

Abbots Langley Parish Council

Minutes of the Leisure Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 13th February 2019 at 7.30 pm in the Council Offices, Langley Road, Abbots Langley.

Those present:

Chairman: Councillor John Wyatt
Vice Chairman: Councillor Jane Lay
Councillors: Councillor Sara Bedford
Councillor Jean Bowman
Councillor Liz Burns
Councillor David Monk
Councillor Robin Powell
Councillor Alison Ward

Also Present: Mr Chris Bromwich - Allotment Representative
Mr John Kersey - Allotment Representative
Mr Tim Denyer - Sports Representative

Officers: Tim Perkins - Clerk to the Council
David Abbott - Facilities Manager
Mark Ellis - Works Manager

The meeting opened at 7:30 pm.

339. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received, accepted and recorded from Councillor Hitesh Tailor (work commitment).

Mr Rob Stimpson and Mr Vince Watts, Allotment Representatives, had advised the Clerk that they were unable to attend the meeting,

340. Declarations of Interest

None.

341. Public Participation

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

342. Minutes of the Meeting

It was proposed by Councillor Jane Lay, seconded by Councillor Liz Burns and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 12th December 2019, 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.

343. Reports from the Allotments Representatives

Jacketts Field - Mr John Kersey

No report from the allotments.

Primrose Hill Community Orchard

A number of trees have died, possibly due to poor soil conditions. Going to see how remaining tree grow during the summer. Replacement trees with larger root stock will be planted later in the year. Works Manager to assist with diggings to assess soil conditions.

Manor House - Mr Chris Bromwich

Works Team have tidied up the vacant plots. Two plots have been tenanted and viewing appointments have been sorted for others.

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344. Reports from the Sports Representatives

Mr Tim Denyer - Abbots Youth Football Club

The club was receiving the broadcast emails from the office when pitches were taken out of use due to weather conditions. The Works Manager was asked to contact Mr Denyer if there were any issues with teams not adhering to pitch closures.

345. Manor House Toilet Block

Members confirmed that they did not want staff routinely cleaning the new toilet block.

Officers have a cleaning and maintenance quote from the unit supplier and others are being sought. A contract will be agreed as soon as possible to enable the toilets to be opened.

346. Skate Park Project

Members noted the report from the Clerk and that contractors were due on site imminently.

347. Depot Refurbishment

Members agreed that a surveyor should be engaged to carry out investigations into the surface and sub-surface at the depot and also to specify the works to be carried out on the surface.

348. Langleybury Cricket Club

Members noted that the club want to site a storage container on the playing fields and that plans from the club have not been received.

This will be deferred until plans are received from the club.

349. Clerk's Report

Members noted:

- Open Spaces Code of Conduct

350. Exclusion of the Press and Public (Part II)

It was proposed by Councillor Liz Burns and seconded by Councillor John Wyatt and **RESOLVED** that as the following matters related the early stages of a 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.

351. Unauthorised Felling of Trees in Roman Gardens

It was proposed by Councillor John Wyatt and seconded by Councillor Jane Lay and **RESOLVED** that the Clerk should instruct the Parish Council's solicitors to seek damages and/or take civil action.

The meeting closed at 8.08 pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____