

## Abbots Langley Parish Council

Minutes of the Leisure Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 7.30 pm on the Zoom Video and Teleconferencing Platform. <sup>[1]</sup>.

Those present:

Chairman:	Councillor Jane Lay
Vice Chairman:	Councillor Simon Stanley
Councillors:	Councillor Sara Bedford Councillor Liz Burns Councillor Ruth Clark Councillor Simon Stanley Councillor Jon Tankard
Officers:	Tim Perkins - Clerk to the Council Mark Ellis - Works Manager

<sup>[1]</sup> *To remain compliant to legislation the committee will make recommendations to the Chief Officer & Clerk to the Council, which will be carried out under delegated authority.*

The meeting opened at 7:30 pm.

### 56. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received, accepted and recorded from Councillor Jean Bowman (unavailable).

Messrs Chris Bromwich, John Kersey (Allotment Representatives) and Tim Denyer (Sports Representative) advised the Clerk that they were unable to attend the meeting, Mr Robert Stimpson (Allotment Representative) was unable to attend the meeting due to technical issues.

### 57. Declarations of Interest

None.

### 58. Public Participation

No members of the public had expressed an interest in addressing the committee.

### 59. Minutes of the Meeting

It was proposed by Councillor Liz Burns, seconded by Councillor Ruth Clark and **RECOMMENDED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> April 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.

### 60. Minutes of the Meeting

It was proposed by Councillor Jane Lay, seconded by Councillor Liz Burns and **RECOMMENDED** that Councillor Simon Stanley would serve as Vice-Chairman of this committee for the municipal year 2021-2022.

### 61. Reports from the Allotments Representatives

Manor House - Mr Chris Bromwich

Mr Bromwich was not present but the Chairman raised these items on his behalf.

- i. Allotment entrance. Works Manager to meet with Mr Bromwich to consider if entrance needs patching or a more substantial repair.
- ii. Works Manger is scheduling a "white lining" programme for various areas in the parish and the entrance markings at the allotments will be included.
- iii. Works Manager to check fencing where foxes may have dug an access point.
- iv. Officers are aware of the ongoing problems with the plot holder of 1a who is being less than co-operative.

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### 62. Reports from the Sports Representatives

None present.

### 63. Leisure Committee - Sports and Allotments Representatives

It was proposed by Councillor Simon Stanley, seconded by Councillor Sara Bedford and **RECOMMENDED** that the following appointments be made effective from the August 2021 meeting of this committee for an initial two year term of office which can be extended by mutual agreement for a further four years.

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)

The Clerk confirmed that the “Role of Leisure Committee Representatives” document, which members reviewed at the April meeting of this committee (min. 373i), had been circulated to current and potential representatives. The document referred to the sports representatives being representative of all sports clubs, not just the one to which they are associated.

### 64. Allotment Tenancy - Update

Members noted the report.

Allotment representatives to be asked to update the Works Manager on any vacant plots of which they become aware.

### 65. Abbots Langley Cricket Club - Request to Rebuild Nets

*(Deferred from the April meeting of this committee min. 375.)*

It was proposed by Councillor Ruth Clark and seconded by Councillor Liz Burns and **RECOMMENDED** that Abbots Langley Cricket Club be given permission to installed new practice nets in line with the plan presented.

Members asked that appropriate signage be installed identifying the nets as the property of Abbots Langley Cricket Club.

Signage to be agreed with the Facilities Manager so it is in keeping with current signage in the vicinity.

### 66. Key Projects 2021-2022

Members reviewed the June 2021 update of the above document.

#### i. Key Project 4 - Manor House Footpath (Dellmeadow-Standfield)

Members noted the brick steps that had been installed to replace wooden steps which had eroded creating a slip and trip hazard. Some members had already received positive feedback.

Members were asked to walk the path from the new steps up to the Manor House footpath, so in future they can consider if a more permanent path should be installed.

#### ii. Key Project 5 - Planters, South Way Play Area

Members agreed with officers that these should be removed and not replaced.

#### iii. Key Project 6 - Land outside 81 High Street

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Members agreed that the land should be reinstated and when complete consideration given to installing bollards to restrict parking along that stretch of the High Street.

iv. Key Project 13 - Primrose Hill Play Area

Construction is nearing completion. The Works Manager will ask members to attend the post-completion sign off to ensure they are satisfied with the project. When signed off contribution funding, previously agreed will be released.

v. Key Project 15 - Primrose Hill Footpath Lights

Members asked officers to review costings and options to install solar powered lighting on the footpath between the road and canal. These would replace the current lights which are end of life and require regular on-going maintenance.

This project will require a significant amount of work and will be addressed when the Facilities Manager is available.

**67. Manor House MuGA - Provision of Netball Facilities**

Following review with the Netball Club it was agreed that the football/basketball court on the Multi use Games Area was not of the right size to install a netball court. A small court could be installed, but this would restrict use to practice games as the court size could not be used for competitive matches.

This will be reviewed in the future if one of the tennis courts became available.

The Clerk agreed that the initial enquiry from the netball club should have been handled differently.

**68. Evergreen FC - FA Pitch Improvement Programme**

Members noted the report.

**69. Exclusion of the Press and Public (Part II)**

It was proposed by Councillor Jane Lay and seconded by Councillor Liz Burns and **AGREED** that as the following matters related to the early stages of a legal dispute, the press and public be asked to leave the meeting.

**70. Abbots Langley Tennis Club - Club Supreme**

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

The Clerk advised that Companies House indicates that the company is in the process of being wound up and that the Managing Director was not returning any communications and had possibly moved from the area.

Members asked the Clerk to review options with the Parish Council's solicitors.

The Clerk will also review the insurance status of the small club house and although the tennis season is underway check with the Leisure Services Team at Three Rivers District Council to see if there is any opportunity to stage any courses at the courts this summer.

*(Post meeting note: The club house is on the Parish Council's buildings insurance schedule.)*

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The meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

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

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