

## Abbots Langley Parish Council

Minutes of the Leisure Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 7.30 pm in Tanners Wood Hall, School Mead, Abbots Langley WD5 0LA.

Those present:

Chairman: Councillor Jane Lay

Councillor Liz Burns  
Councillor Ruth Clark  
Councillor Roxanne Yau

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

Officers: Isabel Montesdeoca - Chief Officer & Clerk to the Council  
David Abbott - Facilities Manager  
Mark Ellis - Works Manager

The meeting opened at 7:30 pm.

262. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received, accepted and recorded from Councillor Simon Stanley and Councillor John Wyatt (both unavailable).

263. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Jane Lay declared an interest in agenda item 9 as a member of the Gardening Society and an allotment tenant.

264. Public Participation

One member of the public attended the meeting to address members on agenda item 9, Manor House Allotments Beekeeping Agreement.

265. Minutes of the Meeting

It was proposed by Councillor Liz Burns, seconded by Councillor Ruth Clark and RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021, 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.

266. Reports from the Allotments Representatives

*Jacketts Field - Mr John Kersey*

Access road to Jacketts Field allotments is once again being regularly obstructed by Housing Association residents' vehicles. Access road is owned by Housing Association and they should be made aware of any issues.

*Primrose Hill - Mr Rob Stimpson*

There has been a general improvement in plot maintenance since last report. Plot 23 & 3 have very little work done. Plots 19 & 28 have had no work done this year.

*Manor House - Mr Chris Bromwich*

Nothing to report.

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### *Kingsfield - Mrs Tricia Buttress*

Six plots remain unworked: 4b, 10b, 15a, 19b, 23a, 29a.

- o 23a & 29a has moved and are no longer working the plot.
- o 15a has fully covered the plot with weed control material so there seems to be some intent to work it.

On plots 16b and 12a, tenants are doing their best to keep on top of their allotments.

Plot 5a has been partially worked but then left for a number of months.

Plot 14a has a pile of slabs for a path but nothing has been done with these as of yet.

#### 267. Reports from the Sports Representatives

*Mr Tim Denyer*

Nothing to report. Sport representative thanked the Works Manager and the Works Team for all of the work they do throughout the year to keep the pitches in excellent condition.

*Mr Mark Ward*

Nothing to report.

#### 268. Allotment Tenancy Report

Members asked the Clerk to thank the Council Administration Officer and Works Manager for all their work on these reports.

Members asked Officers to review the Abbots Langley Parish Council Allotments Terms and Conditions and bring to the next Leisure meeting any recommendations on changes needed to bring ALPC Tenancy agreement in line with other Parish Councils.

#### 269. Budget 2022-2023

##### i. Key Projects 2021-2022

Members discussed the latest revision of the Key Projects report. Members asked Officers to prioritise projects 5,6,8,9, and 20 in the next revision of the 2022-2023 budget. (Numbering refers to Key Project Reference numbers)

Members thanked the Facilities Manager and the Works Manager for all the work done to gather detailed quotes for the projects that were considered.

##### ii. Budget 2022-2023

Members noted the latest revision of the budget committee pages for the above.

- A 6% increase has been included for all maintenance and repairs items to reflect a similar increase in RPI (ONS, Oct 2021).
- Council's energy provider has confirmed rates are being increased by 40%.
- Plans for government Covid restrictions over the Christmas period may impact public confidence leading to cancellations or reductions in numbers. Income assumptions will be adjusted in coming weeks once more is known.

#### 270. Allotments Bee Keeping Agreement -

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Members agreed to defer this item to the first Leisure Committee meeting of the new year on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022 to allow for a fuller discussion of the member of the public's comments.

271. Evergreen FC - FA Pitch Improvement Programme

Members noted the draft pro-forma agreement and comments from Mark Ward and the Clerk.

It was proposed by Councillor Jane Lay and by Councillor Liz Burns and RESOLVED that the Council enter into this pro forma agreement with Evergreen Football Club. The decision was unanimous. To avoid any delays, it was also agreed that the agreement should be executed under the signature of the Clerk.

272. Clerk's Report

Members noted the Clerk's report on the following:

- i. *Manor House Skate Park* - Update on planned repairs noted.
- ii. *Abbots Langley Tennis Club - Club Supreme* - Verbal update noted.

The meeting closed at 20.28 pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_