

Abbots Langley Parish Council

Minutes of the Leisure Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 19th June 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 Jean Bowman Councillor Simon Stanley Councillor Jon Tankard (in attendance - non-voting) Councillor Roxanne Yau
Also Present:	Mr Chris Bromwich - 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.

59. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received, accepted and recorded from Councillors Liz Burns and Sara Bedford (both unavailable).

Mr John Kersey, Allotment Representative, had advised the Clerk that he was unable to attend the meeting.

60. Declarations of Interest

None.

61. Public Participation

Mr Roger Yapp, Back to the Front Project, signed in to speak on agenda item 9, Great War Memorial Wall.

62. Minutes of the Meeting

It was proposed by Councillor Robin Powell, seconded by Councillor Jean Bowman and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 17th April 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.

63. Committee Vice-Chairman

It was proposed by Councillor Jean Bowman, seconded by Councillor Robin Powell and **RESOLVED** that Councillor Jane Lay be elected Committee Vice-Chairman for the municipal year 2019-2020.

64. Reports from the Allotments Representatives

Manor House - Mr Chris Bromwich

All plots are being worked apart from one. The Works Manager confirmed the vacant plot is being offered for tenancy.

Primrose Hill - Mr Robert Stimpson

Most plots being worked.

The Works Manager advised that that areas on Primrose Hill playing fields will be treated due to the spreading of invasive hemlock.

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65. Reports from the Sports Representatives

Mr Tim Denyer - Abbots Youth Football Club

- Questions have been raised about access to the tennis courts for public use. These should be referred to the Facilities Manager.
- Abbots Langley Football Club are enquiring about access to the pitches at Toms Lane playing fields. The club should discuss this with the Facilities Manager.

66. Key Projects

Members considered the June 2019 update of the above, specifically:

- Water Fountain (Key Project 15) - Members agreed the budgeted water fountain should be installed at South Way playing fields. The Facilities Manager and Works Manager will discuss with the club. Consideration to be given to encouraging the club to make refillable bottles available to use the large amount of single use plastic disposed of after matches.

Bedmond playing fields will be considered for a unit in the next budget cycle, but if it is decided to locate the unit by the play area, it will come at a significant cost for mains connection and trenching.

- Vehicles - Triple Grass Cutter (Key Project 18). The current triple has required repairs which needed to be carried out to maintain operations and also to protect the trade in value. The new triple is expected to be delivered around the end of June.
- Depot Surface (Key Project 20) - Members did not want to proceed with the specification and investigation works as detailed. Officers were asked to get a further quote to produce a specification, survey and technical reports.
- Lamp Post Flags (Key Project 22) - Agreed to purchase under officer delegation ten off double lamppost brackets and flagpole kits, twenty mixed Union and St George's Cross flags.
A ladder lighting post safety bracket will also be purchased.
- Manor House Footpath (Key Project 25) - Members asked officers to proceed under delegated authority to action option 2,3 & 4 to refurbish the Manor House footpath, patio and hard standing for the benches. Funding to be from accrued 2018-2019 budget and current year's budget.

An approach will be made to Abbots Langley Cricket Club for a contribution to the project costs.

67. Great War Memorial Wall

Mr Roger Yapp, Back to the Front Project, addressed the committee on the plans to construct a Memorial Wall to commemorate those that died in the Great War. The wall will have individual tiles, made by children from local schools, to remember the fallen.

The Facilities Manager reported on location, size and construction.

It was proposed by Councillor John Wyatt, seconded by Councillor Jane Lay and **RESOLVED** that permission be given to build a Memorial Wall in the Manor Lodge garden. Final specification and location to be agreed with the Facilities Manager.

A vote was requested. Five members were in favour, one abstained.

68. Play Area Prioritisation

Members noted the report from the Clerk. It was agreed that this matter would be discussed further when the report commissioned by Three Rivers District Council on play area provision is available.

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69. Manor House Skate Park - Fencing

Members noted the report from the Clerk and agreed that fencing was neither practical or safe.

Officers confirmed that the new facility had passed a comprehensive pre-opening inspection, which was carried out by the Play Inspection Company.

The meeting closed at 9.26 pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____