

Abbots Langley Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 3rd March 2016, 7:30 pm at Tanners Wood Hall, School Mead, Abbots Langley.

Those present:

Councillors: Councillors Stephen Giles-Medhurst (Chairman), Sara Bedford, Elizabeth Burns, Jean Bowman, Lyn Ferguson, Brenda Kersey, Jane Lay, David Major, Alex Michaels, Hitesh Taylor and Alison Ward.

Apologies: Councillors Leslie Proctor and Owen Roe.

Officers: Tim Perkins (Clerk to the Council) & Janet Pearce (Planning and Meetings Officer).

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The meeting opened at 7:30 pm.

1. Welcome

Councillor Stephen Giles-Medhurst, Chairman of the Parish Council, welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Apologies from Councillors as detailed above were noted.

3. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 2014-2015

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting, held on 5th March 2015, were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting, having been proposed by Councillor Elizabeth Burns and seconded by Councillor Jane Lay.

4. Annual Report and Committee Reports

An overview of the Annual Report of the Parish Council was presented by the Chairman of the Parish Council.

The Chairman thanked in particular all those that had worked so hard to put on events in the parish such as the carnival, fireworks and Christmas carols. He also thanked all of the staff who work both outside maintaining the open spaces, running the venues and in the office running bookings and the administration of the Parish Council.

The Chairman was particularly delighted at the £855 raised at the Christmas carols for his nominated charity, the Peace Hospice.

The Chairmen of the Council's Planning & Highways and Finance & Administration Committees summarised their reports.

Councillor Jane Lay for the Chairman of the Leisure Committee summarised that committee's report.

Staffing Committee

The Chairman explained that as the work of this committee involved the staff of the Parish Council so much of its business was confidential.

Review Committee

This committee deals with formal complaints raised against services the council provides. The committee has not needed to meet in the past year.

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The reports having been summarised the Chairman asked for questions.

Questions from residents:

Q: [JS] Are there any plans to introduce parking charges in the main High Street Car Park?

A: This car park is managed by Three Rivers District Council. Whilst consideration is being given to introducing charges in some car parks in the district council area, particularly those close to railway stations, there are no plans to introduce charging at the High Street car park.

Q: [MT] Asked for clarification of the parking controls at Manor House?

A: It was confirmed that parking controls would be introduced imminently at the Manor House, but these were designed to stop all day parking and the controls would allow for a free three hour parking period.

5. Financial Grants

Grants certificate were presented to the following organisations.

- i. **Henderson Hall Managing Trustees**
£38,000 for the purpose of supporting the development of Henderson Hall as a community resource.
- ii. **St Lawrence Church**
£2,000 to support the cost of churchyard maintenance and maintaining the environment.
- iii. **CAB in Three Rivers**
£2,000 to support home visiting & Case Worker at Abbots Langley CAB.
- iv. **Abbots Langley Flower Arranging Society**
£300 to support the cost of staging demonstrations and flowers.
- v. **St. Paul's Church Langleybury**
£1,500 to support the cost of churchyard maintenance and maintaining the environment.
- vi. **Bedmond WI**
£200 to support the cost of meeting and hall hire costs.
- vii. **Lions Club of Watford**
£2,000 to support the cost of staging Abbots Langley Carnival & Fireworks.
- viii. **Abbots Langley Festival of the Arts**
£250 to support the cost of staging the festival.
- ix. **Abbots Langley Women's Institute**
£200 to support the cost of supporting meeting and hall hire costs.
- x. **Langleybury Cricket Club**
£1,200 to support the cost of maintaining the grounds.
- xi. **Royal Air Force Association**
£250 to support the cost of supporting meeting, outing and hall hire costs.
- xii. **Abbots Langley Cricket Club**
£600 to support the cost of soil, seed and fertilizer to maintain the cricket table.

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6. Neighbourhood Plan

Peter Warman, Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, gave a brief overview of the initial work of the Steering Group. He advised that there would be calls for more volunteers in the near future. The group would also start communicating their work via various channels as their activities developed further.

7. Meeting Closed

There being no further business the Chairman closed the formal meeting at 8:05 pm, thanking colleagues and the Parish Council staff for all their hard work during the year.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____

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