

Abbots Langley Parish Council

308. Reports from the Sports Representatives

Abbots Youth Football - Mr Tim Denyer

Grassroots football will restart, subject to any changes in government guidance, on 29th March. The FA have said the seasons can be extended to the end of June. Mr Denyer will review the extension with other clubs and is awaiting guidance from the local leagues on their intentions, as they may mandate an earlier end to the season.

Officers are concerned that if the season does not end until June and restarts in mid-August, the time available and weather conditions for summer pitch maintenance are likely to be less than ideal.

309. Abbots Improvement Group (AIMs)

Members noted the report and asked the Clerk to pass on the committees thanks to the collective for all their hard work and positive contribution to the community.

As raised in the report, members asked the Works Manager to investigate practical options to stop vehicles parking on the grass by the police office, but agreed it was important to maintain vehicle flows and sight lines within the car park.

310. Fitness Groups/Personal Trainers - Parish Council Open Spaces

Members noted the report from the Clerk.

311. Depot Project

Members noted the report from the Clerk.

Watford BC's Procurement Team are assisting in the tender process, as they had significant expertise in the process and also access to the online tendering systems that have to be used in tenders of this size. The cost of the support is £1,000, which will be funded from professional fees.

312. Grounds Maintenance Equipment

It was proposed by Councillor John Wyatt, seconded by Councillor Liz Burns and **RESOLVED** that the battery powered grounds maintenance equipment as specified in the report from the Works Manager be purchased.

The quoted price was a total of £4,743, which is subject to finalisation under the Clerk's delegated authority. The purchase will be funded from the Vehicles, Plant and Equipment Earmarked Reserve.

Members thanked the Works Manager for the detailed and informative report.

313. Abbots Langley Cricket Club - Request to Re-Build Nets

Councillor Jane Lay took no part in this discussion.

Members fully support the refurbishment of the nets, however they have concerns about the extended size of the installation and the impact that this will have on the playing fields and surrounding football pitches.

The club will be asked to meet with the Works Manager to review the ground area taken up by the new installation and possible alternative layout and location options.

This committee will review the outcome of the discussion at its April meeting.

314. Primrose Hill Play Area - Delay

Members noted the delay to planning permission due to the Environment Agency requesting flood risk assessments.

The delay will mean the originally planned opening date of Easter will not be possible and it is hoped, subject to contractor availability, the works will be completed by early summer.

Members were as frustrated as officers.

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315. Clerk's Report

Members noted:

- Kitters Green Pound, start date of works.
- Allotment tenancy vacancies.
- Tree maintenance works, High Street and Kitters Green.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____