

Abbots Langley Parish Council

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8th June 2021.

To Members of the Leisure Committee

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

The next meeting of the Leisure Committee will be held virtually ^[1] on Wednesday 16th June 2021 at 7:30 pm when your presence is summoned for the purpose of transacting the business outlined below.

The press and public are welcome to attend the meeting.

Tim Perkins
Clerk to the Council

^[1] *To remain compliant to the relevant legislation the committee will make recommendations to the Clerk to the Council which will be carried out under delegated authority.*

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 14th April 2021.**
5. **Election of Vice Chairman**
To elect a Vice Chairman of this committee for the year 2021-2022.
6. **Reports from Allotments Representatives**
To receive reports from the Allotments Representatives.
7. **Reports from Sports Representatives**
To receive reports from the Sports Representatives.
8. **Leisure Committee - Sports and Allotments Representatives**
To consider the nominations for the above positions. (Clerk's report item 1)
9. **Allotment Tenancy - Update**
To consider the above. (Clerk's report item 2)
10. **Abbots Langley Cricket Club - Request to Rebuild Nets**
(Deferred from the April meeting of this committee min. 375.)
To consider the above request, deferred for further review by officers from the February/April 2021 meeting of this committee. (Clerk's report item 3 and enclosed plan.)

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11. Key Projects 2021-2022

To consider the latest revision of the above. (enclosed + Key Project 4 & 5 reports. ^[2])

12. Manor House MuGA - Provision of Netball Facilities -

To consider the above. (Agenda item at the request of Cllr Jane Lay.)

13. Evergreen FC - FA Pitch Improvement Programme

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

14. Clerk's Report

To consider items not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

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

As the following items will consider the early stages of a legal dispute a resolution to exclude the press and public may be required, under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and the LGA 1972, s100.

16. Abbots Langley Tennis Club - Club Supreme

(Deferred from the April meeting of this committee min. 377.)

To consider the report from the Clerk. (Clerk's report PII item 1.)

^[2] *Committee members only, others on request.*

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Clerk's Report - Leisure Committee - June 2021

1. Leisure Committee - Sports and Allotments Representatives

The following nominations have been received:

Allotment Reps

- Chris Bromwich (Manor House)
- Trisha Buttress (Kingsfield)
- John Kersey (Jacketts Field)
- Rob Stimpson (Primrose Hill)

Sports Reps

- Tim Denyer (Abbots Youth FC)
- Mark Ward (Evergreen FC)

Initial term of office is for two years, extended by a further two years subject to mutual agreement.

2. Allotment Tenancy - Update

Site	No. plots	No. Plot Holders	No. Vacant plots
Manor House	22	19	0
Kingsfield	53	47	1 <i>(possibly 2, awaiting confirmation from recent viewing)</i>
Jacketts Field	22	20	1
Primrose Hill	28	26	2

Report from the Council Admin. Officer:

Allotment inspections on all sites are taking place week commencing 7th June.

Plot holders were informed of scheduled inspections and reminded to ensure their plot was maintained to a reasonable standard.

Warning letters will be sent out following inspections to those plots that have not been worked. The office is aware of a small number of plot holders who are unable to carry out work due to personal circumstances, including illness and recent bereavement.

Viewings for vacant plots are currently taking place. The whole viewing process is a bit challenging. Many dither about viewing times, then dither if they want to take on a plot, then want to look at a different site. The Facilities Manager has had a couple of no shows for arranged viewing appointments.

3. Abbots Langley Cricket Club - Request to Rebuild Nets

The club submitted various alternative locations for the nets and a revised design, smaller than originally planned, in the current location.

See enclosed plan, which shows the revised extent of the proposed nets in the present location. (*Green - proposed, on red - existing.*)

Officers support this revised proposal.

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4. Evergreen FC - FA Pitch Improvement Programme

Following on from the presentation from Mark Ward, Chairman of Evergreen FC, at the April meeting of this committee.

There are several practical operational, commercial and financial challenges to work through if the pitches are going to benefit from the above programme.

The club and the Parish Council are very much on the same page and there is a commitment from both sides to get this to work. The Football Foundation is taking a somewhat difficult view on the agreements to which they want pitch providers to commit, ahead of agreeing the practicalities of the improvement programme.

Given the football season is extended to 13th June and will restart in early-mid August, the opportunity for extensive pitch maintenance this closed season is going to be at best limited, especially if July is hot and dry. As discussed at the previous meeting it is not going to be until the closed season in 2022 when this programme can be implemented.

Mark Ward is due to have further discussions with the Football Foundation and there may be a further verbal update at the meeting, I have offered to take part in a three-way call with the foundation and the club to try and move this forward.

I would like to get to the stage where there is at least outline agreement on the structure of the programme before I retire, as it would also be useful if I could hand this over to the Facilities Manager to finalise.

Tim Perkins

Clerk to the Council

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Abbots Langley Cricket Club - Proposed Nets Extension

Red line = extent of current nets - Green = Extent of proposed nets.



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