

## Abbots Langley Parish Council

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17th February 2021.

To Members of the Leisure Committee

Councillors Sara Bedford, Jean Bowman, Liz Burns, Jane Lay, Simon Stanley, John Wyatt (Chairman) & Roxanne Yau.

The next meeting of the Leisure Committee will be held virtually <sup>[1]</sup> on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2021 when your presence is summoned for the purpose of transacting the business outlined below.

The meeting will be held on the Zoom platform. Login details are available from the Clerk to the Council.

The press and public are welcome to attend the meeting.

Tim Perkins  
Clerk to the Council

<sup>[1]</sup> *Permitting legislation - The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020.*

### AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence**  
To receive and accept apologies for absence.
2. **Declarations of Interest**  
To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda.
3. **Public Participation**  
To note if any members of the public have requested to speak at this meeting, in accordance with the Parish Council's Public Speaking Arrangements.
4. **To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on**  
9<sup>th</sup> December 2021.
5. **Reports from Allotments Representatives**  
To receive reports from the Allotments Representatives.
6. **Reports from Sports Representatives**  
To receive reports from the Sports Representatives.
7. **Abbots Improvement Group (AIMs)**  
To note the annual report submitted by the above. (enclosed)
8. **Fitness Groups/Personal Trainers - Parish Council Open Spaces**  
To note the report from the Clerk. (Clerk's report item 1.)
9. **Depot Project**  
To note the report from the Clerk. (Clerk's report item 2)

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### 10. Grounds Maintenance Equipment

To consider a transition from petrol driven to electric grounds maintenance equipment. (Clerk's report item 3 and Works Manager's report enclosed.)

### 11. Abbots Langley Cricket Club - Request to Re-Build Nets

To consider the above request. (See separate report.)

### 12. Primrose Hill Play Area - Delay

To note the report from the Clerk. (Clerk's report item 4.)

### 13. Clerk's Report

To consider items not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

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**Clerk's Report - Leisure Committee - February 2021**

**1. Fitness Groups/Personal Trainers - Parish Council Open Spaces**

Since the problems with one fitness company in January, there has been no further issues. There have been a few personal trainers seen on our grounds, but the wet and then cold weather has kept most indoors.

The main concern about the group that was using Bedmond playing fields, blocking the car park and not socially distancing has not reoccurred.

**2. Depot Project**

Frankham Consultancy have completed their first stage of the project (Design & Specification). The next stage is to go out to tender.

Frankham do not provide this capability and we do not have the current bandwidth to manage the process.

Watford BC procurement team are assisting with the tender process and there may be a further update at the meeting.

**3. Grounds Maintenance Equipment**

Some of our petrol driven grounds maintenance equipment is coming up for renewal. In the past electrical equipment was significantly more expensive and battery life so low as to make them impractical for professional use.

The equipment has improved over the past few years and the prices dropped. The Works Manager and colleagues have had several brands demonstrated and the costs have been compared. The current lead brand is Husqvarna.

The use of electrical equipment also clearly reduces emissions, but also eliminates the safety issues around storing and carrying petrol in jerry cans, which always causes issues when we are reviewing the risk assessments for the Works Team and Depot.

The Works Manager has done an excellent good job looking the various options, his report is enclosed.

I recommend purchasing the equipment as detailed at a nett cost of £4,743 which can be fully funded from the Vehicles, Plant and Equipment earmarked reserve (Reserve = £40,000).

**4. Primrose Hill Play Area - Delay**

Following update from Three Rivers District Council:

*"We've experienced a delay as feedback on the proposed plans during the planning consultation from the Environment Agency, advises that this play area is in a flood risk zone 2. Although this is classified as a water compatible development, the site is located in Flood Zone 3b (According to the South West Herts Level 2 SFRA), Flood Zone 2 and we still have to complete a full and site specific Flood Risk Assessment, which must clearly demonstrate how we intend to manage flood risk on this site to ensure that the proposed development will be safe for its lifetime and that flood risk is not increased on this site and elsewhere. The EA are aware that this is not an inhabited development.*

*Part of this requirement, means that we have to request information on flood risk zones from the EA and this can take up to 20 days. We have started the process and aim to have all the details back from the EA and the report compiled by the end of January.*

*This means that the planning application has been postponed for decision until the planning committee on 25th February 2021."*

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**5. Kitters Green Pound**

The refurbishment works previously agreed (min. 238i.) are scheduled to take place on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

**6. Allotment Tenancies**

Current vacancies @ 18/02/2021)

|                |                       |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| Kingsfield     | x2 plots (5a & 19b)   |
| Primrose Hill  | x3 plots (12,19 & 24) |
| Jacketts Field | x2 plots (14 & 15)    |

Viewings have been taking place, The Council Administration Officer is doing a good job contacting people on the waiting list, however calls are not being picked up, returned or emails being responded to, progress is slow.

Full inspections will commence beginning of March.

**7. Tree Maintenance Works - High Street and Kitters Green**

Three Rivers District Council have approved the works on the trees covered by Protection Orders.

Works will be scheduled for early March. Residents and businesses will be letter dropped and we will work with Vine House to ensure there is no disruption to vaccination clinics.

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