

Abbots Langley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11th July 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Council Offices, Langley Road, Abbots Langley.

Those Present:

Chairman: Councillor Alex Michaels

Vice-Chairman: Councillor Liz Burns

Councillors: Councillor Sara Bedford
Councillor Jean Bowman
Councillor Lyn Ferguson
Councillor Jane Lay
Councillor David Major
Councillor Robin Powell
Councillor Leslie Proctor
Councillor Owen Roe
Councillor Hitesh Tailor
Councillor Alison Ward
Councillor John Wyatt

Officers: Tim Perkins - Clerk to the Council

Police: PC 2091 Danielle Howlett-Bolton (part of meeting)

The meeting opened at 7:30 pm.

85. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received, accepted and recorded from Councillor Stephen Giles-Medhurst (other authority meeting) and Councillor Brenda Kersey (unavailable).

86. Public Participation

None.

87. Hertfordshire Police

PC Danielle Howlett-Bolton delivered a report from Sgt. Barry Eldridge, who was unable to attend the meeting.

The three policing priorities for the area were confirmed as:

- i. Vehicle speeding. Specifically in Tibbs Hill Road, Gallows Hill Lane and Bedmond Road. Enforcement operations in these areas were ongoing and they would remain priority areas for the next three months.

Members were concerned that Toms Lane was not a priority area. PC Howlett-Bolton explained it was an area to which officers gave attention, but the nature of the road meant there were few locations where enforcement could be carried out.

- ii. Dog related Anti-Social Behaviour, inc. enforcement of the Public Spaces Protection Order.
- iii. Off road motor bikes. Has not been a major problem over the past few months but this always increases during the summer. Tickets have been issued and one motor bike seized.

88. Declarations of Interest

None.

89. To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on

It was proposed by Councillor Liz Burns, seconded by Councillor Leslie Proctor and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 16th May and 15th June 2016, 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.

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90. 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 - 18th May, 8th & 29th June 2016

Staffing Committee - 8th June 2016

Leisure Committee - 22nd June 2016

91. Matters Referred from Committees

Finance & Administration Committee (min. 428 04/2016)

It was proposed by Councillor Jane Lay, seconded by Councillor Owen Roe and **RESOLVED** that Financial Regulations be updated as follows:

Current 11k.

The European Union Procurement Directive shall apply and the terms of the Public Contracts Regulations 2006 and the Utilities Contracts Regulations 2006 including thresholds shall be followed.

Proposed 11k

The council will conform to the requirements of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015/12 and utilise the Contract Finder website for any contracts over the value of £25,000.

The requirements for public works contracts in excess of £4,104,394 or public service or supply contracts of over £164,176 are noted and will be addressed in the event of such contracts being considered. (Financial limits correct as at January 2016, Public Contracts Directive 2014/24/EU).

92. Evergreen Football Club

It was proposed by Councillor Jane Lay, seconded by Councillor Robin Powell and **RESOLVED** that Councillor Sara Bedford be appointed to serve on the Management Committee of Evergreen Football Club. (min. 62i refers.)

A substitute member, from the Leisure Committee membership, will be delegated to attend if Councillor Bedford is unavailable.

The Clerk will add this nomination to the list of those considered annually at the Annual Council Meeting.

Any reports from the meeting will be by exception.

93. Long Service Awards

Members noted and welcomed the policy agreed by the Staffing Committee.

The Clerk will arrange an appropriate presentation for staff and members to attend. Depending on the refurbishment works in the offices this may not take place until the autumn.

94. Langleybury War Memorial

Members noted the consultation from Historic England and had no objections to the War Memorial being listed.

95. Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Members noted the report from the Chairman of the above.

The Chairman commended the work of the Steering Group to members and encouraged them to attend the group's meetings.

96. District and County Council Member's Reports

County Councillor Sara Bedford

- Police have been instructed by the Police & Crime Commissioner to stop enforcing pavement parking. This will be discussed with the Area Inspector. Members were disappointed at this update, given the recent improvements in this area.

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- The small play area in the Abbotswood development opened on the day of the meeting. The opening of the Horses Field play area is imminent.
- Further parking bays in the district are being progressed. At least an additional two will be in the parish area.
- Work is on-going on the provision of secondary school places in the area.

97. Chairman's Report

The Chairman has attended the following events.

30th June - Battle of Jutland and the Somme Vigil, St. Lawrence Church.

4th July - Joint Parishes Meeting, Chorleywood Parish Council.

5th July - Local Area Forum, Bedmond Village Hall.

9th July - TRDC Leavesden Heritage Day, Leavesden Country Park.

The Chairman thanked the Vice-Chairman for deputising at the Abbots Langley Carnival on 11th June.

98. Clerk's Report

Members noted:

- Grants Awarded
- Parish Council offices refurbishment
- Office copies
- Diary dates

99. Monthly Statement of Accounts

It was proposed by Councillor Sara Bedford and seconded by Councillor John Wyatt and **RESOLVED** that the Statement of Accounts for May & June 2016 as notified to the Council be approved and published on the Parish Council's website.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____