

Abbots Langley Parish Council

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2nd January 2018.

To Members of the Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at the above address on Monday 8th January 2018 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

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. **Hertfordshire Police**
To receive a report from the Police (if present).
5. **To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th November 2017.**
6. **Minutes for adoption**
To adopt the following minutes and approve publication on the Parish Council's website.
 - Planning & Highways Committee - 22nd November, 6th and 20th December 2017.
 - Finance & Administration Committee - 27^h November and 18th December 2017.
 - Staffing Committee - 6th December 2017.
 - Leisure Committee - 13th December 2017.
7. **Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Report**
To consider the report from the Chairman of the above. (enclosed)
8. **Fees & Charges 2018-2019**
To approve the Halls, Open Spaces and Sports Facilities charges as proposed by the Leisure Committee (min. 295). (enclosed)
9. **Budget & Precept 2018-2019**
 - a. To approve the budget for the financial year 2018-2019.
 - b. To set the precept for 2018-2019.Both of the above as proposed by the Finance & Administration Committee (min. 304i & ii). (Budget book v7 enclosed)

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10. Annual Report 2017-2018

To approve the Annual Report and grant delegated authority to the Clerk to make any minor corrections and updates as required. (to follow)

11. Henderson Hub - Grant Application

To consider the above application which has been reviewed and is fully supported by the Managing Trustees. (Grant application enclosed, further supporting papers are available to review.)

12. Henderson Hall Managing Trustees

To consider nominations for the above appointment for a period of four years effective from receipt of the resignation of Hon. Lady Arabella Stuart-Smith. (Clerk's report item 1.)

13. Internal Audit Report (First Interim) 2017-2018

(Referred from the Finance & Administration Committee min. 270ii.)

Members are asked to formally note the committee's review of the First Interim Internal Audit for 2017-2108 and that no significant items were raised by the auditors.

14. District and County Council Member's Reports

To consider any reports submitted by members of the above authorities.

15. Chairman's Report

To consider the Chairman's report.

16. Clerk's Report

To consider items on the Clerk's report not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

17. Monthly Statement of Accounts

To consider the monthly statement of accounts for November & December 2017 and approve their publication on the Parish Council website.

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1. Henderson Hall Managing Trustees

At the time of writing only one nomination has been received for the vacancy that will be created by the resignation of the Hon. Lady Arabella Stuart-Smith.

The nomination is for Mr Marcus Coultrup, who will be known to many members as the organiser of "A Heart for Abbots Langley" that runs the Friday coffee mornings in Henderson Hall.

2. Precept Referendum Principals.

HMG (DCLG) has been suggesting for many years that referendums could be used where parish or town councils set large precept increases. The legislation is in place, but has never been used.

DCLG took a number of stabs at defining "large", all of which were impractical having been thought up by civil servants who had very little understanding of the finances in our sector.

Given the relatively low levels of most precepts the cost of any referendum, in our case probably c.£20k-£25k, would outweigh any benefit.

HMG has again asked the sector to show restraint, but has agreed it will defer consideration of precept referenda for at least three years.

An interesting statistic is that 1.7% of council tax nationally is derived from parish and town council precepts, so HMG has possibly decided that there are bigger fish to fry.

(Summary from Jonathan Owen - NALC CEO briefing 19/12/2017)

3. Abbots Langley 20mph Zone

Proposals have been received from Hertfordshire County Council for an extensive 20mph zone around the centre of the village. These will be discussed at the Planning & Highways Committee on 10th January and comments submitted ahead of the 12th January deadline.

Members are asked to review the papers that will be circulated for the committee meeting and direct any comments to Janet Pearce so they can be considered at the meeting.

4. Insurance Claim

The bench on the left of this image was destroyed when a vehicle that was being parked outside the shops accelerated, hit another vehicle and went on to hit the bench.

The driver's insurers have admitted liability and papers to support the claim have been submitted. The response of the insurers is awaited. The bench has been replaced.

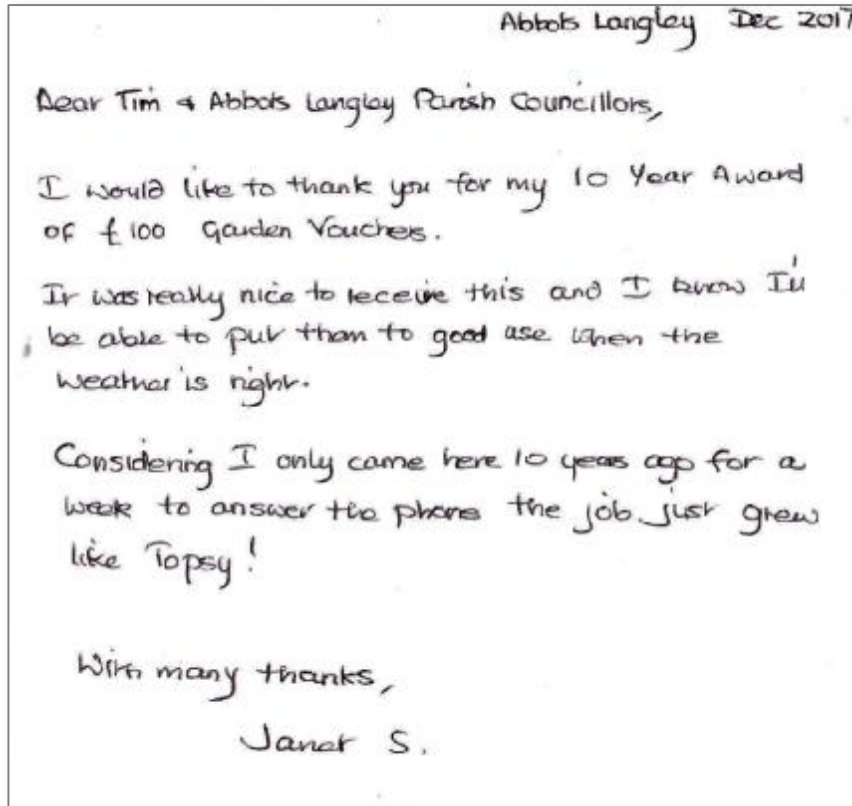


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5. Long Service Award

Janet Sands qualified for her ten-year award. She chose National Gardening Vouchers.

Janet did not want a fuss so I handed over her vouchers in the office and thanked her for all her support over the ten years she has worked as casual office staff.



6. Office Copies

Copies of the following are available in the office for member's reference.

Police & Crime Commissioner eNewsletter - November 2017

HCC Public Health eNewsletter - December 2017

Local Council Review - Winter 2017

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