

## Abbots Langley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 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 Sara Bedford Councillor Jean Bowman Councillor Jane Lay Councillor David Monk Councillor Owen Roe Councillor Hitesh Tailor Councillor Alison Ward Councillor John Wyatt
Officers:	Tim Perkins - Clerk to the Council
Police:	Sergeant 1971 Christopher Simmons

The meeting opened at 7:30 pm.

The Chairman welcomed Councillor David Monk to his first Parish Council meeting following his co-option to serve on the council.

### 159. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received, accepted and recorded from Councillors Lyn Ferguson, Stephen Giles-Medhurst, David Major and Alex Michaels (all unavailable).

### 160. Public Participation

None

### 161. Declarations of Interest

Councillor John Wyatt declared an interest in agenda item 8, Appointments to Other Bodies.

### 162. Hertfordshire Police

Sergeant Simmons updated members on various topics:

- Operation Contend addressed anti-social behaviour over the summer months, changes in the deployment of resources across Three Rivers area had a positive effect as there were very limited reports of anti-social behaviour.
- Drugs warrants executed in Toms Lane area. Some local issues have arisen with offenders being displaced from the Metropolitan Police area.
- Operation Vamoose includes joint working with Thames Valley Police addressing cross-border criminal activity. Automatic Number Plate Recognition systems have been set up at various covert locations to try and identify the vehicles involved.
- Parmiters School has seen an increase in property taken from vehicles parked on the school grounds. CCTV has helped identify suspect vehicles but most are using false number plates.
- Preparations for Halloween are in progress. This includes working with local shops to restrict sales of items such as eggs and flour.
- Section 59 notices (Police & Reform Act 2002) are being used where appropriate when vehicles are used in an anti-social manner.

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### 163. To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

It was proposed by Councillor Liz Burns, seconded by Councillor Robin Powell and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> July 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.

### 164. 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 - 18<sup>th</sup> July, 8<sup>th</sup> August & 29<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

Finance & Administration Committee - 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018.

Leisure Committee - 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2018.

### 165. Internal Audit Report (Final Update) 2017-2018

Members noted the final Internal Audit Report for 2017-2018 which has been reviewed in detail by the Finance & Administration Committee (min. 118i).

### 166. Appointments to Other Bodies

It was proposed by Councillor Brenda Kersey, seconded by Councillor Jane Lay and **RESOLVED** that Councillor Liz Burns be the Parish Council's nominated substitute representative on the Carnival Organising Committee, replacing Councillor John Wyatt who stood down from this nomination.

Councillor Jane Lay represents the Parish Council on this committee having been previously nominated (min. 8.).

### 167. Committee Assignments

It was proposed by Councillor Brenda Kersey, seconded by Councillor Jane Lay and **RESOLVED** that Councillor David Monk be nominated to serve on the Leisure Committee and Staffing Committee.

### 168. Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Members noted the report.

Councillor Brenda Kersey and Mr Peter Warman, Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group are meeting with Moto Hospitality to discuss the proposed plans for the service area at Junction 20 of the M25. Members will be updated following the meeting.

### 169. Standing Orders Update

It was proposed by Councillor Brenda Kersey, seconded by Councillor Sara Bedford and **RESOLVED** that the revised draft of Standing Orders (v4) be approved.

Updates were in line with the recently introduced model Standing Orders provided by the National Association of Local Councils.

The Clerk will circulate electronic copies of the update to all online members.

### 170. Calendar of Meetings 2019-2020

Members noted the calendar.

The alternate month "tbc" Parish Council meetings will be removed from the calendar.

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### 171. Wreath Laying

Battle of Britain Sunday (16th September)

Chairman - St Lawrence Church

Clerk to arrange - Airfield Memorial Warner Bros.

Remembrance Sunday (11th November)

Chairman - St. Lawrence Church

Councillor Owen Roe (Councillor David Monk as reserve) - St. Paul's Langleybury

Councillor Jean Bowman - The Church of the Ascension, Bedmond

Councillor Robin Powell - Dale Court, Leavesden High Road

Clerk to arrange - Airfield Memorial Warner Bros.

### 172. Christmas New Year Working 2018-2019

Members noted the arrangements.

### 173. Henderson Hall Managing Trustees

Members noted the report from the Clerk.

Nominations will be sought for new Managing Trustees at the November Parish Council Meeting.

### 174. Safeguarding Policy

It was proposed by Councillor Brenda Kersey, seconded by Councillor John Wyatt and RESOLVED that the Safeguarding Policy as presented be approved.

Delegated authority was granted to the Clerk to make any future minor updates as required.

### 175. Chairman's Report

The Chairman has attended the following events.

12<sup>th</sup> July - Speech at Breakspeare Court, Abbots Langley on the occasion of Aldwyck Housing's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

12<sup>th</sup> July - Hertfordshire Association of Parish & Town Councils AGM & Summer Tea, Redbourn Parish Council. Councillors Liz Burns and Jane Lay attended due to above commitment.

13<sup>th</sup> July - Watford Lions Carnival Presentations, Abbots Langley & District Men's Club.

14<sup>th</sup> July - Opened Bedmond Village Fair, Toms Lane Playing Fields.

17<sup>th</sup> July - Parmiters School Junior Speech Day. (Vice-Chairman deputised).

29<sup>th</sup> July - Abbots Langley Local History Society, exhibition on Elvira Henderson's legacy at Henderson Hall.

21<sup>st</sup> July - Opening of the Woodlands Café, Leavesden Country Park.

22<sup>nd</sup> July - Abbeyfield Home Garden Party, Greenways.

29<sup>th</sup> July - Songs of Praise, St. Lawrence Church, marking the end of the Abbots Langley Festival.

8<sup>th</sup> September - Presented awards at the Abbots Langley Gardening Society Autumn Show, Community Centre.

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

County Councillor Sara Bedford

- The Woodlands Café at Leavesden Country Park is now open. The Cycle Hub is due to open Sunday 30th September 2018. Works are underway on the "Leavesden Hive" (previously Heritage & Wildlife Centre), construction is factory build and it is hoped this will be completed by the year end.
- "Life Sized Tommies" have been delivered to the Parish Council, funded by Councillor Sara Bedford's Hertfordshire County Council Locality budget. The Facilities Manager will be asked to design a flexible base so the Tommies can make appearances at events around the Parish, one of the first will be the Tough ten.
- The 20 mph zone on the High Street and approaches is being reviewed with various speed calming measures considered. Further review of similar proposals for the Hillside area is planned.
- Planning enforcement action is being taken by Three Rivers District Council on the unauthorised scaffolding yard on the A41 north of the Hunton Bridge roundabout and canal bridge (site previously known locally as the Christmas Tree yard).
- Hertfordshire County Council is looking at further restrictions to stop Heavy Goods Vehicle impacts on the low bridges at Gallows Hill/Station Road and Bridge Road/Hunton Bridge Hill.
- No affordable accommodation is being included in the conversion of the old college building into residential accommodation on Home Park Mill Link Road.
- "Bard Aid" have taken over the maintenance of the legacy red phone box at Hunton Bridge and will continue its use as a community library.
- The resurfacing works at College Road/Katherine Place roundabout have been partially completed. Works were suspended when emergency water main repairs closed Tibbs Hill Road. Completion of the works will be reprogrammed.

### 177. Clerk's Report

Members noted:

- Hertfordshire County Council Pensions Board
- Data Protection Officer
- Grants Awarded
- Office Copies
- Diary dates

### 178. 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 July & August 2018 as notified to the Council be approved and published on the Parish Council's website.

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The meeting closed at 8.54 pm.

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

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