councillor Hitesh Tailor  
Councillor Alison Ward  
Councillor John Wyatt

Officers: Tim Perkins - Clerk to the Council

Also present: Peter Warman - Chairman, Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group  
David Monk - Potential Co-Opted Member of the Parish Council

The meeting opened at 7:30 pm.

### 88. Apologies for absence

Councillors Stephen Giles-Medhurst, Alex Michaels (both unavailable), Sara Bedford (unwell).

### 89. Public Participation

Mr David Monk signed in as a potential Co-Opted Member of the Parish Council. (Agenda item 10, minute 97.)

### 90. Hertfordshire Police

Not present.

The Clerk was asked to write to Sgt Simmons and request that an officer is present at Parish Council meetings, or if not possible, a brief report submitted in advance to the Clerk.

Members appreciate that operational matters may change priorities at short notice.

### 91. Declarations of Interest

None.

### 92. 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 14<sup>th</sup> May & 20<sup>th</sup> June 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.

#### Appointments to Other Bodies (min 8.)

Councillor John Wyatt asked that consideration be given at the September Parish Council meeting of his nomination as the Parish Council's representative on the Carnival Committee, as he is Chairman of the Watford Lions Carnival Organising Committee.

### 93. 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 - 16<sup>th</sup> May, 6<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

Staffing Committee - 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

Leisure Committee - 20<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

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### 94. Matters Referred from Committees

Delegation in the Absence of the Clerk

Members noted the above which has been referred from the Staffing Committee.

### 95. Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group

Members noted the above report.

### 96. NALC & SLCC Joint Statement - The Ledbury Case

Members noted the statements on the above.

Following a High Court judgment grievances raised by members of staff, which involved member's behaviour, now have to be dealt with through the Code of Conduct process, rather than Parish Council's grievance process.

The Staffing Committee will be kept updated on developments.

### 97. Co-Option to the Parish Council

It was proposed by Councillor Brenda Kersey, seconded by Councillor Liz Burns and **RESOLVED** that the Mr David Monk be co-opted to serve on the Parish Council, representing Hunton Bridge & Langleybury ward, until the ordinary elections in May 2019.

A vote was requested and all members present were in favour.

The Clerk will arrange for all relevant paperwork to be sent to Mr Monk and will advise members when the Declaration of Acceptance of Office has been completed.

Mr Monk will attend upcoming committee meetings and committee assignments will be resolved at the September Parish Council meeting

### 98. Leases Jacketts Field Allotments & Summerhouse Way Garages

Members noted the report on the above.

### 99. District and County Council Member's Reports

County Councillor David Major

The Annual Open-Air Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving at West Herts Crematorium, which is held on the second Sunday in July, was well attended.

### 100. Chairman's Report

The Chairman has attended the following events.

30<sup>th</sup> May - HAPTC Chairmanship & Meetings Process Training, Kimpton PC.  
Vice-Chairman also attended.

2<sup>nd</sup> June - YMCA Woodlands Café & Cycle Hub, Leavesden Country Park.

9<sup>th</sup> June - Abbots Langley Carnival.

28<sup>th</sup> June - Royal British Legion Abbots Langley Branch, Veterans Lunch, Manor House.

9<sup>th</sup> July - Hertfordshire Criminal Justice Board Meeting, St Albans District Council Offices (Vice-Chairman attended).

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### 101. Clerk's Report

Members noted:

- Defibrillator Vandalism.
- Three Rivers District area Parish Council Chairman and Vice-Chairman.
- Apologies.
- Small Grant.
- Office Copies.
- Diary Dates.

The Local Area Forum in Abbots Langley is 1st November not 1st December 2018 as reported.

### 102. Monthly Statement of Accounts

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

### 103. Exclusion of the Press and Public (Part II)

It was proposed by Councillor Brenda Kersey and seconded by Councillor Jane Lay and **RESOLVED** that as the following matters related to the terms and conditions of members of staff, 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.

### 104. Matters Referred from Committees

Apprentice Management Allowance

Members noted the above which has been referred from the Staffing Committee.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_