

Abbots Langley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9th September 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 Jane Lay Councillor David Major Councillor Owen Roe Councillor Keith Williams Councillor John Wyatt
Officers:	Tim Perkins - Clerk to the Council
Police:	PCSO 6130 Ryan Legge

The meeting opened at 7:30 pm.

139. Apologies for absence

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

140. Declarations of Interest

None.

141. Public Participation

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

142. Hertfordshire Police

PCSO Ryan Legge introduced himself, he has recently joined the local Community Policing Team having served for the past three years in Rickmansworth.

An operation is scheduled for later in the month at Hunton Bridge, involving Vehicle & Operator Services Agency, UK Border Agency and other agencies to combat moving vehicle crime.

PCSOs are using the speed board and speed gun at various locations in the area. Motorists then receive words of advice. Operations targeting Anti-Social Behaviour in the School Mead and the Bedmond retail areas are ongoing. The offenders are known, home visits have taken place and agencies such as Watford Community Housing Trust are involved.

Officers were asked to give attention to youths hanging round the entrances to the Methodist Church in Langley Road, large quantities of litter have been left in the area during the school holidays.

Local crime statistics will follow.

Councillor Sara Bedford again raised the issue of obstructive parking, particular hot spots are Primrose Hill, where a resident routinely parks against the wall of their property blocking the pavement and also in Abbots Road where there are similar problems. Police action has been taken against a resident in an adjoining parish who routinely parks on the pavement, causing an obstruction to a resident with a guide dog.

Councillor Belinda Phipps reported that there had been a resurgence in drug use in the pill box at the end of Gypsy Lane.

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143. Minutes of the Meeting

It was proposed by Councillor Jane Lay, seconded by Councillor John Wyatt and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meetings held on 19th June and 8th July 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.

144. 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 - 17th July, 7th & 28th August 2013

Finance & Administration Committee - 22nd July 2013

Leisure Committee - 21st August 2013

145. Nash Mills Village Hall - Parish Council Nominee

The Clerk has finally established contact with the above.

The situation relating to the Parish Council nominee on the above body will be reviewed at a management committee meeting later this month and the Clerk will update members at the next parish Council meeting.

146. Local Strategic Partnership

It was proposed by Councillor Sara Bedford, seconded by Councillor Jane Lay and **RESOLVED** that Councillor David Major be nominated to serve on the Local Strategic Partnership.

Councillor Major's nomination will be considered, along with any others received at the next Joint Meeting of the Parish Councils, which is scheduled for 4th November 2013.

147. Calendar of Meetings 2014-2015

The Clerk was asked to re-draft the calendar reinstating monthly (exc. August) Parish Council meetings and present to the November Parish Council meeting.

The Clerk was asked to review with the Finance and Administration Committee alternate days and times for that committee's meetings.

148. War Memorial Fund

Members noted the Clerk's report and letter from the War Memorial Fund.

The fund will be asked to submit a Financial Grant Application for consideration in the 2014-2015 financial year awards process. The Chairman of the fund has indicated to members that this will not unduly affect their plans.

149. District and County Council Member Reports

County and District Councillor Sara Bedford

Work is ongoing with County Council Highways Officers to address multiple issues in the area. Remedial work to the pavement on the High Street Abbots Langley, between the Old Boys Home pub and The Crescent, is scheduled to start imminently.

Discussions are ongoing with various community groups about the introduction of innovative projects which can be supported from Councillor Bedford's locality budget.

District Councillor Keith Williams

Attended the Green Flag Award presentation at Leavesden Country Park.

A number of residents have been concerned by incorrect information that is circulating about the future of the "Horses Field" on South Way and Langley Lane. A play area is planned for the field, a consultation is ongoing to inform the decisions about the type of play area and also what further leisure facilities will be developed on the site.

The agreements between MEPC and subsequently Bellway Homes ensure that the land is protected for leisure use, rather than development, a position that is fully supported by Three Rivers District Council.

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Councillor Belinda Phipps asked that consideration be given to a “natural” rather than “built” play area.

District Councillor David Major

Reminded members that the next Highways Liaison Meeting will be held at Three Rivers District Council on 21st October.

150. Chairman’s Report

The Chairman did not attend any events during August.

151. Clerk’s Report

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

- Abbots Langley Bowls Club
- Salary Review - Local Council Staff
- Hertfordshire Police and Crime Panel
- Land Registry
- Christmas and New Year Working 2013-2014
- Office Copies
- Diary Dates
- Absence from Office

152. Monthly Statement of Accounts

It was proposed by Councillor John Wyatt and seconded by Councillor Belinda Phipps and **RESOLVED** that the Statement of Accounts for July & August 2013 as notified to the Council be approved and published on the Parish Council’s website.

The meeting closed at 8.49 pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____