

## Abbots Langley Parish Council

Minutes of the Finance & Administration Meeting held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 6.00 pm in the Council Offices, Langley Road, Abbots Langley.

Those Present:

Chairman:	Councillor Liz Burns
Councillors:	Councillor Jane Lay Councillor Robin Powell Councillor Owen Roe Councillor John Swallow (Vice) Councillor Sara Bedford Councillor Jon Tankard
Officers:	Isabel Montesdeoca - Chief Officer & Clerk to the Council Jayshree Patel - Finance Officer & Deputy Clerk
Other:	Mr Andrew Stanley (Chair) - The Henderson Hub Mr Colin Bradshaw (Secretary) - The Henderson Hub

The meeting opened at 6.00 pm.

274. Apologies for absence

None.

275. Declarations of Interest

Councillors Sara Bedford and John Swallow declared non-pecuniary interest in St Lawrence Church (agenda item 6.iv)

276. Public Participation.

None.

277. SLA Annual Reports - The Henderson Hub

Under Standing Order 14, the Chairman varied the agenda and moved Agenda Item 6.iii to the beginning of the meeting.

Members discussed the report from The Henderson Hub and noted the comments from Mr Andrew Stanley and Mr Colin Bradshaw. Members asked for further information to be presented at the next Parish Council meeting to be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

Councillor Jon Tankard arrived at the meeting.

278. Budget 2023 -2024

i. To consider the current revision of the budget, agree any final updates and recommend its approval to the Parish Council

Members discussed the final updates and agreed the version presented (V2.1).

ii. To consider the level of precept required to support the budget and recommend to the Parish Council

Members discussed an increase in precept of 7.6% and 9.8%. A vote was taken and 9.8% was the majority vote (6 for, 1 against).

It was proposed by Councillor Liz Burns, seconded by Councillor Sara Bedford and RESOLVED that this committee recommends the budget and a precept of 9.8% for approval to the Parish Council.

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279. SLA Annual Reports

Members noted the Annual Reports from

- i. AIMS
- ii. Citizens Advice Service Three Rivers
- iii. (Henderson Hub covered above)
- iv. St Lawrence Church
- v. St Paul's Church
- vi. The Watford Lions

280. Financial Grants

Members reviewed the grant requirements for both large and small financial grants.

It was proposed by Councillor Liz Burns, seconded by Councillor Robin Powell and RESOLVED that the Small Grants Application 2022 - 2023 v1.11 and ALPC Financial Grant Application 2023 - 2024 v2.05 be adopted with the amendments recommended by the Clerk.

281. Freedom of Information

Members reviewed the updates to the following policies

- i. ALPC Freedom of Information Guide to Published Information.
- ii. ALPC Local Government Transparency Code.

It was proposed by Councillor Liz Burns, seconded by Councillor Jane Lay and RESOLVED that the policies be adopted as read.

282. External Audit Arrangements for 2022 - 2023 to 2026 - 2027

Members noted the reappointment of PFK Littlejohn as External Auditor to smaller authorities in Hertfordshire for a period of five years effective from the 2022 - 2023 financial year.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

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

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