

Abbots Langley Parish Council

Minutes of the Leisure Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 13th April 2022 at 7.30 pm in Council Chambers, Abbots Langley Parish Council, Council Office, Langley Road, Abbots Langley, WD5 0EJ.

Those present:

Vice-Chairman: Councillor Simon Stanley

Councillor Liz Burns
Councillor Ruth Clark
Councillor Jon Tankard

Also Present: Mr Chris Bromwich - Allotment Representative (MH)
Mrs Tricia Buttress - Allotment Representative (KF)
Mr John Kersey - Allotment Representative (JF)
Mr Tim Denyer - Sports Representative

Officers: Isabel Montesdeoca - Chief Officer & Clerk to the Council

The meeting opened at 7:28 pm.

396. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received, accepted and recorded from Councillor Jane Lay, Councillor Roxanne Yau, and Councillor John Wyatt (all unavailable).

Allotment Representative (PH) Robert Stimpson and Sports Representative Mark Ward also sent their apologies.

397. Declarations of Interest

None.

398. Public Participation

None.

399. Minutes of the Meeting

It was proposed by Councillor Liz Burns, seconded by Councillor Jon Tankard and RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd February 2022, 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.

400. Reports from the Allotments Representatives

Jacketts Field - Mr John Kersey

Jackett's Field is now down to 6 unworked plots and there are an additional 3 plots that are partially worked.

Mr. Kersey requested an update on Wild Service Tree located within Jackett's Field Allotments that was damaged during the last storm. Officers were asked to share a copy of the consultant's report and recommendations. Officers were also asked to investigate if Three Rivers has a succession plan to replace the Wild Service Tree if it does not survive.

Primrose Hill - Mr Rob Stimpson

(update provided via email)

No material change since last report.

Manor House - Mr Chris Bromwich

Nothing major to report. All plots being worked to a certain extent. One plot owner reported he has been unable to work plot due to covid.

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Mr. Bromwich requested an update on the vermin issue raised at the last Leisure Committee meeting on 23rd February 2022 (min 354). This update was covered under agenda item 7, Allotment Tenancy Report.

Kingsfield - Mrs Tricia Buttress

There has been progress on some plots, with some now being worked and others about to become vacant. In total, there are now five vacant /about to be vacant plots at Kingsfield.

401. Reports from the Sports Representatives

Mr Tim Denyer

Spoke with the Chairman of Abbots Langley Cricket Club and he confirmed their intention is still to use the 3G cricket pitch at the Bedmond Playing Fields. Mr. Denyer has conveyed this to the Bedmond Football Club.

402. Allotment Tenancy Report

Members noted the report and thanked the Council Administration Officer and Works Manager for their ongoing efforts in this area.

Members requested more information oldest vacant plots. Officers to update members at the next Leisure Committee meeting.

Following a request at the Leisure Committee meeting held on 23rd February 2022 (min 354) by the Manor House Allotment Representative, the Works Manager has investigated options for dealing with the issue of vermin on the allotment site. A quote has now been agreed to address the issue of rats. The issue of squirrels is a more difficult one. Squirrels live and thrive in the woods next to the Manor House allotments. Officers have been informed there is no viable way to manage their population solely within the allotments given their proximity to the woods.

403. Key Projects 2022-2023

Members noted the latest on the updates of the Key Projects report. Members congratulated the Financial Officer & Deputy Clerk on her successful grant application in support of the Primrose Hill Orchard project.

404. Event Stalls Application and Terms & Conditions

It was proposed by Councillor Liz Burns, seconded by Councillor Ruth Clark and RESOLVED that the draft Event Stalls Terms & Conditions be adopted as presented.

405. Bookings Update

Members noted the bookings update and thanked Officers for the report.

406. Football Pitch Maintenance

Members noted the football pitch maintenance schedule. Members requested that the closure of South Ways car park scheduled for w/c 20th June 2022 be signposted in advance to alert local residents. Officers confirmed Evergreen FC is already aware of the football pitch maintenance schedule and the planned closure of the South Ways car park for resurfacing.

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

It was proposed by Councillor Ruth Clark and seconded by Councillor Liz Burns and RESOLVED that as the following matters will consider the early stages of contract negotiations, the press and public be excluded from the discussion, under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and the Local Government Act 1972, s100.

408. GetSet4Tennis

Members noted the draft Service Level Agreement prepared by the Chief Officer & Clerk under delegated authority (Leisure Committee, February 2022, min 361).

It was proposed by Councillor Liz Burns and seconded by Councillor Ruth Clark and RESOLVED that the draft Service Level Agreement with GetSet4Tennis be adopted

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as presented. Furthermore, Members requested signage be placed at the tennis courts indicating which court is reserved for public to use.

- 409. Bedmond Sports & Social Club
Members noted the Facilities Manager's report. Officers will provide further updates as discussions progress.

The meeting closed at 20.01 pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____