

## Abbots Langley Parish Council

Minutes of the Leisure Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 7.30pm in the Council Offices, Langley Road, Abbots Langley.

Those present:

Chairman: Councillor John Wyatt  
Councillors: Councillor Sara Bedford  
Councillor Jean Bowman  
Councillor Liz Burns  
Councillor David Monk  
Councillor Robin Powell  
Councillor Hitesh Tailor  
Councillor Alison Ward

Also Present: Mr Chris Bromwich - Allotment Representative  
Mr John Kersey - Allotment Representative  
Mr Robert Stimpson - 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.

#### **404. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received, accepted and recorded from Councillor Jane lay (away).

#### **405. Declarations of Interest**

None.

#### **406. Public Participation**

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

#### **407. Minutes of the Meeting**

It was proposed by Councillor John Wyatt, seconded by Councillor Liz Burns and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 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.

#### **408. Reports from the Allotments Representatives**

Jacketts Field - Mr John Kersey

No report from the allotments.

Primrose Hill Community Orchard

Initial trees have not thrived due to the hot summer, vandalism and very stony soil. Alternate planting areas are being considered with the Works Manager as is purchasing trees with larger root stock and more mature growth.

Funds for trees are still available from the County Councillor's Locality Budget grant and the Clerk confirmed that there was also Parish Council budget available.

Manor House - Mr Chris Bromwich

No report. Works Manager is following up on unworked plots.

Primrose Hill - Mr Robert Stimpson

No report. All plots are fully tenanted, initial letters have been sent to tenants on unworked plots.

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### 409. Reports from the Sports Representatives

Mr Tim Denyer

Abbots Youth Football Club are looking for additional storage for goalposts. The club were asked to discuss options with the Facilities Manager and Works Manager.

Members noted that the fence surrounding the pitch at Bedmond Playing Fields was not being taken down. This has been raised multiple times with the club. Officers will progress, again.

### 410. Key Projects 2019

Manor House Skate Park (Key project 4.)

Members asked that practical completion be delayed until such time as all of the concrete has cured and the fencing can be taken down.

Water Fountain (Key project 15.)

The Facilities Manager and Works Manager were asked to bring back to the next meeting location plans and approximate costs for installing a water supply on South Way, Primrose Hill, Bedmond and Langleybury Playing Fields.

There was significant single use plastic bottle waste at South Way after weekend football matches, a fountain there may assist with waste reduction.

Vehicles (Key project 18.)

Members noted that the Finance & Administration Committee will consider the costs for replacing the Triple grass cutter at its April meeting.

Depot Surface (Key project 20.)

Members noted the initial costs for the project and asked officers to obtain a full specification for the project.

Lamp Post Flags (Key project 22.)

Members noted the initial costs and specifications. Full costs for black poles, clamps and finials along with good quality flags to be referred back to the June meeting of this committee.

Millennium Garden Water Supply (Key project 24.)

Members supported the officer's arrangement with the Methodist Church to secure a reliable water supply. Works to replace the access gate will be undertaken as soon as practical.

### 411. Play Area Prioritisation

Members thanked the Clerk for his report and also for the Life Expectancy Report provided by The Play Inspection Company.

Further consideration of this matter will be deferred until the report commissioned by Three Rivers District Council on play area provision is available.

### 412. Manor House Footpath

Members noted the plans and initial quotes. It was asked that this is added to the Key Projects list for further consideration.

Following the elections, officers to arrange a visit to all sites within the committee's responsibility. Both new and returning committee members to be invited to attend.

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### 413. Open Spaces - Code of Conduct

It was proposed by Councillor Liz Burns, seconded by Councillor Robin Powell and **RESOLVED** that the Open Spaces Code of Conduct be approved and that delegated authority be granted to the Clerk to make minor updates as required.

Members appreciated the practical issues in implementing the code due to the confrontational attitude of some users. But it was appropriate that some of the behaviours, such as using open spaces furniture and trees for strength and conditioning type exercises be addressed.

The Facilities Manager will look to review signage.

It is expected that this will be an ongoing challenge which will require further consideration by this committee.

### 414. Clerk's Report

Members noted the Clerk's report and were disappointed that the lease with Club Supreme had still not completed as the tennis season was getting started.

Members supported officers and agreed that no signage should be displayed or tennis programmes organised by the club until the lease is concluded.

### 415. Exclusion of the Press and Public (Part II)

It was proposed by Councillor Sara Bedford and seconded by Councillor Liz Burns 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.

### 416. Current Legal Matters

Members noted the ongoing legal matters. The Clerk will follow up with Penman Sedgwick and brief the Parish Council at its meeting in May.

The Facilities Manager will follow up licencing concerns with Three Rivers District Council.

The meeting closed at 9.08 pm.

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

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