

Abbots Langley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 8th July 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Council Offices, Langley Road, Abbots Langley.

Those Present:

Chairman:	Councillor Gloria Keaveny
Vice Chairman:	Councillor Belinda Phipps
Councillors:	Councillor Sara Bedford Councillor Jean Bowman Councillor Derryck Croker Councillor Jeff Hill Councillor Brenda Kersey Councillor Jane Lay Councillor David Major Councillor Owen Roe Councillor Keith Williams Councillor John Wyatt
Officers:	Tim Perkins - Clerk to the Council

The meeting opened at 7:30pm.

70. Standing Orders

Members noted that the new revision of Standing Orders, approved at the Annual Council Meeting in May 2013 (min. 17) were now in effect.

71. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received, accepted and recorded from Councillors Stephen Giles-Medhurst, Martin Brooks and Angela Laval (all other commitments).

72. Declarations of Interest

None.

73. Public Participation

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

74. Hertfordshire Police

Due to operational commitments no officers were available to attend the meeting. Sgt. Neil Canning provided the following update on recent incidents.

- Seven thefts from vehicles at Parmiters and St. Michael's Catholic High School, suspect arrested and on remand. Items of value (mobile phones etc.) had been left visible in the vehicles.
- Drugs warrant executed in Wadham Close. Suspect arrested for possession of cannibals with intent to supply and is currently on bail.
- Car overturned in the High Street. Driver arrested for driving with excess alcohol and other motoring offences.
- Police and Crime Commissioners "DriveSafe" scheme has been launched. This gives volunteer residents the opportunity to be trained to use vehicle speed measuring equipment to identify speeding vehicles. Further details on the Hertfordshire Constabulary website.
- Anti-Social Behaviour in Bedmond is being addressed with Sanctuary Housing and increased patrols.

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75. Minutes of the Meeting

It was proposed by Councillor Derryck Croker, seconded by Councillor Belinda Phipps and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 13th May 2013, 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.

Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 19th June 2013 was deferred as some members had not received copies of the minutes.

76. 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 - 15th May, 5th June, 26th June 2013.

Leisure Committee - 19th June 2013.

77. Minutes for Noting

Members noted the minutes of the informal Staffing Meeting held on 9th May 2013. Councillors Keith Williams and Stephen Giles-Medhurst to be shown "in attendance" as they were not members of that committee.

78. Bank Mandate

It was proposed by Councillor Jane Lay, seconded by Councillor Jeff Hill and **RESOLVED** that the following amendments be made to the Parish Council's bank mandate.

- a. Mrs Gail Kiely, Finance Officer, to be added to issue instructions.
- b. Councillor Gloria Keaveny and Councillor Brenda Kersey to be added as cheque signatories and the signatories no longer serving on the Parish Council be deleted.

79. Managing Trustees - Henderson Memorial Hall

It was proposed by Councillor Jane Lay, seconded by Councillor Jean Bowman and **RESOLVED** that The Hon. Arabella Stuart-Smith be appointed as a Managing Trustee of the above for a four year term of office.

It was proposed by Councillor Jane Lay, seconded by Councillor Sara Bedford and **RESOLVED** that Mrs Lynn Luck and Mr Roger Sands be re-appointed as Managing Trustees of the above for a four year term of office, effective September 2013.

80. District and County Council Member Reports

District Councillor Keith Williams

The consultation on Leisure provision in the parish area is ongoing. Thanks to Parish Council members who attending the consultation meeting on 2nd July 2013 and a reminder that the public consultation is on Wednesday 10th July 2013 at 7:30 pm in the Manor House.

Three Rivers District Council has approved the final phases of the Leavesden aerodrome development.

District Councillor David Major

The Hill Farm Close (development on a play area) and Gallows Hill Lane (land to the rear of 8-24) planning applications have both been refused on appeal.

Funding has been approved via the District Council, for 2013-2014, which will allow the 318 bus service to be extended to Hemel Hempstead on Saturdays and also for improved early morning and later evening services weekdays on the same route.

Members were reminded that the Open Air Service will be held at West Herts Crematorium on Sunday 14th July 2013 at 3:00 pm.

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County and District Councillor Sara Bedford

Arriva have advised that the 550 bus service (Watford - Hunton Bridge - Kings Langley Station - Ovaltine Drive and onwards) is to be withdrawn from 23rd July 2013. This will be replaced with an emergency service during school hours.

This will leave the Primrose Hill end of the parish with a severely reduced bus service. Discussions are ongoing.

The hedge opposite the Bellway development on South Way (bordering the Horses Field) has been cut back by the developers. Discussions are taking place between the developers and Three Rivers District Council.

Meetings have taken place and further meetings are planned with Herts Highways officers on multiple issues around the area. Particular attention is being given to the area around Railway Terrace.

The Clerk advised that a number of complaints had been received in the office and passed on to Hertfordshire Highways, about the poor condition of the land and in particular the fences on the median land between Railway Terrace and the resident's access road.

81. Chairman's Report

The Chairman has attended the following events.

- 17th May 1st Abbots Langley Scouts AGM - Scouts HQ Langley Road
- 2nd June Coral Evensong for Queen's Diamond Jubilee - St. Lawrence Church
- 3rd June Presented plaque to Royal British Legion in memory of Miss Ivy Young.
- 8th June Abbots Langley Carnival
- 27th June Armed Forces Lunch - Manor House
- 1st July Henderson Hub Project Working Group Presentation - Council Offices
- 2nd July Leisure Services Consultation (TRDC) - Council Offices
- 3rd July Watford Community Housing Trust Councillors Update - WCHT Clarendon Road, Watford
- 4th July Informal meeting with Bedmond Football Club and School

82. Clerk's Report

Members noted the following items which were not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

- Leases - Abbots Langley Community Police Office and Abbots Langley Cricket Club.
- Parish Council Chairman and Vice-Chairman
- Precept FY 2013-2014
- Sedgwick Kelly
- Meeting agenda and papers
- Staff - New Finance Officer and Administration Officer
- Primrose Hill Footpath Lights
- Affinity Water
- Leisure Committee - Change of Date (August)
- Office Copies
- Diary Dates
- Absence from Office

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83. Monthly Statement of Accounts

It was proposed by Councillor Sara Bedford and seconded by Councillor Keith Williams and **RESOLVED** that the Statement of Accounts for May & June 2013 as notified to the Council be approved and published on the Parish Council's website.

84. 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 matters related to the early stages of a legal dispute 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.

85. Indemnity Claim

Members noted the Clerk's report and asked for an update as matters are progressed by the Parish Council's insurers.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____